

Local News.

Captain Thomas Riley has been appointed to take command of the government steamer Earl. This news is contained in a dispatch to the Times from Ottawa. The Earl is the steamer which acts as tender for the Dominion quarantine station. Some weeks ago Captain Gould resigned command. He had charge of the vessel for the last eight years, during which time he gave competent and faithful service. His successor is a well known British Columbian, having held the captaincy of the steamer Itouquis, among other craft.

On Thursday next the early summer time card on the E. & N. Railway will go into effect. This time card does not affect the morning trains, the only change being that of the Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday afternoon trains, which will leave here at 4 p.m. instead of 3 p.m., as at present, the evening train arriving in Victoria at 7.55 p.m. instead of 7 p.m.

It is probable that the city's share of the filling in of the James Bay flats around the new hotel foundations will be carried out independently of the C. P. R. company. The latter has offered to undertake the job in connection with its own filling in work at the rate of 60 cents a yard, but the several members of the council are not disposed to give more than 50 cents a yard. At this price, for the hauling of the necessary gravel, the cost of the work at the city will be \$90,000. The C. P. R. company has 25,000 yards of filling in to do, for which they are paying to Contractor Haggerty 60 cents a yard. Ald. Hanna is desirous now, in order that certain property in Spring Ridge be not cut up, that the city should be allowed to do the work, and he will advocate this method at the regular meeting of the council on Monday evening.

Another car built by the B. C. Electric Railway Company at New Westminster arrived from the Mainland today and will be placed on the Douglas street run immediately. There are still four of these to come, and as all are intended for the outer wharf and Beacon Hill runs, the service to and from these points should be much improved. As already mentioned in the Times, the new cars are only slightly smaller to some of those running on Port Street.

In washing woolsens and flannels, Lever's Dry Soap (a powder) will be found very satisfactory.

Representatives of the city council and of the Finlayson estate held a conference Thursday with reference to the extension of the sewer in Spring Ridge and also with regard to the building of permanent sidewalks past the latter's property. It had been proposed to build one walk on Government and the other on Douglas streets. To one of these the owners of the property have no objection, but as a result of the conference it is believed an amicable settlement can be arrived at.

A special committee of mothers interested in providing the immediate establishment of the children's ward at the Royal Jubilee hospital, and for which a further sum, in addition to that already secured, is necessary, has been formed with the object of taking donations from the women and mothers of Victoria. It has been thought that many a mother would give her mite towards this special object in the name of her children, or for their sake, or memory, when a large sum could not be afforded; and when it is realized that if every woman in Victoria would give fifty cents the difficulty would be overcome at once, surely all possible assistance of this kind is kindly tendered. The committee in charge of the subscription lists is as follows: Mrs. Locke Robertson, Broad street; Mrs. Lois Russell, Jubilee Nurseries, Douglas street; Mrs. Eickford, Fort street; Mrs. Henry Clay, Fort street; Mrs. Nell, Douglas street; Mrs. Vigor, Yates street. The lists were opened to-day.

W. J. Brandrith, secretary and H. Kipp, a prominent member of the B. C. Fruit Growers' Association, dropped into the Times office on Saturday afternoon and expressed their confidence in the ability of the fruit growers of the province to sweep everything before them in the approaching Dominion exhibition at New Westminster. "There will be a pretty big competition," Mr. Brandrith remarked, "the premiums to be offered being very attractive. While the contest is open to the world we expect the toughest competition from Washington and Oregon. But, mark you, we don't apprehend any trouble in beating the fruit growers of those states. We have done it on their own ground, and can do it again. Not only that, but we also won the championship of the world in London last year, a feat of which all British Columbians should be proud." A feature of the fruit exhibit will be the display of the product packed for commercial purposes, the best prizes being offered for this department.

On Sunday afternoon an accident occurred at the outer wharf, the victim of which, Master Lindsey, escaped with nothing more than a cold bath. After riding his bicycle around the edge of the dock he carelessly dismounted, and in doing so slipped and was precipitated into the icy waters of the straits. A splash attracted the attention of one of his companions, Master Cameron, who immediately threw a lifebelt to the struggling lad. With the aid of this the latter was able to reach a pile and supported himself until a tug came to his rescue. The bicycle, which had also slipped from the wharf, was secured after about an hour's fishing, being brought to the surface with a line and then taken into the boat. It is to be hoped that the boys in the habit of fishing from these wharves will take a lesson from the extremely dangerous, not to say unpleasant experience of Master Lindsey. There have been many complaints of the recklessness of youths frequenting the ocean docks, and unless this occurrence has the salutary effect desired, something more serious is likely to happen.

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ROBT. CUNNINGHAM DIED HERE TO-DAY. PROMINENT BUSINESS MAN OF THE SKEENA

Was Intimately Associated With Number of Enterprises in That Section of the Province.

This morning Robert Cunningham, of Port Essington, passed away at the Jubilee hospital after a lengthy illness. He had been an invalid all winter and came to Victoria about a month ago to receive medical treatment. An examination disclosed a serious affection of the lungs. In spite of the best of care he gradually became worse, expiring early today. Mr. Cunningham was the second son of the late George Cunningham, an extensive farmer of the north of Ireland. He was born in 1837 in the county of Tyrone, and after an elementary education entered Islington College, the Church of England Missionary Society's College at London. He pursued his studies there for three years, and in 1862, at the age of 25, he was sent to British Columbia by the society as a lay teacher.

Arriving in Victoria about the 21st of September he volunteered to assist Rt. Rev. Bishop Cridge, and also commenced to study the native language. At that time he was in charge of a small Hudson's Bay post, and Mr. Cunningham soon decided to take up his residence elsewhere. He went north to the Metlakahla mission, and became identified with that institution. After two years of arduous work in this field he abandoned the labors of a missionary and entered the service of the Hudson's Bay Company.

For five years he continued in the employ of this company, having charge of the posts at Nanai River and Port Simpson for two and three years respectively. In 1869 the company detailed Mr. Cunningham and Mr. Manson to explore a route from the Skeena river to Dease lake. They accomplished the undertaking satisfactorily and quickly, and were the first white men to traverse that part of the country. They camped at the mouth of Dease creek, and examining the maps they made the prediction that a hame came to the conclusion that it contained gold.

When he returned he disclosed his discovery to a number of miners, who, on his representations, determined to prospect it. Mr. Cunningham, accordingly gave them a sketch of the route to the lake, and the bearings of the compass by which they were enabled to reach the spot. His predictions proved to be correct, gold being found in good paying quantities. This was the first of the gold digging in Cassiar. About this time, in 1869, he resigned his position in the employ of the Hudson's Bay Company.

In the following spring Mr. Cunningham formed a partnership with Mr. Hankin, and began a forwarding and commission business, dealing in minerals and general supplies, and sending goods to Omineca. At the mouth of the Skeena river he built a store at Woodcock's Landing. The business prospered so well that in a short time Mr. Hankin went to Hazelton and opened a branch business. After he had been a year at Woodcock's Landing Mr. Cunningham abandoned his site there and pre-empted what is now the townsite of Port Essington. The firm of Cunningham & Hankin continued to do business at Port Essington and Hazelton for about six years, at the end of which the partnership was dissolved. Mr. Cunningham retained the Port Essington branch of the business and Mr. Hankin the Hazelton branch.

About this time Mr. Cunningham's attention was turned to the salmon fishing industry, on the Skeena river. In 1880 the Inverness cannery was established, and in the year following Mr. Cunningham organized and set on a permanent footing the business known as the Skeena River Packing Company. Later, in 1882, he started a canning firm which soon became the largest in the district. His brand of salmon, the diamond "C," became well known throughout America and Europe for its exceptional fine quality. In 1880 he became proprietor of a business at the forks of the Skeena.

About three years ago, when the B. C. Packers' Association took over most of the canning industries of the coast, Mr. Cunningham disposed of his interests to the amalgamation. Since then he devoted himself entirely to the development of his general store, hotel and mill at Port Essington, and operated the steamers Chieftain and Hazelton. The latter are river vessels, carrying freight principally between the ports of Essington and Hazelton. He leaves to mourn his loss one son, George Cunningham, by his first wife, and a widow and two children. The interment will take place at Metlakahla, the remains being sent north by the steamer Princess May on Monday evening.

FRUIT GROWERS Transacted Some Routine Business at Quarterly Meeting of Association Last Friday.

The president, J. R. Anderson, presided at the regular quarterly meeting of the British Columbia Fruit Growers' Association, which was held at the Victoria Hotel, on Friday. Among those present were: R. M. Palmer, T. A. Bryden, W. C. Grant, J. A. Grant, M. Baker, F. Soar, H. Kipp, Maxwell Smith and W. J. Brandrith, the secretary.

After the usual preliminaries a communication was read from the editor of the Canadian Horticulturist, requesting that that journal be made the official organ of the association. This request was granted.

The minister of agriculture at Ottawa acknowledged the receipt of proposed amendments to the Fruit Marks Act and resolutions passed at the last meeting. The following report was read from the executive committee:

Victoria, B. C., April 7th, 1905. To The Officers and Members of the B. C.

Fruit Growers' Association: We, your executive committee, beg to report that in pursuance of the plan laid down two years ago, meetings have been held in Chilliwack, January 31st; Mission City, February 1st; Matsqui, February 2nd; Central Park, March 15th; Langley, March 11th; Chilliwack, March 18th; and Nanaimo, April 8th, for the purpose of (1) strengthening local associations where such existed, and (2) endeavoring to get the fruit growers in the other districts to organize for the purpose of first maintaining uniformity in prices; and, to secure more uniform packing; and, to co-operate with growers all over the province in an endeavor to improve the standard of our fruit. These meetings were well attended and we believe have been of much good by bringing before the growers the benefits to be derived from a system of co-operation.

We have again secured a quantity of chemically pure sulphate of copper for the use of our members. Paper for wrapping fruit will also be supplied at cost as in the past.

Seeing that the Dominion exhibition is to be held in New Westminster this year, your committee would recommend that the exhibits to the Northwest and Manitoba be discontinued this season, and that the association do all in its power to make the Dominion exhibition a success.

Realizing, as we do, that no better advertisement of British Columbia can be had than a commercial display of fruit, your committee have offered a silver cup for the best commercial display.

The addition of \$250 to our annual appropriation from the provincial government places our association in a much better position than we have been in for the last three years.

W. J. BRANDRITH, Secy. This report was adopted. After some discussion on the expediency of adopting a score card, a matter it was decided to leave in the hands of the local branch, the meeting adjourned.

FROM THE RUSSIAN FIELD OF BATTLE

PARTY ARRIVED ON THE ATHENIAN MONDAY

Correspondent Who Was Shot in Leg Among Arrivals—Blockade Runners Also Passengers.

A party of veterans of the Manchurian war arrived on Monday on the C. P. R. steamer Athenian. They have been in the hospital at Shanghai, a number of them having been wounded, and they are going now to St. Petersburg. The party included Mr. Petrovsky, a Russian newspaper correspondent who was shot in the leg in a Japanese-Russian encounter during the earlier stages of the war. He was taken to Shanghai and after undergoing treatment in a hospital there is returning now to his home, accompanied by his wife and child.

Other Russians, members of the party aboard the Athenian, were C. A. Orenskiy, V. A. Ergoff, S. A. Kuznetsov, J. P. Prochoroff, Dr. A. Papoff, J. D. Chukmasoff, P. M. Sarichoff, and O. Kopinevsky. A few have their wives with them, and all took passage at Shanghai. They are the first important party from the Russian ranks that has passed through this way, the San Francisco route having been preferred by all who heretofore have taken passage via America. Few of this morning's arrivals could speak English, and a detailed story of their experiences could not be obtained.

They were not, however, the only ones of the Athenian's passengers upon whom the misfortunes of war have fallen. The risks which they ran of losing their lives were greater than those of a German captain whose name did not appear on the passenger list. This man was a blockade runner. He had lost his steamer in the ice and his crew had a difficult time in making land. He commanded a British vessel, which was crushed in the ice-packs when bound for Vladivostok with a full cargo of general supplies. He is being accompanied home by his chief engineer and four of the crew of that ill-fated expedition.

As told in another column, Capt. T. H. Schwane, another German arrival on the Athenian, has been more successful. He delivered two contraband cargoes without any special difficulties, and then sold his steamer to a Japanese. He is now going to Hamburg, where two vessels are building for the company he represented. These ships are intended for the Oriental trade, and Captain Schwane will take command of one. The captain is a veteran of the sea. He has been 25 years master, he being now 64 years of age.

Other arrivals on the Athenian included a lady from Kobe, who intends making a short stay with friends in this city. She does not wish her name mentioned. In Japan, she says, it was generally expected that Admiral Togo's fleet would soon engage the Baltic squadron, but of the war there was little heard. There was more to be learned in British Columbia, she said, of what is taking place in Manchuria than in Japan.

CLEANING MUKDEN. General Oku's Headquarters in the Field, April 7, via Fusan, April 8.—The Japanese are making every effort to prevent the appearance of disease during the coming warm weather. Thousands of soldiers and Chinese are engaged in cleaning Mukden and the vicinity. The Russians left the city in a very unhygienic condition, and this will result probably in much sickness during the summer, unless the sanitary measures of the Japanese are successful. Strict orders have been issued regarding the maintenance of the purity of the drinking water and other preventative measures will be taken.

EXPLOSIVES FOUND IN HOUSE OF WOMAN Arrested by Russian Police—Preparing for Demonstration.

New York, April 10.—A St. Petersburg dispatch to the Herald says: "One of the women recently arrested with a number of other persons on suspicion of being concerned in the revolutionary conspiracy inhabited a villa at Tsarskoe-Selo and there lived a luxurious life, keeping several carriages and horses. "A quantity of explosives were found in her house, among them was a bomb which, according to documents discovered by the police, was to be thrown at the Dowager Empress when she went to the hospital which she constantly visited. This bomb was to be thrown from a carriage. "A resident of Warsaw, who is visiting St. Petersburg, says serious preparations are being made in that city for a gigantic demonstration of a revolutionary character on May Day."

BURNED TO DEATH. Winnipeg, April 10.—A Winnipegger named Capt. Jones was burned to death at Humboldt station on Sunday morning by the destruction of a hotel. A restaurant owned by J. Cummings was also destroyed. Jones lost his life in endeavoring to save his effects. W. Fitzmaurice was seriously injured and burned while rescuing others from the burning building. Others were less seriously burned.

THOUSANDS ARE DEAD IN INDIA AS RESULT OF THE RECENT EARTHQUAKES

Only Five Hundred Persons Escaped in Town of Kangra—Many Imprisoned in the Ruins.

Calcutta, April 8.—Telegraph communication with Dharmasala has been restored. The latest accounts show that the earthquake was even more disastrous than at first believed. Of a total population of nearly 5,000 in the town of Kangra, it is believed that only 500 are left alive. Many of these have died.

Of the police only a deputy inspector and four sergeants are alive. Many people are still imprisoned in the ruins.

Not much damage was done at Karipur, Deragongpur, Nadan or Hantripur, but Suljanpur (sixty-six miles from Amritsar), and having a population of about 6,000 souls) is reported to be in ruins.

The shocks still continue. There is no news from Kulu valley, but, according to native rumors, a great amount of damage has been done.

Simla, April 8.—The vice-regal lodge here has been declared unsafe as a result of earthquakes. Lady Curzon, with her children and vice-regal staff, have moved into houses situated within lodge grounds. Lady Curzon's bedroom was considerably damaged. The shocks have ceased, and residents of Simla are reassured.

An investigation shows that damage to the vice-regal lodge is so extensive that repairs will take several months.

Missionaries Safe. Philadelphia, April 8.—A cablegram received in this city from India to-day by Rev. C. R. Watson, secretary of the United Presbyterian church, states that all of the 72 missionaries escaped the earthquake. The message, which is dated from Sialkot, India, April 8th, read as follows:

"Earthquake. All safe, Jubilee greets home church. Psalm lxx, 11. (Signed) D. R. Gordon."

NEW MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR

FRANK OLIVER SUCCEEDS HON. CLIFFORD SIFTON

Was Sworn In To-day, and Will at Once Appeal for Re-Election at Edmonton.

Ottawa, April 8.—Frank Oliver, M. P., Edmonton, was sworn in minister of the interior at noon to-day in place of Hon. Clifford Sifton, who resigned.

Mr. Oliver leaves at once for the West to stand for re-election. F. Oliver, the new minister, was born in Peel county, Ont., in 1853, and moved West at an early period in his career. He became a member of the Northwest Council in 1883, and was elected to the legislative assembly, which succeeded the council, with under powers, 1888-1896. He was elected to the House of Commons at the general election, 1896, as an independent candidate, and in 1900 and 1904, when he was the Liberal candidate. He publishes the Bulletin at Edmonton, where he resides.

STEEPLE CLIMBER HURT. Meriden, Conn., April 10.—John Moran, a steeple climber, of Springfield, Mass., was overcome by gas while cleaning a chimney at the residence of a wealthy citizen. He was found hanging from the top of the chimney. Two ribs were broken and a leg badly wrenched. He will recover.

CANADIAN NOTES. Miners on Strike—Many Settlers Coming to the West—Centre Toronto Candidate.

Halifax, N. S., April 8.—More than three hundred miners of the Acadia Coal Company at Westville, N. S., are on strike. The trouble is due to friction with the underground manager, who is alleged to be opposed to union miners.

Toronto, April 8.—Edmund Bristol, barrister, was last night unanimously nominated as Conservative candidate in Centre Toronto. It is improbable there will be any other candidate, the Liberals having decided not to contest the seat.

Halifax, April 8.—The Allan liner Bavarian arrived last night with about fifteen hundred passengers, a large majority of whom are settlers for the Canadian West. Nearly all are Britishers.

Not Dead. Quebec, April 8.—The report that Albert Marchand had been murdered at Boborval was erroneous. The reported dead man is in good health.

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FOUR HUNDRED KILLED OR INJURED BY THE COLLAPSE OF WATER RESERVOIR

Many Bodies Have Been Recovered—Troops Sent to the Scene of the Disaster.

Madrid, April 8.—Four hundred people were killed or injured to-day by the collapsing of a new water reservoir in course of construction.

Fifty bodies have been recovered. The prince of the Asturias, the war minister, the governor of Madrid and a representative of the King have gone to the scene to superintend the work of rescue.

Troops sent to the scene are engaged in helping the sufferers and recovering the bodies of the dead.

The catastrophe caused a profound sensation throughout the city. All work was suspended, and the people flocked to the scene.

King Alfonso was shooting at Carabanchel when he heard of the disaster, and immediately repaired to the scene. His arrival was the signal for ovations from the crowds. The King was deeply moved, and insisted upon personally supervising the relief measures.

THE KING'S TRIP. Reports That His Majesty May Pay a Visit to Morocco.

(Associated Press.) Marseilles, April 8.—It is expected that the British royal yacht Victoria and Albert with King Edward and Queen Alexandra on board will sail this afternoon, although a violent storm in the Mediterranean may delay her departure. The first stop of the yacht will be Port Mahon, Island of Minorca. Her ultimate destination has not been disclosed, but the fact that Port Mahon is on the direct route to Tangier, Morocco, gives rise to reports that King Edward may stop at that port. The officers of the yacht refuse all information regarding the destination of the Victoria and Albert.

King Edward, wearing the undress uniform of an admiral, mounted the deck of the yacht this morning and surveyed the horizon. The crowds of people lining the quays cheered the King when he appeared on deck.

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