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Arrested on Suspicion
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ONTARIO STOCK SALES.

Animals Being Offered at Ottawa and Guelph.

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T. Gibson, Denfield; R. & S.
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Columbus; E. Jeffs & Son,
d; John Bright, Myrtle; H. K.
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F. W. HODSON,
Live Stock Commissioner.

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WAR ON THE CANE.

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## Railway Charters

### Applications of Interest in British Columbia Coming Before Parliament.

### Government Awaiting Word From London About Coronation Contingent.

### Many Applications Are Already Received From Officers and Men.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Ont. Feb. 8.—Application has been made to the Exchequer court to extend the time of appeal in the action of Harris vs. The King, a case arising out of the expropriation of land for the Victoria rifle range. Application was made because some of the property owners reside in England.

A charter is sought for a railway line from Kitamaat inlet to Hazelton, thence to Teslin lake or Atlin lake, also for a line from Hazelton to Peace river pass and easterly to the border of the province.

The Yukon Pacific railway wants power to build from Chilkat river on the boundary between British Columbia and Alaska to Rally Hollow, and thence to Coal lake in the Yukon and thence southeasterly to White Horse.

Senator Templeman will be sworn in as minister without portfolio as soon as he arrives here.

Out of 900 officers and men of the Canadian Mounted Rifles who have just left for South Africa, some 300 have assigned their pay to relatives in Canada. This action is voluntary as the Militia department has not received any instructions on the point from the Home authorities. Communications will be sent to England requesting instructions from the Imperial government and if the latter recognizes the wishes of Canadians, the department will not raise any objections to issuing checks monthly; although it will entail considerable work upon the accountants' branch and may necessitate the employment of additional help.

The government is awaiting advices from the Imperial authorities with reference to the military contingent to accompany the Premier to the Coronation. In an official communication received by His Excellency, nothing is said about a force being sent from Canada, but it is assumed that such is desired, and already the Minister of Militia has received many applications from officers and men asking to be included in the detachment.

POLICE ASSOCIATION.

Chiefs of Canada and United States to Hold Convention in May.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 8.—Major Richard Sylvester, chief of the Washington police force, and president of the National Association of Chiefs of Police of the United States and Canada, has addressed a circular letter to the organization urging their attendance in person or by deputy at the next annual meeting in Louisville, Ky., May 7. Reduced railway and hotel rates will prevail, and a profitable meeting and pleasant entertainment are assured. Chiefs are urged to bring with them such information and statistics as will enable the association to be enlightened concerning anarchy and criminal classes in their jurisdictions.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.

German Authorities Taking Vigorous Steps Against It.

Berlin, Feb. 8.—Eddyism, as Christian Science is called here, is the sensation of the moment. The comic papers caricature it; weighty religious periodicals marshal polemics against it, and the daily press prints much discriptive matter regarding what is called "The latest American importation," saying it was only brought here after it had been "worn out" in the United States. Emperor William had a conference with Dr. Fraber, superintendent of the churches in Berlin jurisdiction, and Herr von Windeham, the police president, as to what steps shall be taken in regard to Christian Scientists, but nothing yet has been done against them except the withdrawal from certain public halls of the necessary permission to open for meetings. On Friday evening a meeting was prevented through a police notice posted on the door.

PRINCIPAL GRANT

Says Prohibition Law Will Do More Harm Than Good.

Toronto, Feb. 8.—(Special)—The Globe publishes a second letter from Principal Grant this morning, in which he declares the advocates of prohibition to be on the wrong side of the track, and doing more harm than good to the cause of temperance. He refers to the Tilley prohibition law, passed in New Brunswick in 1856, and to its utter failure in St. John, a failure so great that men drank openly in public places, drunkenness became rife, and there were more deaths from drunkenness in a few months than there had been in years. A quarrel followed between the governor and his council; then dissolution followed, with the result that only two members out of 42 came back in favor of prohibition, and the law was immediately repealed. The experience of Prince Edward Island with regard to the city of Charlottetown is very similar.

RAILWAY APPLICATION.

A Move to Build to the North of Manitoba.

Winnipeg, Feb. 8.—(Special.)—Wm. MacKenzie, the railway capitalist, announces that application will be made at the next parliament for a line to traverse Manitoba from north to south, a distance of 225 miles.

A FOOD FOR BRAIN AND MUSCLE

Whether it is brain fag, loss of memory, inability to concentrate the mind or bodily weakness and general debility Dr. Chase's Nerve Food will restore your old time energy, strength and health. Through the blood and nervous system, it reaches every part of the body and overcomes weakness, irregularities and disease.

DINED BY KING.

Members of Diplomatic Corps Entertained at Marlborough House.

London, Feb. 8.—King Edward tonight gave a dinner at Marlborough house to the members of the diplomatic in London.

RAT PORTAGE GOLD.

Bars on Exhibition from Mikado and Black Eagle Mines.

Rat Portage, Ont., Feb. 8.—(Special)—Upwards of $20,000 in gold bars, the result of clean-ups from the Mikado and Black Eagle mines, are on exhibition in the Imperial bank window here.

TO NEW OFFICES.

Nanaimo Branch of Bank of Commerce in Fresh Premises.

Nanaimo, Feb. 8.—(Special)—This evening the Bank of Commerce has been moved into a new building at the corner of Church and Chapel streets, and on Monday will commence to transact business there. The new building has been designed for them and is well fitted up.

TEACHERS DISMISSED.

European Professors of Chinese University Are Discharged.

Pekin, Feb. 8.—The Chinese government today dismissed all the European professors from the Imperial university. The president, Mr. Martin, had been offered a subordinate position. The term "University" has been largely a misnomer. The instruction was chiefly in languages, and the elementary branches. The Chinese directors say that elementry schools are not needed.

## Trail Smelter Ready For Work

### Extensive Improvements at the Works Have Been all Completed.

### Shipments From Boundary and Rossland Mines for the Week.

Rossland, B. C., Feb. 8.—The extensive improvements at the Canadian Smelting Works, Trail, B. C., are complete, and the plant is now ready to resume sampling and smelting. The new automatic crusher and sampler having a capacity of 150 tons per hour, has been tested and demonstrated to work most satisfactorily. In addition, a system of electric tramways is installed to connect the roast heaps with the main works, expediting the handling of material. The lead stack will be blown in immediately. The date of resumption of the copper furnaces depends on shipments from the Centre Star and War Eagle mines, which are expected to commence next week. The plan of the refinery to treat silver-lead matte is finished, and the management are awaiting a favorable turn in weather conditions to commence building operations.

The shipments of ore from Roesland camp for the week ending tonight are 4,080 tons, a considerable decrease from the previous week's totals. This is caused by the fact that the Le Roi mine only shipped four days in the week, the other three being used to make extensive repairs at the works. The Le Roi sent out 2,800 tons; Le Roi No. 2, 1,200 tons; Cascade, 30 tons, and Velvet, 50 tons. The feature of the week was the resumption of shipments from the Velvet mine. The management expects to ship a car of bulk ore daily to the Hall smelter at Nelson, via the Nelson and Fort Sheppard road, on which the mine is located. The electrical company supplying power to the mines close down 12 hours on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next week necessitating the shutting down of Le Roi No. 2 and the Nickel Plate.

BOUNDARY.

(Phoenix, B. C., Feb. 8.—(Special.)—Shipments of ore from Boundary mines for the last week were somewhat less than usual owing to a break in the flume of the Granby smelter, closing the works for three days in the early part of the week. In detail shipments were as follows:

Granby mines, 2,438 tons; Mother Lode, 2,914 tons; Golden Crown, 90 tons; Winnipeg, 60 tons; total for the week, 5,502 tons. Total for 1902 from the Boundary, 33,702 tons.

## COLLISIONS IN RIVER THAMES

### Three Vessels and Two Barges Sunk in One Bad Accident.

London, Feb. 8.—There was a remarkable series of collisions on the Thames today. The collier Poplar, of London, while entering Regent's canal basin, was run down by the French steamer Cordilleras from the Rio Plata, with a cargo of frozen meat. The Poplar swung off and struck the British steamer Morocco, having on board 24 passengers and a cargo for Mogador, Morocco. All three vessels sank. The crews and passengers were rescued by tugs, but the Poplar in attempting to beach herself, sank two river barges before going down herself.

BOUNDARY RAILWAYS.

Republic and Grand Forks—An Important Announcement.

Vancouver, B. C., Feb. 8.—(Special.)—Mayor Holland, of Grand Forks, president of the Republic and Grand Forks road, is here. He says the first train of the road will run next month.

The case in which Dr. Milne was suing D. G. Macdonell, in connection with an option secured on V., V. & E. stock when Mackenzie & Mann purchased the charter and interests of the promoters, has been settled out of court.

Grand Forks, B. C., Feb. 8.—J. H. Kennedy, chief engineer of the V., V. & E. railway, the Canadian link in J. J. Hill's western railway enterprise, made the public announcement today that his company had abandoned its intention of building a line to the mines at Phoenix and a spur to the Granby smelter, at least for the present. Asked for the reason for this decision, Mr. Kennedy declined to offer any.

## Rights On Foreshore

### Fraser River Canners' Association Present Memorial to Hon. W. C. Wells.

### Asking That No Applications Be Granted Without Further Consideration.

### Professor Prince Speaks on Traps, Seines and Halibut Fishing.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, Feb. 8.—A deputation consisting of five members of the Executive committee of the Fraser River Canners' association had an interview with Hon. W. C. Wells in the Hotel Vancouver yesterday, when the following letter was presented to him:

"We, the Executive committee of the Fraser River Canners' association, beg to bring to your attention certain notices in the issue of the British Columbia Gazette of January 30, regarding applications for foreshore rights on the West Coast of Vancouver Island, and other localities. In connection with this, it appears obvious that these foreshore rights are being asked for in connection with trap fishing, in view of the expected issue of trap licenses by the Dominion government. We are of opinion that this matter is of vast importance to the province of British Columbia, and that no individual application should be considered until such time as the whole question has received the careful consideration of the government, and a definite policy has been adopted, such as will give equal rights to all interested in the fishing industry. We are further of opinion that should trap and seine fishing be allowed, it at once would entirely alter the conditions of the salmon industry, and we therefore respectfully urge that this question shall receive the government's most careful consideration before any further steps are taken."

Prof. Prince talked freely to the Colonist correspondent tonight regarding the contention of the canners that the provincial government might stop trap construction on the West Coast of the Island as interfering with foreshore rights.

He said that traps could be built that foreshore rights, if any, need not be interfered with. He stated that this province was different from other sections, inasmuch as they were apparently able to claim foreshore privileges, and their contention might certainly affect the granting of seine licenses; for a seine net was pulled up on the beach. As for the halibut question, there was one thing to say about it. The Americans had the United States market, practically the only market that was profitable, and the Canadians need not hope to compete with them. He could not understand, however, why a market could not be made in England for halibut. Butter and eggs, etc., were sent there, and the margin of profit was very small, while in the case of halibut, a big halibut could be secured for 10 cents and sold in England for $10, whole and fresh. In speaking of the grievances of the canners, Prof. Prince said there were no doubt many grievances, many matters to set right, and if they had been set right long ago it would have been better for the government, but the government needed and had a minister who could form a resolution and act on it since the days of Sir Hibbert Tupper. They had not been sufficiently familiar with the needs of the Coast fisheries.

The Colonist representative ventured the opinion that it would have been a very popular move out here if Senator Templeman had been appointed minister of marine and fisheries. Prof. Prince replied: "Ah, yes, perhaps! But it must be remembered that we have one coast in the East where we have to legislate for 50,000 fishermen, and you have 5,000 here. Still the Canadian Pacific coast needs attention and the government have taken steps to place the needs of the fishing industry of British Columbia before the department that the matter may receive every attention and consideration."

Prof. Prince leaves for the East tomorrow.

SHOT IN QUARREL.

Carrying Deadly Weapon Causes Deadly Results.

Ernandine, Fla., Feb. 8.—Edward Burton, superintendent of the Seaboard Air-line railway shops here, was shot and killed in his office today by M. Sylvester, a machinist, who had, until a few minutes previously to the tragedy, been an employee. Burton, it seems, placed a non-union man at work in the shops yesterday, to which Sylvester and one or two other union men objected. Sylvester complained to Burton in person late yesterday afternoon and a wordy dispute ensued. When time was called this morning, Sylvester again began to dispute with the superintendent, and the latter discharged him on the spot and ordered him from the shop. A short interchange of angry words followed, and Sylvester pulling his pistol, fired five times at the superintendent, all of the shots taking effect. Burton fell back, groaned and expired suddenly, without speaking. Sylvester surrendered to the sheriff. Burton was 40 years old. Sylvester is a young man of hitherto good reputation.

LEYDS IS ANGRY.

Not Thankful to Dutch for Their Note to Britain.

London, Feb. 8.—A despatch to the Exchange Telegraph company from Utrecht indicates the probability of the removal of the Boer headquarters to Geneva on account of friction between Mr. Kruger and his associates and the Dutch government. Dr. Leyds, representative in Europe of the Transvaal, is reported declaring that the recent proposals looking to the establishment of peace in South Africa made by the Dutch premier, Dr. Kuyper, were an unwarrantable interference in the affairs of the Transvaal. Some of the Boer delegates, it is said, are at variance with Dr. Leyds. A despatch to Reuters from Brussels says: "It is understood here that the delegates have decided to submit to the conditions laid down in Lord Lansdowne's communication to the Dutch government, and are preparing a communication to the British government, asking permission to visit South Africa, and setting forth the object of the proposed visit. It is expected that the request will reach Eng. and next week."

LAWYER SUSPENDED

Because He Reproved Judge for Disrespect to Witness.

Montreal, Feb. 7.—A sensational incident occurred in the Supreme court this morning in the case where the evidence of a Jew was under discussion. James Crankshaw, the well known lawyer and author of Crankshaw's Criminal Code, who was counsel in the case being argued, charged Judge Pagnuelo with having shown disrespect to a witness because of his nationality, and insisted that all citizens under the British crown were equal and must be shown respect by the courts. The judge resented this and demanded that Mr. Crankshaw's presence at 2 o'clock this afternoon for sentence for disrespectful conduct towards a judge. Judge Pagnuelo at 2 o'clock suspended Mr. Crankshaw from practising his profession for eight days.

MARAIS CAPTURED.

Magesfontein, Cape Colony, Feb. 7.—Commandant Marais has been captured in the neighborhood of Laingsburg. Marais was the leader of the Boers operating in the Zwart Kop range in 1901.

London, Feb. 7.—The answering of questions in the House of Commons today by government officials disclosed the fact that the government had no reason to believe that the note of the government of the Netherlands on peace in South Africa was formulated in consultation with another European power.

The war secretary, Mr. Brodrick, said the number of horses purchased during the war totalled 446,088, of which 77,101 came from the United States and 11,364 from Canada. In addition about 80,705 horses had been captured in South Africa.

## Threatens a Bombardment

### Liberal General Considers Capture of Panama and Colon Necessary.

### But Proposes That Consuls of Powers Declare Railway Neutral Zone.

Colon, Feb. 7.—The wife of a government soldier who was made a prisoner by the rebels last month and who managed to escape from Gen. Herrera's camp, arrived at Panama last night. She reports that the Liberal forces to the number of 1,500 men are encamped from Penonome to Chamo, about 70 miles southwest of Panama, and that Gen. Herrera and his staff are at Chamo. According to this woman, Gen. Herrera sent word to Gen. Castro to surrender. The latter answered that he had been sent out to fight and was ready to do so.

Panama, Feb. 7.—Gen. Herrera has addressed a note to the United States, French, British and German consuls here. In it Gen. Herrera claimed, among other things, that the government of Senor Marroquin, the president of Colombia, was not lawful, and that, therefore, the rebels, although deploring the bloody results of the war, would fight to the end for the ultimate state Liberal principles.

Gen. Herrera proposed that the consuls addressed ask their respective governments to declare the line of the Panama-Colombia railroad to be a neutral zone, in which the government should not build entrenchments or the Liberals attack, and that a police force be left to guard the line. Gen. Herrera proposed, if possible, to compel the government to attack the Liberal forces, and that the Liberals had a strong fleet and army, provided with cannon, etc. Gen. Herrera also declared in his note that the Liberals considered the capture of Panama and Colon to be absolutely necessary for the development of their military plans, that they would act to obtain such results, and that in due time they would notify the consuls of such proposed action, allowing 24 hours for foreigners to take refuge at a place of safety, to be agreed that the places so selected would not be fired upon. Gen. Herrera said that if the consuls so desired, he would meet them, as well as representatives of the Colombian government, on board the United States cruiser Philadelphia, at the Island of Tobago or Chamo, the present headquarters of the revolutionary staff. In government circles here, it is believed that Gen. Herrera wants to gain time, for the government cannot accept the terms he offered. When the expected reinforcements arrive on the Isthmus the government will begin an energetic and active campaign against the Liberals. Panama and Colon are now garrisoned by 2,000 men. Gen. Castro has 1,000 veterans under his command, making a total of 3,000. The most sanguine Liberals do not claim that Gen. Herrera has over 1,500 men.

Governor Arjona said at the conference of consuls, which he attended, that he would not recognize, even indirectly, the right of the rebels to make the proposals they did; that the consuls could not correspond with the Liberals; that even if they were belligerents, the consuls would require the permission of the Colombian government to communicate with them. Governor Arjona then demanded that the consuls send their answers to Gen. Herrera to him, promising to forward them to the Liberal general by messenger. To this the consuls agreed.

AUSTRALIAN TARIFF.

Duties on Various Classes of Spirits Confirmed.

Melbourne, Australia, Feb. 7.—The federal House of Representatives has confirmed the clause of the tariff bill imposing an excise duty on grape spirit of 11 shillings and has raised the excise duty on barley, malt, molasses and maize spirit to 12 shillings 6 pence. Other spirits will pay a duty of 13 shillings. The import duty remains at 14 shillings.

Women with pale, colorless faces, who feel weak and discouraged, will receive both mental and bodily vigor by using Carter's Iron Pills, which are made for the blood, nerves and complexion.

BURNED TO DEATH.

Horton, Kas., Feb. 7.—Fire broke out in the big car works of the Rock Island railway tonight, causing the death of two persons and the destruction of a quarter of a million dollars worth of property. The fire broke out at 4 o'clock in the hair-sorting room of the cabinet department and spread so rapidly that the employees on the second floor barely escaped with their lives, many of them being slightly injured. The walls of the car shops fell 20 minutes after the fire was discovered.

## Liberals In Vancouver

### Convention Decides For Party Lines at Next General Election.

### Old Constitution and Executive Are Buried in the a me Grave.!

### Officers Elected and ome of the Bolters Return to the Fold.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, B. C., Feb. 7.—"I can only add to my former remarks—namely, that I was a Liberal and in accord with Premier Laurier and his government; that I was also elected as a Liberal to represent Vancouver in the provincial legislature, and that the Conservatives who voted for me voted for me as a Liberal. Therefore in the local legislature I am not bound to do anything that I do not believe to be in the interests of the Liberal party. I can say further, that I prefer Premier Dunsmuir and the present members of the government rather than a government composed of Harry Helmcken, Dick McBride and McPhillips, even if this aggregation was leavened by Mr. Bodwell. I cannot speak positively regarding two members of the opposition, but I know positively that five members of the opposition are in accord, and what is done we will do together, and the first thing we do before we allow other legislation, is to press for a fair redistribution bill."

Those remarks of Jos. Martin, M. P. P., were called forth this afternoon by a motion that the convention of Liberals now in session request the Liberal members of the legislature to press for a redistribution bill.

John Oliver, M. P. P., said that Liberal members at Victoria had troubles enough with the convention putting them in a false position, that he was in the legislature to represent Liberals and Conservatives, not as a Liberal.

The convention was called to order this morning by G. R. Maxwell, M. P. It was noticed that several of the bolters had returned. Those who left for their homes, however, were seven from Victoria city, three from South Victoria, two from North Victoria, one from Rossland, two from South-East Kootenay, and one each from East Lillooet, Cariboo, and North Yale. Total 18.

The first business was the question of party lines. Jas. McQueen moved that federal party lines be adopted in provincial politics.

J. F. Bledsoe seconded the motion, and many spoke to the subject. The motion carried unanimously.

This does not apply until the next general election.

The committee chosen to arrange the manner in which the executive should be chosen, decided that Victoria and the Island should have four, Burrard and Westminster four, and Yale-Cariboo six, which was according to vote polled last general election. The president, secretary and treasurer should also be members of the committee.

The following officers were elected: W. Sloan, Nanaimo, treasurer; Stewart Henderson, Yale-Cariboo, fist vice-president; R. Hall, M. P. P., Victoria, second vice-president; J. C. Brown, Westminster, third vice-president; S. S. Taylor, Yale-Cariboo, fourth vice-president. The remainder of the executive are: John Jardine, Victoria; A. Urquhart, Comox; J. F. Bledsoe, Alberni; W. J. McMillan, Vancouver; John Oliver, M. P. P., Delta; J. H. Stables, M. P. P., Atlin; H. J. Muller, Vernon; Dr. Sinclair, Rossland; A. E. Green, Golden; A. Dockstader, Sandon.

(Ald. McQueen moved that as the old executive was defunct, their constitution was also dead, and that both be buried in the same grave. The resolution was carried.

A new constitution, which practically took all powers formerly vested in the executive away from them, was put to the meeting and passed. It was virtually that the executive keep in touch with the district organizations; that five constitute a quorum, and that two-thirds of them would have to agree on calling a convention, and if they were slow about it, 10 district association, four of which must be in different Dominion constituencies, could call a convention. A committee was appointed to draft a platform and report.

THE PLATFORM.

The twelve planks in the platform adopted by the Liberal convention tonight are as follows:

1—Immediate redistribution of seats in the province according to population, with a smaller unit of population for outside districts.

2—Government ownership of public services and utilities.

3—Aid to railways should be cash, not land. Provincial interests to be fully safeguarded in granting such aid.

4—Immediate construction of the Coast-Kootenay railway; Cariboo railway; extension of the Island railway; construction of a railway from Alberni to a point on the east coast of the Island, and a railway in the northern part of the province from the coast to the eastern boundary, and a railway from Vernon to Midway by the West Fork of Kettle river.

5—Enforcement of the Act compelling scaling of logs by government scalers.

6—That legislation be enacted enabling land under the dyking system to be available for cultivation as soon as possible.

7—That the government shall keep in touch with the mining industry preventing combines as far as possible, and if necessary build smelters, and that the mining laws be not radically changed without proper notice.

8—That necessary steps should be taken to discourage Oriental immigration and employment.

9—That an earnest effort be made to prevent strikes and lockouts. Compulsory arbitration is approved of.

10—The fiscal system of the province stands in need of revision. No addition should be made to debt, except for public works properly charged to capital.

11—Retaining the resources of the province for the people, and putting an end to speculations in same.

12—Construction and maintenance of roads throughout the province to aid miners and farmers.

A resolution was passed supporting G. R. Maxwell, M. P., for the Dominion Cabinet position. By a vote of 65 to 25, taken in secret ballot, it was decided to choose a leader for the Liberal party in British Columbia. The convention bound themselves to approve of the leader chosen.

MARTIN IS LEADER.

Mr. Jos. Martin was elected leader for the Liberals of British Columbia on the first ballot, which stood: Jos. Martin, 47; W. W. B. McInnes, 17; J. C. Brown, 8; Ald. McQueen, 4; G. R. Maxwell, 4; J. Oliver, 3; R. Hall, 3; R. Henderson, 2; R. Kelly, 1. Spoilt ballots, 1. When the result was read out, delegates rose in their seats and cheered continuously, waving their hats and singing, "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow."

On motion of W. W. B. McInnes and J. C. Brown, the result was made unanimous, every one rising to their feet with alacrity on a standing vote. Speeches followed from Messrs. Jos. Martin, Brown, McInnes, Maxwell and many others. Mr. Martin said he had had offers of several position from the Dominion government, which would have greatly benefitted him financially if he had accepted, but now he had been chosen leader of the Liberal party he would accept gladly, and was proud of the honor conferred on him.

The delegates decided to hold the next convention at Revelstoke.

The convention closed its labors tonight.

PAINTER DEAD.

Thomas Sidney Cooper, Oldest of British Academicians.

London, Feb. 7.—Thomas Sidney Cooper, the painter, who has exhibited at the Royal Academy for 67 consecutive years, died today at his residence, Vernon Holme, Harbledown, the spot near Canterbury immortalized by Chaucer. Mr. Cooper, who was the oldest Academician, had been ill for some time. He was born in 1803.

## The Cruise Of the Grant

### Allegations of Trading and Liquor Selling Against Some of Her Company.

### Ucluelet Indians Say Firemen Sold Whiskey and Officers Traded For Curios.

The United States revenue cutter Grant is now 15 days out on her cruise in search for wreckage of the missing sloop-of war Condor, and her arrival is expected at any time. When she returns some questions may possibly be asked regarding complaints which have reached here from Ucluelet and other rancheries of the West Coast of Vancouver Island. If these stories from the Island coast be true—and those from Ucluelet are supported by affidavits—some of the officers of the revenue cutter are alleged to have been trading gaudy-colored prints, clothes, ticking, etc., with the Indians for totems, curios and money, and one or more of the revenue cutter's firemen are being accused of having sold whiskey to Indians of the Ucluelet reservation. Another story from this village is that some of the crew of the revenue cutter Grant did enter the house of some Indians on the Ucluelet reservation, when the residents were absent, other than an invalid, and took a dancing head-dress, which was much prized by the Indians of the tribe, without paying therefor. The Indian name of this dancing head-dress is "inkitsop," and it is said to be a tribal relic.

The two Indians Ernest and Robert, of Ucluelet, maintain and have made affidavit thereto, that they bought from a short man, believed to be a fireman, each a bottle of whiskey, for which one paid $2 and the other $1.50. They say that the man who sold the whiskey to them had more bottles hidden among the coals, and it may be that he was able to do business at other rancheries; at least, reports from other places credit him with having done so.

As for the complaints made that the vessel was trading, little seems to have been done other than to exchange a pair of trousers, some yards of high-colored cloth or print, or some other similar article, with various Indians, in return for Indian curios; for instance, to one Indian, it is stated, a pair of trousers were given in return for a canoe-making implement, while another secured some gaudy-colored print for a stone hammer of the Ucluelets, and so at other points cloths and prints were exchanged for interesting curios, totems, carvings, etc. In one case at Ucluelet one of the Indians alleges that he was sold 10 yards of ticking for $1.

## RESORT TO THEIR FISTS

### Prominent Liberals Appeal to Arms to Settle Their Differences.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, Feb. 7.—After last night's session of the Liberal association, an unfortunate occurrence took place at the Hotel Vancouver.

Mr. Joseph Martin was endeavoring to explain to Senator Templeman his position in the political fight, and the view he took of the situation, when he was challenged in his statements by a jocular remark of Mr. Duff, of Victoria.

Mr. Martin took the remark in earnest and resented it, calling Mr. Duff a liar, so the story goes. Mr. Duff resented this by striking Mr. Martin.

Mr. Martin struck back at Mr. Duff, and the combatants were immediately quieted down by friends. The incident was the result of hasty temper on both sides. Both regretted the incident and parted without harboring resentment.

SMALLPOX.

Another Case Discovered in Winnipeg and Quarantined.

Winnipeg, Feb. 7.—(Special)—A case of smallpox was discovered in a small hotel in the north end of the city last night, and the place has been quarantined. The victim had been visiting in Minnesota.

CRIMINAL ASSIZE.

The Victoria criminal assizes will open on Thursday next, 13th instant. Bills of indictment will be submitted to the grand jury, charging Frank Nicholes with the murder of Tom Netes; George Katcules, as an accessory to murder after the fact, and Charles Nangle, for felonious assault.

## Appointed A Judge

### Hon. David Mills Is Now Member of the Supreme Court Bench.

### And Mr. Fitzpatrick Takes Position of Minister of Justice.

### Dominion Board of Trade Congress During Sitting of Parliment.

Ottawa, Feb. 7.—Hon. David Mills has attended his last cabinet meeting. He was not present at the gathering of ministers this evening, and taking advantage of his absence, a minute of council was recorded appointing the Minister of Justice as a member of the Supreme Court of Canada in the place of the late Mr. Justice Gwynne.

Mr. Fitzpatrick takes the portfolio of justice. The position of solicitor-general goes to Mr. Carroll, M.P. for Kamouraska. The names of Messrs Gorman and Cowan, M.P.'s, were mentioned, but as Mr. Sutherland has got the marine portfolio, it has been considered advisable to restore proportion as between Ontario and Quebec.

T. Malone, of Three Rivers, has been awarded the contract for harbor improvements at that place. The contract price is about $750,000.

Senators Armand and Masson, two of the oldest members of the Upper House, are seriously ill.

The Dominion Board of Trade congress to be held here during the session of parliament, promises to be a great success.

Entries for the fat stock sale at Ottawa next month are very numerous.

Additions to the House of Commons building are nearly completed. The Conservatives get two additional rooms. The railway committee room is a magnificent chamber, well adapted for the purpose.

GORDON CONFESSES.

Letter From Detective Says He Has Made Confession.

(Halifax, Feb. 7.—(Special.)—Detective Power has received a letter from Detective Rouleau, of the Pinkerton agency, Winnipeg, to take charge of the prisoner Gordon, arrested on a charge of murdering two men in Manitoba, announcing that the prisoner had made a full confession of his guilt.

HALIBUT FISHING.

Schooner Outfitting at Nanaimo for Northern Banks.

Nanaimo, B. C., Feb. 7.—(Special.)—The halibut schooner Nellie G. Thurston arrived today and will, after fitting out here, go north under charter from the Pacific Fish & Cold Storage Co., to engage in the salt herring business. She will be fitted for carrying on this work, and will return to ship the halibut East when a cargo is taken on.

COMING WEDDING.

Mr. E. J. Coyle to Be Married Next Monday.

Winnipeg, Feb. 7.—(Special.)—Mr. E. J. Coyle, assistant general passenger agent of the C. P. R., with headquarters in Vancouver, and Dr. Scott Conklin, of Trail, B. C., have arrived here, to be present at an interesting event, which takes place in the city next Monday, in which Mr. Coyle is one of the principals.

CLEARING HOUSES.

Reports of Principal Canadian Cities for Past Week.

New York, Feb. 7.—The following are some of the weekly clearings as compiled by Bradstreets for the week ending February 6, with percentages of increase and decrease, as compared with the corresponding week last year:

Montreal, $15,782,962; increase 13.5 per cent. Toronto, $15,132,403; increase 47.1 per cent. Winnipeg, $2,739,894; increase 49.8 per cent. Vancouver, $800,594 increase, 11.8 per cent. Halifax, $1,489,856; increase 24.9 per cent. Hamilton, $767,345; increase, 5.4 per cent. St. John, $743,128; increase, 5.4 per cent. Victoria, $450,937; decrese 43.2 per cent. Quebec, $1,315,155. Ottawa, $1,853,379.

CANAL ROUTES.

General Walker Gives Views Before United States Senate Committee.

Washington, Feb. 7.—Admiral John G. Walker, chairman of the Isthmian Canal commission, testified before the Senate committee on inter-oceanic canals today. He went over much of the ground covered by the reports of that commission, and in reply to numerous questions, explained the reasons for the recent recommendation for the acceptance of the offer of the Panama Canal company.

In replying to these inquiries, Admiral Walker spoke at some length upon the engineering features of the two canals. Senator Harris questioned him especially in reference to the difficulty of excavating for the Bohia dam, developing the fact that it would be necessary to sink the proposed piers to greater depth than had ever been done for such a purpose. The foundation of the piers is 125 feet below sea level. Admiral Walker also was questioned concerning the possibility of utilizing the Chagres river as a part of the canal. He admitted that it is a torrential stream, but expressed the opinion that it could be safely confined. With reference to the estimate that 10 years would be necessary to build the Panama canal, while 8 years would suffice for the construction of the canal by the Nicaragua route, he said that the difference against the Panama route was due largely to the extent of the great Culebra cut and the Bohia dam. He thought in ordinary weather steam vessels would be able to make their way through the Panama canal without being towed, but that towage might be necessary if winds are high. He expressed the opinion that Brito harbor, at the Pacific end of the Nicaragua route, would possess an advantage over the Panama harbor, in that vessels would be immediately able to avail themselves in the former of the trade winds, while in Panama bay they would not secure that advantage until towed out to sea.