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Possibility of Property Owners Being Disfranchised—Committee to Investigate

(From Tuesday's Daily) In the legislation now being sought by the B. C. Union Municipalities bill Mayor Morley scents something which may result in the disfranchisement of fifteen hundred voters of the city of Victoria, and to avert this possibility the legislative committee of the city council on the question. In calling the attention of the board to the matter last night the mayor said he had just learned the fact that the bill had just passed the house of commons.

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FLOODS CAUSE SERIOUS DAMAGE

Many Houses Are Wrecked—Manufacturing Plants Closed Down

Nampa, Idaho, March 1.—Thousands of dollars of damage to property has been done here and more than 200 families are homeless to-day as a result of a sudden rise in Indian creek, which runs through a portion of the city. The water is several feet deep in scores of houses on the flats, and many of the smaller residences are afloat. The majority of those who lost their homes are working men, and their plight is a sad one.

The flow was caused by the overflowing creek. The water is falling rapidly to-day, and unless there are further breaks in the irrigation ditches, the greatest danger is over. Scores of homes have been destroyed or ruined, however, and many city bridges, crossings and streets have been irreparably damaged by the flood. There was no death toll, with many miraculous escapes are reported by those whose homes were struck by the muddy current during the night.

Traffic Interrupted. Salt Lake City, Utah, March 1.—But one railroad is maintaining uninterrupted service out of Salt Lake to-day, the Oregon Short line, operating to Butte, Mont., and Huntington, Ore. This road has not been affected by the floods, blizzards and landslides.

Scores of homes in Wyoming has disorganized traffic on the Union Pacific, and the flood near Winnemucca has tied up the Southern and Western Pacific so effectively that travel east and west is at a standstill. Rio Grande trains are indefinitely delayed by a landslide at Newcastle, Col. Villages in Darkness. Utica, N. Y., March 1.—The Mohawk Valley, both east and west of Utica, is being experienced in the villages around the great depth of snow and the rain which began on Saturday threatens to equal the worst flood in the history of the Mohawk valley. Much trouble is being experienced in the villages surrounding Utica. The water is rushing through the streets, and business is practically at a standstill.

Manufacturing plants in Ilion, Frankfort, Whiteboro and other places have been obliged to close down. Electric plants in both Ilion and Herkimer have been closed, and both villages are in darkness. The water throughout the whole of the Mohawk valley is steadily rising.

At Hinkley there is much alarm concerning the big dam which holds the waters of the west Canada creek. It is feared that it will break, and if it does several houses will be washed away. Utica has not suffered to any extent as yet, but the new river channel threatens to overflow, and with much resultant damage.

COBALT ORE SHIPMENTS. Toronto, March 1.—Cobalt ore shipments last week totalled 47 tons.

WILL RESUME WORK ON BLUE BIRD MINE

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Opening of Stewart Will Have Enlivening Effect on Business

There is promise of a very large freight and passenger business to the north this spring. Already the steamship companies are booking cargoes ahead and it is now a certainty that the business done this spring will far outdo anything that has been done on the coast for many years.

The C. P. R. freighter Princess Ena will leave for the north in about a week commencing the carrying of a series of cargoes which have already been secured. There is a quantity of machinery to be taken to Skagway and all sorts of new machinery and supplies to the camps throughout Queen Charlotte Islands and the mainland coast inlets.

The opening up of the new city of Stewart will in itself create enough business to keep more than one line of steamers busy, and then Prince Rupert will be an exceedingly busy place during the coming spring and summer. For the next year, or two all the supplies to that place and for the western section of the railway must go up the coast. The consequent amount of business to be done cannot be accurately gauged. The prospects are so bright indeed that the most optimistic are led to fall far short in their calculations.

The building of the Canadian Northern railway is also bound to create business on the coast. There are certainly times ahead for the shipping as well as all other industries in the province.

FAVOR STRIKE. Minneapolis, Minn., March 1.—Firemen and engineers on the Great Northern and Northern Pacific railroads have completed a strike vote, and it is rumored to-day have declared overwhelmingly in favor of walking out. The roads meet the demands made last November. It is estimated that 95 per cent. of the men favor a strike.

DOMESTIC HELP. Toronto, March 1.—Another deputaion of women waited upon Premier Whitford and cabinet yesterday asking aid for bringing domestics to the province from the Old Country. They want a preliminary measure to discuss the matter, and that the deputaion present some definite plan before the cabinet for consideration.

M.C.C. IN AFRICA. Johannesburg, S. A., March 1.—The South African cricketers in their match against the M.C.C. were all out yesterday for 305 runs.

CENTENARIAN DEAD. Detroit, March 1.—Peter John, 102 years of age, for sixty years a resident of Essex county, Ontario, is dead. He was a native of Quebec.

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SEVERAL PERSONS REPORTED MISSING

Rescuers Continue Search Among Ruins of Mace and Burke

(Times Leased Wire) Wallace, Idaho, March 1.—Working desperately and almost exhausted by the strain and nerve-breaking work, hundreds of miners are to-day trying to dig from packed ice, snow and debris the dead and injured thought to be buried in six Idaho avalanches which have dealt death and destruction in the last two days.

At Mace, where the first avalanche struck the sleeping town, eleven are known to be dead and eight are badly injured. Sweeping down the mountain side, the great mass of snow and earth crushed the cabins and dismal houses like egg shells, burying the occupants in a tangled mass of logs, snow and earth. Reports from the little village say that not until the sun strikes the mountain of snow and wears it away will the list of known dead be complete.

So far thirty men, women and children have been rescued by the heroic miners from the Mace slide, and the men are working desperately in shifts in an effort to succor those who may possibly be alive beneath the crush of snow and timbers. Miners from all the great producing mines are now on the scene of the disaster, and if human effort can accomplish anything it is believed that those still alive will be rescued.

At Burke, where the second slide occurred, a few hours after the one at Mace, five are known to be dead and two badly injured. Such is the chaos in the small mining town, however, that the list is believed not to be complete. The saddest event which has taken place is the death of the two children of Al. Newman, who with his wife and two little children, without a second's warning, were buried by the great sliding mass.

James Rogers, after working desperately for several hours aiding the workers to extricate himself from the snow, was rescued yesterday, but his injuries caused his death a few hours after he was taken from the snow.

At Carbonate Hill, where the third slide occurred, two are dead and half a dozen men are injured. It is not known how many more are beneath the wreckage. The Carbonate Hill slide was not so great in extent as those in the Coeur d'Alene district, but its force was as great and it swept everything before it.

A fourth slide at the North Franklin mine, near Burke, played a peculiar freak when it descended upon the bunkhouse of the miners. Two men were sleeping in one room of the bunkhouse when it fell, and the structure was empty. The avalanche tore the whole building to splinters except the one room in which the two men were sleeping, and rushing down the mountain side it piled up in the gulch below not 100 yards distant from a group of cabins containing many miners and their families.

At Dorsey, Idaho, a fifth slide is reported to have caused the death of two unidentified men, and at Adair, a third unidentified man is reported to have been killed by a sixth slide.

Nineteen Bodies Recovered. Wallace, Idaho, March 1.—At 1 o'clock the total number of bodies recovered was nineteen. Three Italian laborers are the only persons now missing. It is thought that they may possibly be found alive, if not, the total death list from the two principal avalanches will be twenty-two.

SNOWSLIDES FOLLOW THAW IN KOOTENAY

Railway Traffic Interrupted—Bunkhouse at Mine Carried Away

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LONDON BANKER ON OLD COUNTRY CONDITIONS

Not in Critical Position as the Alarmists Declare—Future of Canada

Toronto, Ont., March 1.—Sir Edgar Speyer, a member of the great banking firm of Speyer & Company, London, England, was the guest of honor at the Canadian Club yesterday. He announced that he would try to dissipate some wrong impressions which had been created regarding British financial conditions as a result of the recent political campaign.

Frightening of capital, where it existed at all, was more due to the budget talk than to the budget itself. Owing to exaggerated statements, a wave of pessimism had passed over the British Isles and far beyond. The unpopularity of home investment and the export of capital was due as much to general business and trade reasons as to government action, and a great deal of it was caused purposely by the money classes who favored the Unionist party.

The reason for the unpopularity of home investments was that they were very expensive, the article costing too much as compared with foreign. After all that had been said about the terrible prospects for British industry and credit, consols were still on a three per cent. basis, and this was adequate and not alarming.

English railways yielded less than four and a half per cent., much less favorable than formerly, but these things were all matters of comparison. The credit of some lands has been fully restored and Great Britain is supplying them with unprecedented amounts of capital. It was reasonable to expect that British exports and imports would largely increase in consequence of the exports of capital.

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To secure this the government, he added, would use all methods that seemed proper and adequate within the constitution, and upon its successful accomplishment the cabinet and the Liberal party would stake not only the fortunes of the ministry but their very existence as a party.

A. J. Balfour's reply to Premier Asquith's statement commented on the action of the government in abandoning its announced intention of making the budget the first business after Easter. There was, in his opinion, no immediate necessity of destroying the Lords, but there seemed to be a passionate desire on the other side of the House to destroy that body. There was no passionate desire, however, to pass the people's budget.

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