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Many Matters of Importance Will Be
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McBride.

Hon. Richard McBride, who left this morning for Ottawa to attend the conference of provincial premiers, went well equipped to present the case of British Columbia. He was accompanied by R. E. Gossnell, formerly editor of the Colonist, who prepared the case for the province, when Hon. James Dunsinuir attended the first meeting.

The matters to be taken up are many, and of great importance. Apart from the question of "better terms," which may be given the first place, there are several things of more than passing interest. One that has recently attracted the attention of the Fisheries Association's conference, is the question of who owns the beds of un-navigable or semi-navigable streams. The government of Ontario claims an absolute right to dispose of these sub-aqueous lands, which claim they are contested very forcibly by the Dominion. So far as is known the subject has never been placed before the authorities of this province for decision, but it will most likely be a theme of animated discussion at the conference that opens next Monday.

Dual control of the fisheries has also caused a considerable amount of friction. There has been mention made of the province relinquishing its authority over the fisheries to the Dominion, but at any time, an act of the Dominion parliament can declare the same works as a benevolent act at a whole and assume control. In this connection there has been a large amount of friction, particularly regarding branches of the large railway systems, that has resulted in acrimonious debates in the local house and an unwarranted amount of mud slinging.

Indian reserves, also, and the actual status of the reversionary interest will certainly come up for discussion. Ontario has claimed an absolute right to these lands on the demise of the last of the holders and in respect to the Songhees reserve adjacent to Victoria the proposed removal of the occupants has brought about an interesting series of affairs. The present holder, the authority of the attorney-general as legal adviser to the crown, that in the event of the Indians on the reserve mentioned being removed the lands now held by them revert to the province. This, in his opinion, has been so far decided that a crown grant has been prepared in favor of the city of the portion north of the railway, where it is proposed to locate the new school and a public park. Until a decision has been arrived at the document has not been signed.

The Peace river grant of 3,500,000 acres given to the Dominion by the Island Railway Act and its final disposition will also come up for discussion. There was mention made of it being used as a foundation for a provincial university by the devotion of the money received from sales to this purpose. Probably the most active agents in this connection were members of the Methodist conference held recently in Victoria. As the Dominion had a survey party in the field for the past two years looking over the lands in question, and it is believed is by now in possession of a scheme of delimitation, there is every probability of this matter coming up.

Whether the Pacific coast is to be given a national free port or not is another question that has been taken up. The awakening of the Orient and the coming battle for supremacy in trade with the Far East, in its relation to Canada against the United States and Mexico, is a very live topic and the premier expects to return here with a declaration on the subject.

It will be probably a couple of months before Mr. McBride returns. The conference of premiers will, he believes, consume the balance of October and there are several questions that he wishes to take up personally with the different federal departments at Ottawa.

ALGARY CUSTOMS REVENUE.
An Increase For September of 125 Per Cent. Over Same Month Last Year.
Calgary, Oct. 1.—The month of September furnishes a record in customs revenue. The returns amounting to \$47,000, which is \$10,000 higher than ever recorded before, and 125 per cent. an increase over the returns for the same period last year.

AERONAUTS ARE SAFE.

Hon. C. S. Rolis and His Companion
Landed in the Balloon Britannia.

Paris, Oct. 2.—All the uncertainty regarding the result of the balloon race for the James Gordon Bennett cup, started here on Sunday afternoon, was ended at noon to-day when a dispatch received by the club announced that the Hon. C. S. Rolis and his companion in the balloon Britannia landed at Sandringham Upland at last night, thus establishing that the States Cavalry, the American competitor in the race, who has been stalled. Great hopes are entertained of getting connection with Honolulu.

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destroyed. Capt. Hanks reports that there are wrecked vessels along the east end of Cat Island, Ship Island, Horn Island, Petit Bois and Dauphin Island. Granos Island was so fiercely swept by the storm that it can hardly be seen, but the channel itself has not been changed. Seventeen vessels were wrecked at Heron Point and twenty-two people lost from them. All the houses but four in Heron Bay were destroyed and at Alabama Port all were destroyed except two.

Paul J. Wilson, secretary of the Commercial Club of Mobile, to-day requested the Associated Press in Mobile to make a denial of the stories which had been sent broadcast throughout the country regarding the loss of life and injury in this city. Not a single life had been lost and the citizens of Mobile have the local situation in splendid shape. Offers of assistance have been received from the commercial clubs throughout the South, and while the residents of Mobile appreciate these at their full value there is no suffering in the city which calls for outside help. The general institution has overtaken the people south of Mobile and along the Gulf coast, and for these aid and supplies will be gratefully received.

VIGOROUS WORK
AT PRINCE RUPERT

PRESIDENT HAYS WELL
PLEASED WITH HARBOR

Says Construction Will Commence at
Both Ends of the Road
Simultaneously.

Vancouver, Oct. 2.—C. M. Hays and party of Grand Trunk Pacific officials arrived last night and left for the East this morning.

In an interview Mr. Hays stated that the Grand Trunk Pacific will immediately commence the construction of a hotel at Prince Rupert to cost in all between thirty and forty thousand dollars. One thousand acres of land is now being cleared for the townsite, and the mill at Seal harbor has been given an order for 160,000 ties for delivery in the spring.

Mr. Hays is exceedingly well satisfied with Prince Rupert harbor. When lighted and buoyed it will be safe and well sheltered.

Mr. Hays said that at a harbor, it is second to none on the Pacific coast. It has a splendid deep water right to the shore, while Digby Island is a natural breakwater.

The starting of construction on the coast is a matter upon which we will decide when we have the reports of the sixteen parties we now have in the field. We are putting in three or four thousand feet additional wharfage without delay, and men will work all winter clearing up the lands for terminal purposes. You may depend upon it that when we begin we will commence construction on both ends as well as in the middle.

"We had fine sunny weather all the time. I had been told that it rained every day at our proposed terminus, and so I was able to give the others of the party a little jolt about that. You may depend upon it that we will have to come to Vancouver some time."

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DISCOVERED GOLDMR. MACDONALD TELLS OF
FIND ON PEACE RIVER

Preparing Report on Land It Is Proposed
to Transfer to the Federal
Government.

Ottawa, Oct. 2.—J. A. Macdonnell, who was sent by the Dominion government to report upon 2,500,000 acres of land which it is proposed to transfer from the province of British Columbia to the federal government, is now here preparing his report. He says the land is good, is poorly timbered, is excellent for agricultural purposes.

In an interview regarding the report that he discovered gold in the Peace river, Mr. Macdonnell said he was perfectly satisfied that what he had found was good. Looking around he saw gold in paying quantities from banks of 1,500 feet from the river. The location of the shale is six miles within British Columbia territory. The geological department does not agree with Mr. Macdonnell. The latter sent the gold to be tested in Montreal and Toronto.

HUNTER KILLED.

Revolver Fell From His Pocket and Bul-
let Entered His Neck.

Everett, Oct. 1.—Steve Stanhove, while hunting miles from Silverton, was killed yesterday. The report received in this city is to the effect that he stooped over a spring to get a drink, and the revolver fell from his pocket and was discharged, the bullet taking effect in the neck, causing instant death. He was a resident of this city and leaves a wife and several children.

RETURNING HOME.

Canadian Manufacturers Have Arrived
at Winnipeg From the Coast.

Winnipeg, Oct. 2.—The Canadian manufacturers, who have been on a two weeks' trip through the West, arrived in the city at noon and leave this evening for Fort William.

A CHANGE IN THE
MUNICIPAL LAWDESIRED RESPECTING
LIQUOR LICENSES

Lengthy Report Submitted by a Special
Committee for the Council's
Consideration.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

In Kamloops on the 24th and 25th instant an important meeting of the Municipalities Union will be held which will consider legislative business of direct interest to every city, town or municipality of the province. Victoria may send a delegate to represent the views of the city council, but as yet no decision has been reached regarding the matter. The question was discussed at last evening's meeting of the council, but as nothing had been done except by the special committee which brought in a report making certain suggestions no action could be taken. His Worship Mayor O'Connell said that he might be asked to attend and he desired that the views of the council be clearly set before him.

Ald. Fell, who fathered the report, said that the trades licenses should be abolished or changed to better meet conditions. For two seasons the legislature had been attempting to do something along this line, and he thought that if the municipal union could be approached with a solid front and something achieved. He was of the opinion that the special committee should have some latitude in taking the matter before the municipalities union. They ought not to go back and forth between the council and union to confer on every point.

Ald. Yates could not consider it right that a deputation to the union should be given a free hand. They should go to represent the views of the council, which views should be formulated into some kind of shape beforehand.

After some further discussion along this point Ald. Fell explained that the special committee only intended to approach the union by letter, by placing the matter in the hands of the secretary it could be brought before the attention of the union. He had not thought of going and thought the aldermen misrepresented him. Why did you not say that before? said Ald. Yates, and someone murmured that 35 minutes had been lost. It was agreed to take the matter up at the next meeting of the council, and it is hoped that it is not too late for the council to do something. The report which the special committee brought and which Ald. Fell asked to have laid on the table for consideration is as follows:

Gentlemen—Your committee on licensing have given very great consideration to the state of the municipal law regarding the granting of liquor licenses, and after being advised by the law officers of the corporation and the provincial government by-law dealing with the question of licensing, and placing the conduct of licensing business in a form in which as the subject is afforded to the public seeking and holding licenses, and we think it right to call attention to the fact that by the by-law deals with the question.

Your committee obtained from various sources in the Dominion and from the subject of the report, and in showing how the subject is dealt with elsewhere. They also studied the Vancouver by-law, which, however, is issued under the authority of a special act, and makes provisions which are not permitted by the general act.

Your committee have been advised that although certain regulations governing the liquor trade may not be enforceable under the general act as penal provisions, yet it is open to the council to impose reasonable conditions and regulations upon the conduct of the trade, and that these conditions and regulations may be in the form of the conditions of the license, which license is in fact a contract entered into between the license holder and the corporation. Accordingly such reasonable conditions as your committee recommend should be imposed, will be found incorporated in by-law in the form of conditions for endorsement on the various kinds of licenses; and a provision makes any breach of these conditions the subject of special consideration and the board in dealing with cancellation, refusal or renewal.

In order to bring existing licenses into line with the new regulations, machinery is provided whereby existing license holders must, within a specified time, sign formal contracts to accept renewal subject to the conditions and stipulations intended to be imposed in future, and in default the section of the act which provides that application for renewal need not be formally applied for is suspended, and any license holder refusing to come in under the new conditions will have to make a special application for renewal.

Provision has been made for police supervision of licensed premises and for police report on application coming before the court.

Provision is also made obliging a license holder against whom any well grounded complaint is made, being brought before the court upon application to renew, and this is in addition to the statutory power authorizing the hearing of certain defined complaints at any time. The board will thus be enabled to exercise a more general control over the mode of the conduct of liquor businesses than heretofore.

With regard to limiting the number of licenses in the city for the sale of liquor your committee have been advised that the limitation authorized by sub-section B of section 205.

Your committee wish to point out that with the growth of the tourist business, there may, in the near future, be an increase in the number of hotels to provide accommodation and have considered whether the limitation as to the issue of new retail liquor licenses should not exclude the power to grant new hotel licenses. If this is not provided for the effect of the existing state of things is to place a premium upon existing retail license holders. Your committee recommend that legislation be sought in the next session giving the council a discretion to issue new hotel licenses.

hotel, saloon and shop licenses should be separate and distinctive licenses, and that a considerable loss of revenue has resulted to the city by not observing the intention of the legislature in this respect.

The by-law prepared gives effect to the legislative intention, and if the proposals are acceptable to the council and the by-law becomes law, these provisions can be enforced by the exercise of the power of refusing renewals in the event of breach of the conditions of the licenses, although prosecution for penalties may not be possible without alteration of the penal clauses of the act.

Your committee point out that the effect of enforcing the provision prohibiting the conduct of a saloon business under a hotel license will, unless new legislation is obtained dealing with the subject, oblige a hotel keeper desiring to keep a saloon to purchase an existing saloon license and to apply for a transfer, permission for which transfer is discretionary with the board. One desirable result will be the absorption of certain saloon licenses and their more desirable uses.

Provision will be found for the registration of bartenders, and for the registration of licensed houses by name. The interests of owners and mortgagees of licensed premises have received consideration.

All the necessary forms in connection with the machinery of the licensing act are provided, and the maximum penalty which may be inflicted for a breach of the regulations has been enlarged to \$200. In conclusion, your committee have framed the provisions of the by-law with a desire to give to the board of licensing commissioners a more complete control, without placing upon the conduct of the business any unnecessary restrictions, and with due regard to the interests of the corporation from the point of view of revenue.

WINNIPEG CLEARINGS.

Last Month's Returns Show Increase of
66 Per Cent. Compared With
September, 1905.

Winnipeg, Sept. 29.—Winnipeg bank clearings for the month of September this year show a total of \$42,587,446, an increase of 66 per cent. compared with the same month last year, when the total was \$25,723,389. In 1904 the total was \$20,415,666.

TREASURE FOUND
ON OLD HOMESTEADVASES AND CUPS FILLED
WITH COINS AND BILLS

Were Found in Most Unexpected Places
—Legal Fight Likely to Follow
the Discovery.

New York, Oct. 2.—A Hudson, N. Y., dispatch to the Herald says that pots of gold filled with coins dating back to the reign of George II. bearing the date of 1770 and bills tied in knots stuffed in vases and cups, were found yesterday in most unexpected places of the Robinson homestead at Hudson, where four weeks ago the neighbors found the body of Miss Frances Caroline Robinson.

Until the hidden money was found it was supposed that Miss Robinson left not more than \$6,000, but with the state specimens of by-laws and treasure estate is brought up to more than \$50,000. The finding of the hidden treasure will, it is thought, cause a contest of the will that Miss Robinson left. The next of kin will probably take the matter into his surrogate court on the ground that Miss Robinson was of an unsound mind, although she was always regarded as alert in business transactions. The will divides the estate into four parts: one to the American Seamen's Friend Society, one to the American Bible Society, the third part to the American Tract Society and the fourth portion to the Society of the Aged.

Already lawyers have been engaged by both sides for the will contest. Miss Robinson was an odd character sixty years old and a recluse known to everyone of prominence in the city. Her father was one of the old time ship captains whose boat was the number of trips that he made around the world. The curious fact that Capt. Robinson picked up in his cruises were the bones of the dead. The scene of the accident was visited yesterday afternoon by the judge and jury. The case will be continued to-day.

To-day the taking of evidence in this case was continued. Several expert machinists were called, including J. K. Rebeck and Mr. Ramsay. The former held that an exposed set screw such as was on the shaft which caught the plaintiff's sleeve was dangerous. They should be protected, and in England such protection was required.

Mr. Ramsay favored the protected set screw, but said that up to a few years all these were unprotected. The taking of evidence was not adjourned when court adjourned for lunch.

An Urgent Case.

An order was made by Judge Lammman for the arrest of a Chinaman, Chan Jing, on a capias proceeding this morning. The application was made by W. Moresby, acting for a Chinese firm, to whom it was alleged Chan Jing owed a considerable sum of money. Mr. Moresby asked the indulgence of the court in this instance as it was an urgent case, the man having bought a ticket to leave for China by the Empress due at any minute at this port. The order was made, and the Chinaman is now being sought by the authorities.

Civil Assizes.

The civil sittings in the Supreme court opened this morning with Mr. Justice Morrison presiding. The first case to be proceeded with was Stelly vs. Stelly. H. B. Robertson appeared for the plaintiff. The action is one taken for the purpose of establishing a claim by first mortgage where a second mortgage sets up a claim to the property.