

**PROPERTY OWNERS  
MUST COME THROUGH**

Concession in Assessment  
for Local Improvements on  
Belmont Avenue

The report of the city solicitor in regard to the local improvement assessment on Belmont avenue, which is being protested against by the property owners affected, is now completed. Although it discloses the fact that the rate assessed by the city for the work was \$4.83 against the estimated cost of \$5.91, it states that there are vouchers lodged for every dollar expended. No errors have been detected and the assessment involved for these he recommends should be taken off but on the general question of the assessment he recommends that the property owners be requested to pay as it is perfectly legal and equitable. The report is in the following terms:

"There appears to be vouchers for the expenditure of every dollar which is assessed, vouchers in regular form, signed by the various foremen on the work, and sent in from time to time. Daily vouchers were furnished for all material taken from the street and used on other streets. There are, however, a couple of matters where it would appear errors had been made in fixing the cost. Owing to the confusion in the subdivision plans a sidewalk was put down on a line which turned out not to have been the proper street line, and it had to be torn up and relaid at a cost of \$600. Then retaining walls on private property were erected at a cost of \$175, which amount cannot be figured in the cost of the local improvement. These walls were paid for by the parties benefited. This amount added to the \$600 for the sidewalk, must be deducted from the cost of the whole work, and as the city has already taken care of its one-third, the balance \$515 which should never have been charged against the work. The total amount charged against the owners was \$5,175, while they can actually be asked to pay \$7,621.02. The rate per foot which should have been charged is \$4.83 instead of the \$4.83 assessed. The excess over the original estimate of \$2.50 per foot was the official fee, due to the fact that the records show that an unusual amount of work was handled, much more than originally estimated, the records accounting for over 2,000 yards."

The city solicitor, therefore, recommends that a new assessment schedule be made and an amendment made to the by-law under which the work was done by the substitution of the new schedule for the old one, the old schedule being recalled. The city solicitor also pointed out that he had dealt with the matter purely as a legal question, and, while owners may have complaint because of the delay in the execution of the work, and the consequent big item for interest, still these are common to almost every street and to make any concession to Belmont avenue owners would result in causing trouble over other streets and concessions would be called for in all parts of the city. As there is only one course for making concessions—the general revenue—it would be quite impossible for the general revenue to stand the expense. He therefore, could not recommend any further concession at all, but simply taking off the assessment of the property owners of expenditures which never occurred, have been charged to them. The owners on whose properties the walls were built will be requested to pay for the same."

**PATIAL FIRE.**

New Westminster, June 10.—The death of Henry Jones, at the Royal Columbian hospital here, is the culmination of a series of accidents that have severely afflicted both the family of the deceased and that of his brother. Mr. Jones died as a result of burns received at the home of his brother, J. M. Jones, at Cheam, when the home of the latter was destroyed by fire on Empire day. The fire that cost the life of Henry Jones was started accidentally by one of his nephews lighting a match in a cupboard in which a can of oil was stored. The oil caught fire and Henry Jones seized it and attempted to carry it out of the house. On reaching the door the wind blew the flames back into his face and he was badly burned. He succumbed to his injuries in the Royal Columbian hospital. The flames spread rapidly and destroyed the house with all its contents. This was the second time this year that the home of J. M. Jones was destroyed by fire, his house having been burned down on New Year's day by a fire which is supposed to have started from a defective fuse. The two calamities left the Jones families in a destitute condition.

**COTTAGES FOR EMPLOYEES.**

Nelson, June 10.—The Edgewood Lumber Company at Castlegar, B. C., have recently adopted a policy in connection with the housing of their employees which is meeting with general approval on the part of the men. They have done away with the old-fashioned boarding house, which has come to be a recognized part of the equipment of most mills, camps and mines, and are erecting in its stead a number of attractive three-room cottages. The rooms in each cottage are sitting rooms, each with two bedrooms. They are comfortably and hygienically furnished. Two men live in each cottage. Twenty-eight of these buildings have already been erected. The men have their meals in a large hall built especially for the purpose.

**PRISONER IN HIS OWN HOME.**

London, June 12.—A dispatch from Fez, Morocco, under date of June 6, states that reports from Sefrou say the American missionary, Mr. Swannick, is in there and safe, though a prisoner in his own home. He is well protected by the Sefrou authorities. George Reed, another American missionary, has not been heard from since a month ago, when he was reported to have been taken by the rebellious tribesmen in the mountains some distance from Sefrou.

**LOST SEAL HUNTERS  
ARRIVE FROM NORTH**

Three Japanese of Schooner  
Tosa Maru Reach This City  
—To Be Deported

Aboard the steamer Princess Adelaide, when she arrived in port on Saturday evening from Vancouver, were three Japanese seamen who were lost from the sealing schooner Tosa Maru in the north and who were brought to Vancouver from Jedway on the Princess Adelaide. On their arrival here the Japanese were taken over by the immigration officials and are now housed in the detention building. It is expected that they will be deported to Japan on the Empress of Japan, which leaves shortly for the Orient.

The three Japanese, in company with another, who remained at Rose Harbor, left the schooner in an open boat to hunt for seals. While pursuing the fur-bearing animals a fog suddenly gathered over the waters and before the little brown men could realize the position they were in, it was impossible to see a boat's length ahead. Without a compass they were unable to take any bearings and ended up in the open sea. The fact that they had no provisions.

For five days they were in this condition and were unable to sight land. When in a completely exhausted state and unable to hold out any longer the fishing schooner Princess Victoria of Prince Rupert, sighted the little boat with its distress signal hoisted and bore down upon the craft. The men were taken aboard and cared for by the sailors and later taken to Jedway. The vessel picked the men up southeast of Kung Island, off the Queen Charlotte Islands at 8 a. m. on Monday, May 29. This is the second time during the present sealing season that the Japanese have suffered the loss of part of their crews. Only a few weeks ago the steamer Prince Rupert brought from the north five men from the local schooner, Princess Victoria, who have been lost under similar circumstances.

**ORDERS DISCHARGE****OF ONE OF ACCUSED**

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Vessovitch and "Rioters" Are  
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Mr. Williams has fifty witnesses on hand to testify for accused and the case resolves itself into one of identity.

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**HEAD OF MOUNTED  
POLICE MAY RETIRE**

Col. White Anxious to Be Relieved  
of Command—Forty-  
Three Years' Service

Ottawa, June 12.—It is probable that Sir Wilfrid Laurier returns from London, Col. Fred White, commander of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police, will retire after 43 years of public service.

A couple of years ago Col. White asked to be relieved but his wife, who is his departmental chief, would not listen to the proposal. It is understood that Col. White will again ask for superannuation, and should his request be granted the service will lose one of its most capable officials. Col. White was private secretary to the late Sir John Macdonald, who, on the establishment of the Mounted Police force, asked upon him as the first chief. Col. White was a force which was soon to win a unique position amongst military forces of the world. Col. White is 64 years of age. In addition to being the head of the Mounted Police, he is administrator of the vast unorganized territories of the Dominion.

**CLEVELAND STRIKE TROUBLES.**

Cleveland, O., June 10.—One man is dead, another is under arrest, charged with first degree murder, and six others are under arrest, charged with disorderly conduct as a result of today's developments in the strike of 5,000 garment workers here to-day.

**TWO WITNESSES****UNDER ARREST**

Taken Into Custody After Giving  
Evidence at Camorrist-  
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**LARGEST DRY DOCK  
ON PACIFIC COAST**

G. T. P. TO EXPEND BIG  
SUM AT PRINCE RUPERT

Officials of Company Return  
From North—\$2,500,000  
to Carry Out Scheme

(From Monday's Daily.)  
What is intended to be the largest commercial drydock on the Pacific Coast will be built by the Grand Trunk Pacific at Prince Rupert at a cost of \$2,500,000, as a result of plans finally determined upon by officials of the company, who spent several days looking the ground over.

Officials of the Grand Trunk steamer Prince Rupert, who arrived in the port yesterday, brought the news of the improvement. The steamer had as passengers south President Charles M. Hays, Vice-president, E. J. Chamberlain, Assistant General Traffic Manager, J. E. Dalrymple, Winnipeg, F. P. Deane, drydock expert, and James A. Hall, both of New York. The plans for the new drydock have been prepared by Mr. Donnelly and Mr. Hall designed the townsite scheme for Prince Rupert.

President Hays and party intended to come on to Victoria on this trip, but Mr. Hays suddenly changed his mind and telegraphed to Mr. Deane, called him home, and he went ashore at Vancouver yesterday to start east to-night.

The new drydock will be of ample size to berth the steamship Minnesota. It will be used not only for the company's vessels, but will be placed on a commercial basis and all craft that so desire will be accommodated.

**ALLEGED ATTEMPT****TO POISON REBELS**

Another Statement Regarding  
the Massacre of Chinese  
in Mexican City

Mexico City, June 2.—Poisoned cognac, which was given to one of the government officials, and which they drank in a Chinese restaurant, is alleged to have been the immediate cause of the slaughter of Chinese in Mexico. This incident doubtless will become an issue in the adjudication of the Chinese claim for indemnity.

As the second witness to be called on the Chinese restaurant, where they demanded food. Several became ill from drinking the poisoned cognac. The suspicion fell on the Chinese, who were accused of having poisoned the liquor. The leaders of the revolutionists thereupon gave orders for the extermination of the Chinese. Months ago, Dr. Villareal was a host at a dinner and dances at which many of the revolutionists were invited. Some one whose interest it was to remove Dr. Villareal poisoned the liquor. The result was the death of one of the guests. The liquor was seized by the authorities and sent in one of the government officials.

The chief of the officials said on Saturday it was not possible that the indemnity to be demanded might be as much as 100,000 pesos for the 216 Chinese who were killed. The indemnity, which would mean a total of 31,600 pesos, about half the amount turned over by Limantour to his successors, the equivalent of \$5,000,000 gold.

**OPPOSING RECIPROCITY.**

Directors of Fruit Growers' Association  
Pass Resolution.

The board of directors of the B. C. Fruit Growers' Association met at Kamloops on June 8, and among other matters discussed reciprocity. A resolution, of which a copy has been sent to the press, was passed unanimously in the following terms: "Whereas there has been introduced in the Federal House a bill to promote reciprocal trade with the United States; and whereas the proposed reciprocal agreement will permit free trade in fresh fruits and vegetables; and whereas the proposed reductions in duties on such goods will result in the price of our products in Canadian markets; be it resolved: That we, the directors of the British Columbia Fruit Growers' Association, put ourselves on record as condemning the proposed reciprocity agreement between Canada and the United States, as being detrimental to the fruit industry of British Columbia; and be it further resolved, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the minister of agriculture of British Columbia, to the boards of trade of the province, to the agent general of the province in Great Britain, to all the members of the Dominion House from British Columbia, the press generally, and the federal ministers of agriculture and finance at London."

**SHOT BY PATROLMAN.**

Omaha, Neb., June 12.—Harry L. Woolridge, a member of the police force, Saturday night shot and instantly killed Henry Metz, a Burlington switchman, at Sixteenth and Chicago streets, while attempting to arrest an old man. A crowd of 1,000 threatened to lynch the officer, who did not inform at the time, and only the quick arrival of a squad of officers prevented violence to the patrolman.

**IS NON-COMMITTAL.**

Winnipeg, June 12.—Questioned to-day regarding reports that he would be a candidate for the Saskatchewan provincial election, Mr. P. M. on the reciprocity issue at the forthcoming general election, R. L. Richardson, editor of the Tribune, was non-committal. He said that at present he had not much inclination to re-enter public life. He mentioned he had received a couple of other invitations, one being from a branch of the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association in Portage la Paire, and another to run as a farmers' candidate against Arthur Meighen, M. P.

**FRANCE PROTESTS.**

Paris, June 12.—Should Spain pursue her projected military action in Morocco there is a possibility that France will protest to the signatories of the Algeiras Act, the international agreement concerning Morocco. Such a step would be taken by France only as a last resort after other methods for restraining Spain had been exhausted. The situation was explained at length at Saturday's session of the cabinet, at which it is understood, Jean Cruppi, the minister of foreign affairs, was authorized to continue friendly protests to Madrid, but these friendly protests might break off the existing negotiations for the settlement of the Moroccan frontier rights in Morocco or even appeal to the powers.

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**OLD BUSINESS FIRM  
MAKES A CHANGE**

Local Men Purchase Well  
Known Concern of Peter  
McQuade & Son

Very shortly one of the oldest firms in this city established in '58 under the name of Peter McQuade & Sons, ship chandlers, will be purchased by three enterprising business men of Victoria: Leon J. Camus, who has been connected with the firm for many years past; William Christie formerly manager of the C. P. R. Telegraph service; and Arthur J. Peint, a resident of Colwood, who is largely interested in Victoria's business life.

The new firm intends to make an even stronger bid for the business of the present concern than has been pursued by the old-time firm, and already they have engaged the services of J. C. M. Keith, architect to prepare plans for the building of an addition to the present quarters. The new part will be erected at the rear of the old premises, extending to the wharf.

In the year 1818 the late Peter McQuade, who was the founder of the business, which, starting in small quarters went ahead by leaps and bounds until it reached its present stage. The new firm will conduct the business in such a manner that they expect similar continued success to follow in their path. All Victorians who are acquainted with the members of the firm management wish them success in their venture.

**WILL TRY TO CROSS****OCEAN IN BALLOON**

Engineer Vaniman Says Start  
Will Be Made From Atlantic  
City in October

**STAYING ON SOUND****FOR FOURTEEN DAYS**

On Return From North Prince  
Rupert Proceeded to Sound  
to Have Boilers Repaired

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Completing her last trip from Prince Rupert for several weeks the Grand Trunk Pacific steamer Prince Rupert, Capt. Barney Johnson, arrived in port yesterday morning, following a splendid trip. After spending her regular time here the vessel sailed for Seattle, where she will remain for some time to have repairs made to her boilers, which have been the seat of much trouble inside the past few months. It is believed that she will miss two trips to the north, making her next sailing on June 26.

The repair work of the Rupert's machinery is to be done at the Fox Boiler Works at Seattle, and the officials there believe that they can remedy all the defects in the steamer's boilers. A sufficient working pressure cannot be obtained, and the G. T. P. officials hope that this lengthy stay will result in the Prince Rupert's mechanism being placed into the best shape and that no further delays will be needed.

The Prince Rupert brought south with the steamer Operator of the Foley, Welch & Stewart fleet, reached the G. T. P. terminus last Saturday evening from the Skeena with her cargo of lumber. After being considerably smashed by the fall of a tree which crashed down the bank of the river at Mile 71. No one was hurt by the falling timber or the splinters but the deck, but the vessel is partially disabled, and had to return to Prince Rupert for repairs.

It was impossible to continue the journey up stream owing to the state of the engine room, but the Operator after temporary repairs managed the down stream trip safely and limped into Rupert.

Besides the smashing of timbers on deck, considerable damage was done to steam pipes and connections in the engine room.

The tree which struck the steamer was loosened by a slide, and it was fortunate that it did not fall a moment or two sooner otherwise most likely several persons might have been injured, and lives might have been lost.

Rupert brought many passengers, bound for Vancouver and Seattle. She had a fair cargo consisting of general freight.

**OIL FIGHT.**

Seattle, Wash., June 12.—Developing plans for invading the Pacific coast and fighting the Standard Oil Company at home, the Shell-Royal Dutch companies have just purchased a waterfront tract several acres in extent, at Richmond beach, just north of Seattle, and plan there to establish an oil distributing station for all the north-west territory.

The Shell-Royal companies, British and Dutch capital, form the most serious opposition to the Standard in the world's oil market. Recently the Standard has been particularly aggressive in China, which the foreign organization has considered its own territory.

To carry the battle back to the American company on the Pacific coast was deemed the wisest course, and the foreigners have brought much producing California oil property. Their advent into Seattle means the establishment of branches in all the big coast cities.

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**SURVEYS SITE FOR  
LIGHT ON LANGARA**

H. C. Killen Returns on New-  
ington From Cruise in North  
—Aid on Rose Spit

(From Monday's Daily.)  
Returning from a trip recharging beacons in northern waters and carrying H. C. Killen, resident engineer, to Langara Island, where a site for the new first order lighthouse is to be constructed there was surveyed, the steamer Newington, Capt. Barnes, of the marine and fisheries department, reached this port yesterday afternoon. Mr. Killen while in the north also selected a location on Rose Spit, where an aid to navigation will be established, although the kind has not yet been decided on.

Heavy weather was experienced while carrying out the work and caused a slight delay in the operations. Mr. Killen is now preparing a report on his work, and it is expected that the task of erecting the new lighthouse will be commenced within a few months' time. The light on Langara is being built principally to guide the big ocean steamers, which will be similar to that at that will soon be running in Prince Rupert. From the light the ships will take their position for the harbor at the G. T. P. terminus, and this aid to navigation, which will be similar to that at that will soon be running in Prince Rupert. From the light the ships will take their position for the harbor at the G. T. P. terminus, and this aid to navigation, which will be similar to that at that will soon be running in Prince Rupert.

Regarding the work being done by the Dominion government in lighting the coast, and especially Prince Rupert, Mr. Killen said: "Not only in name, but liberal also in appropriation, the Dominion government has provided for substantial aids to navigation here. They will be ready in ample time for the shipping. Thanks to the vital interest in the work by the Hon. Wm. Templeman, who is unsparing in energy, nothing has been overlooked that will benefit Prince Rupert."

The Newington will leave to-morrow to carry supplies to the lighthouses on this side of Queen Charlotte Sound, and also recharge beacons.

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**PICNIC PARTY IN  
BURNING LAUNCH**

Eight Persons Have Narrow  
Escape—Four Women Sus-  
tain Serious Injuries

Corona, N. Y., June 12.—A gasoline launch, with a picnic party of four men and four women aboard, burst into flames a few miles from shore in Flushing Bay shortly before midnight last night. The rain of blazing oil set fire to the women's clothing and each man seized the woman sitting beside him and plunged overboard. None of the women could swim, but the men managed to keep them afloat until dawn. The women were badly burned, but will recover.

The remains of Michael Beller, aged 26 years, the Italian who was killed on Saturday, were prepared for burial of a dynamite charge in the Canadian Construction camp at Metehosin, were removed to the B. C. Funeral Parlors. Dr. McKinnon attended the deceased shortly after the accident occurred, but his efforts were unavailing, a piece of steel having penetrated the body, causing almost instant death. The funeral took place this afternoon at 4 o'clock from the parlors, many of the fellow workers of the deceased attending. Interment was made in Ross Bay cemetery.

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"We also enclose methods of organizing a league, and in order to obtain it, it is the branches and trust same in principle. We would be glad opinion of this organization may benefit by any we have not occurred to."

"We are," "Yours very truly," "THE ANTI-RECIPROCAL LEAGUE."

"Per H. K. S. Home," "Chairman of the League," "This letter was accompanied by copies of petitions, and of the 'made-in-America' campaign in opposition to trade agreement. A number of instructions forwarded is one entitled 'Making Local Branches,' and another, 'How to Organize a Branch.'"

"I call a meeting of people whom you know to be interested in the cause, and many Liberals as possible. Be careful to explain it to be entirely political."

"This meeting should be held in closed doors, no one should be invited, no one should be made and no one should be admitted."

"After resolutions are passed, the president, vice-president, and secretary, are elected. The whole idea is to get into an attitude hostile to the defeat of the government to be turned over to the organization for election."

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Plot to Entrap  
Into Opposition  
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The Daily Telegraph, N. B., is just to hand, a story of the treachery that are being adopted by the forces party against reciprocity. The story is published here in its entirety. While there are disclosures as yet in the showing that the "worked" against reciprocity and against the banks, trusts, creameries, tanning interests, this will suffice to put the disposed people on the seductions of unscrupulous.

Here is a plain story of the anti-reciprocity. It is well known that the anti-reciprocity campaign is financed by interests in the protective tariff, and a campaign has come to light the anti-reciprocity campaign promoted and how.

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