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Prince Rupert, Feb. 8.—Hon. W. Templeman, Minister of Inland Revenue and Mines, was to-day returned by acclamation for Comox Atlin.

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Change Proposed in Mode of Electing Medical Council.

(From Monday's Daily.)
At the request of the medical council of the province a bill is being introduced in the legislature by Dr. King (Cranbrook), amending the Medical act. Many of the changes proposed are of minor importance, but two are of interest.

More strict legislation is proposed in regard to the practice of medicine by unregistered persons, which will affect Christian Scientists, faith healers, mental healers and all of that class. At present the onus is on the prosecution to prove that any person prosecuted for practising illegally has accepted money for their services, usually a difficult thing to do. It is proposed to shift the onus and place it upon the accused person to prove that they have not practised for gain. It is hoped that this will render more certain the conviction of those who break the law.

Another change is of interest mainly to the profession and deals with the mode of electing the council. At present the members are voted for by the physicians and surgeons resident in the province at large. The country members of the profession complain with some reason, that the cities get the best of them by this method. It is proposed to remedy this by dividing the province into five districts, each to elect its own member or members. The first will include Victoria, Saanich, Esquimalt, Cowichan, The Islands, Newcastle, Nanaimo, Alberni, Comox, Atlin and Skeena, and will elect two members.

Delta, Chilliwack, Dewdney, Richmond and New Westminster together will elect one member and Vancouver city, voting alone, will elect two. The fourth district will consist of Cariboo, Lillooet, Yale, Kamloops, Okanagan, Similkameen, Revelstoke and Columbia, electing one member. District number five will embrace Siccan, Ymir, Nelson, Rossland, Kaslo, Fernie, Cranbrook, Grand Forks and Greenwood, and will elect one member.

The term of office will be for three years and the first election under the new act will take place in 1911. It is likely that the bill consolidating the Water Clauses act and its amendments will be ready for introduction this afternoon.

WAGES ON G. T. P.

Organized Employees Hold Conference to Draw Up Schedule of Requirements.
Winnipeg, Man., Feb. 8.—The organized employees of the Grand Trunk Pacific at a conference held here made the preliminary arrangements to submit to the management a schedule of rules dealing with wages and working hours.

The delegates at the conference include R. B. Corrigan, Thomas Young, Duncan Cameron, W. J. McHattie and John Paul, who are representative of the engineers, conductors, firemen and trainmen employed upon the new road.

These four classes of employees have been thoroughly organized since the operation of trains has commenced upon the G. T. P., and following the present conference steps will immediately be taken to form a definite schedule and an organized set of working rules similar to those in force on other railways.

UNEMPLOYED IN LONDON, ONT.

London, Ont., Feb. 8.—The Trades and Labor council on Saturday opened up a factory for the making of toys and other small articles which do not require a great amount of mechanical skill for the benefit of unemployed union men in the city.

DEATH OF FRENCH ACTOR.

Paris, Feb. 8.—Ernest Alexandre Honoré Coquelin, the French actor, known under the name of Coquelin Cadet, died in a hospital in Paris to-day. He was a brother of Benoit Coquelin (also), who died on January 27th last.

ADMIRAL EVANS ON U.S. JINGOES

TALK OF WAR WITH JAPAN IS ABSURD

Squabble in California Legislature Cannot Become International Affair.

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 8.—Admiral Robley D. Evans, who is in Chicago for a brief stop on his way across the continent, dismisses the possibility of war with Japan as a result of the agitation in California as absurd.

"There cannot be any trouble between the United States and Japan," he said, "because the people of both nations are too intelligent to let the squabble in the California legislature become an international affair. Of course it is a little strange that almost immediately after our fleet left Japan with the most friendly feeling prevailing that anything should happen to disturb that calm, but it cannot amount to anything."

"California has a perfect right to pass any laws she desires with regard to aliens provided they do not conflict with any of the treaties of the nation, and if they do conflict they are null and void. California can now legislate with regard to aliens, provided they apply to all aliens alike.

"In the south they have separate schools for negroes and whites, but this affair differs in that the race agitation in which there is a prejudice, is represented by a sovereign power."

CATULLE MENDES, NOTED FRENCH POET, IS DEAD

Falls From Train in Railway Tunnel Near Saint Germain.

Paris, Feb. 8.—Catulle Abraham Mendes, the noted French poet, was found dead in the railway tunnel at Saint Germain to-day. The cause and circumstances of his death are yet unknown. The body of Mendes was found upon the railroad tracks. Details of the facts concerning the death of the poet have not yet been established. It is only known that he was bound from Paris to his home in Saint Germain, and was traveling alone.

It is believed that the death of Mendes was accidental. He boarded a train at Paris at midnight bound for Saint Germain. He had dined last evening at the home of a friend, Baron Oppenheim. The authorities are of the opinion that he went asleep in the carriage, and that he had mistaken the opened door of his compartment before the train arrived at the station and while it was still in the tunnel, and that he fell beneath the wheels. The body was found this morning.

M. Mendes spent part of yesterday in his study writing a play on Napoleon, on which he was preparing for the Rejane theatre.

Catulle Mendes was born May 22, 1841, in Bordeaux. He was a prolific writer and the work of his pen included poems, novels, short stories and dramatic pieces. He was also a dramatic critic of Le Journal. His first book was published in 1868 and he was actively engaged in literary labors up to the time of his death. He has been described as a "very good second" in almost every department of literature and, although he never reached the ranks of Hugo, Dumas, Paganini and Gyp, his novels and stories have been favorably compared to the works of these writers.

LONGEST TELEGRAPHING.

Messages Sent From London to Calcutta With Resulting.

London, Feb. 8.—Telegraph messages have begun to leave London on the longest distance ever travelled by a continuous wire. By touching a key here a telegraph can now send a Calcutta message which passes without transmission over 7,000 miles of field, forest, mountain and desert. Direct working has been possible between London and Teheran for five years, but a land line from Persia to India was only recently completed.



KING EDWARD AND QUEEN ALEXANDRA. Their Majesties left London to-day for Berlin on a visit to the German Emperor. It is 185 years since a British Monarch set foot in the German Capital.

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RUSSIAN ACTIVITY IN THE FAR EAST

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Pekin, Feb. 8.—Foreign residents at Harbin are alarmed at the activity shown there by Russia during the past fortnight in invalidating a municipal administration, hitherto held in abeyance, and overpowering authority, collecting heavy taxes, and exercising severe police measures. It is further reported that the Russian authorities are ignoring the treaty rights of other nations and that the vice royalty at Mukden is considerably excited over the situation.

NEW C. P. R. BRANCH IN B. C.

Ottawa, Feb. 8.—Canadian Pacific railway is applying for legislation authorizing a line from the Crow's Nest Pass line northwest to Alderidge, on the McLeod branch, and an extension of time with regard to numerous branches which have been authorized.

CHOOSES DEATH.

Edmonton, Alta., Feb. 8.—Fred Robert, who came here with the Norris & Rowland circus, committed suicide by taking strychnine when the mounted police were on the point of arresting him for a series of crimes ranging from petty thefts to attempted murder. It is said his home is in Indiana.

MANITOBA'S NEW JUDGE.

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This play is now generally recognized as the most powerful assistance yet given Lord Roberts in his propagandist campaign. It is devoid of the ordinary story and love interest and shows a middle-class English home, shut up on a foggy bank holiday. The father, sons and daughters depict the average British attitude on military questions. The father plays diablo and the sons look on at football and cricket. A daughter's sweetheart alone feels it his duty to join the territorial army, and he is much chafed on account of his own scheme.

This quiet hope is then suddenly entered by the soldiers of the Empress of the North, whose army has invaded England under cover of the fog. The uselessness of the old-fashioned volunteer officers is scathingly portrayed and what has been laughable, fanciful comedy changes into a tragedy when the football-watching son is shot through the heart and the room collapses under shell fire. The father, seizing a rifle, fires on the enemy, and is then shot on his own lawn, "as a civilian has no right to fire in defence of his own home."

Some of the critics, while acknowledging the strength of the play as a pamphlet, condemn it as crude, and also blame the author for not pushing the lesson home, for the play finishes with the bappies of the Highlanders heard approaching and the news that the enemy is surrounded.

Other critics are puzzled to know who the anonymous author "The Patriot" is. They suggest that it must be an old hand who is testing himself under a pseudonym. Some declared that it must be none other than J. M. Earle, who, however, writes to the press that he is not the author of the play, but saying he wishes he was.

In regard to the end of the play, the author has left the invaders victorious, and until that and the suggestion that the invaders were Germans is altered the censor refuses to license the drama. The author's name is still a secret, but there is reason for believing it is Guy Du Maurier, the author of "Trilby," and a Punch artist, and a brother of Gerald Du Maurier, the actor, who is an officer in the Fusiliers and is now serving in South Africa.

From the Times down, most of the newspapers have devoted an editorial to the play, which will soon be produced at two houses in London simultaneously. The public is writing to the press suggesting that companies should be sent throughout the kingdom playing for funds to be subscribed for extending out of the theatre play could not be expected to pay in the ordinary way.

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