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CHEMUNUS. The Volun-
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is loading lumber for Tientsin, China.
The tug Daisy left today for Ladner's
Landing.
Mr. T. D. Conway, accompanied by
his daughter Miss May Conway, re-
turned yesterday from Montreal.
Mr. Manual held service in the school-
house on Sunday, and has decided to
hold service on each successive Sunday
hereafter instead of every fortnight as
heretofore. He announced Mrs. Mc-
Diarmid's intention to organize a Sun-
day school next Sunday at 2 p.m.
Mrs. Thompson, of Nanaimo, returned
home on Monday after spending a few
days visiting her father, Mr. Kersley.
Since the opening of the fishing season
some astonishing catches of fish are re-
ported by expert anglers.
Edward Barrett, of Nanaimo, has
taken charge of the Victoria Lumber
Co.'s store here.
M. Howe and bride returned home on
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NEWS OF THE PROVINCE

**Successful Conservative Rally at
Vancouver—Terminal City Liber-
als Fail to Choose a Candidate.**

**Creamery for Chilliwack—McGill
Graduates' Society Formed—Ac-
cident at Nanaimo.**

(Special to the Colonist.)

VANCOUVER.

VANCOUVER, March 26.—There was a very large rally of Conservatives last night in the Market hall to discuss matters of importance to the association. It was decided by resolution to have no proxy voting at the nominating convention. Other matters were discussed in detail.

The Liberals met last night, but did not succeed in deciding upon a standard leader. Some further delay will doubtless occur until there is more unanimity of opinion as to the best man to endorse.

Forty passengers are booked, to date, for the outgoing Oriental steamer Empress of India, and sixteen for the outgoing Australian liner Warrimoo.

The smelter committee appointed by the council are working hard with a view to securing a smelter in Vancouver, on the best possible plans, and under the best possible conditions. They are sending out a circular letter to mine owners, smelter owners, etc., asking a number of questions relative to the working of smelters.

A number of graduates of McGill met here yesterday and formed themselves into a society, to be called "The British Columbia Graduate Society of McGill." The senior graduate of the province will be the honorary president of the society. Dr. Tunstall, Vancouver, was elected president and Dr. Hanington, Victoria, Arthur E. Hill, New Westminster, Walter Hunter, Nanaimo and the Rev. J. McVicar, Nelson, vice-presidents; Dr. McGuigan, secretary and Dr. Smith, treasurer. At the conclusion of the meeting Dr. McGuigan delivered an address which was much appreciated and enjoyed by those present, as in addition to his literary excellence the doctor's lecture was replete with useful information and statistics, as to the numbers, standing, personality, etc., of McGill graduates in the province. The following literary excellence were present: St. J. Tunstall, W. J. McVicar, M. R. G. G. G., M. D., H. C. Mason, J. H. Featherstone, B.A.S.C., Vancouver; G. W. Rogers, M.D., W. A. de W. Smith, M.D., E. Hill, B.A.S.C., New Westminster; J. C. Stewart, R.S., O'Brien, M.D., Nanaimo.

NANAIMO. The Gabriola Coal Co. has received the new diamond drill to be used in boring on Gabriola island, and expect to get it to work at once.

Charles Williams, one of the N.V.C. Co.'s teamsters, is in the city hospital with a broken leg, caused by being struck by a heavy log.

George Gartley, of Wentworth street, who is procuring prop-wood for the New Vancouver Coal Co.'s colliery, had the small bone of his forearm broken near the wrist yesterday evening, having missed his footing and fallen a distance of 15 feet to the rock below.

A Chinese vegetable vendor named Mah See, while fording Nanaimo river on Tuesday afternoon, was carried away by the current and drowned.

John Clever was yesterday sentenced to three months' hard labor for assaulting his 12-year-old daughter. The child has been handed over to the Sisters at Sapperton.

MATABELEES REVOLT. CAPE TOWN, March 26.—The Matabeles of Inzwa and Filabusai districts have revolted and massacred the white settlers, including Commissary Whiteley. Fugitive whites are flocking to Bulawayo and Gwelo for protection. A detachment of 75 volunteers with Maxim guns has been dispatched against the natives. The Matabele towns are rapidly preparing their defenses and enrolling volunteers. An additional force will be sent from Bulawayo to Inzeso and Gumbo. The Indians arrested at Selous arrived at Bulawayo at noon and reported that his farm had been raided and the cattle looted. He thinks that strong and prompt measures will quell the revolt.

Mr. Rutherford, the local agent of the DeBeers' mining company, who was charged with supplying arms to the Utiandlers insurgents of the Rand has been committed for trial, while Gardner Williams, the manager of the De Beers' mining company at Kimberley, charged with complicity with Rutherford, was remanded.

working the "Golden Gate," on Snow Shoe creek, while drifting got over seven ounces of gold to the set, or \$10 to \$12 to the cubic yard of dirt. One nugget is valued at \$11, and many others \$5 and \$4 each.

McTananan and Fawcett claim to have located the outlet of the old channel on which the Cariboo Hydraulic Mining Company has so successfully worked during the last season, at a point a few miles down the Quesselle river.

Some four months ago the Radford Brothers, of Victoria, together with Breckenridge and Parrott, located what is alleged to be very promising ground on the Four Mile creek, about two miles up from the Quesselle river.

Hunter and Willert recently came into town with a large variety of skins taken about the Keithley mountains, David Conroy, in the neighborhood of Pooley's creek, caught ninety-five marten and fifteen beaver, besides mink and other animals.

WESTMINSTER. WESTMINSTER, March 26.—The projected creamery at Chilliwack will receive the further attention of the farmers at a meeting to be held on Saturday. There is little doubt that a creamery will be established this summer at the Garden City.

REVELSTOCK. REVELSTOCK, March 25.—The ore shipments for the week ending 22nd inst. were: The Alamo 40 tons, value \$4,044; Omaha; Slovan Star 80 tons, value \$5,883 to Kansas City; the Alamo 80 tons, value \$3,576 to Omaha. Total 200 tons, value \$18,503.

VERNON. (From the News.) Work has been commenced on the elevator at the Armstrong flour mills, and Contractor Fletcher, who has charge of the job, is pushing it ahead.

Cattlemen are busy with the spring round-up and are branding the calves. The cattle on the ranges look in first-class condition and have seldom come through the winter in better shape than this year.

A scheme is on foot to establish a hospital at the new town of Greenwood in the Boundary Creek district. The plans have been prepared by Mr. C. W. H. Sansom, architect of that place, and show a commodious and neat structure.

R. Sparling has received a communication from Col. Baker, minister of education, in which the latter accepts the invitation to be present and deliver an address at the teachers' convention to be held here towards the end of May.

An attempt is being made to organize a lacrosse club, and a meeting for the purpose of organizing will be called about two weeks hence.

A big wash-out occurred about two miles south of Enderby, on the S. & O. railway on Saturday. Mr. F. Hassard, while walking in to town on the railway track, came across the scene of the flood and reported to the station agent here, who telegraphed the roadmaster at Siamon. The latter soon appeared on the spot with a gang of men and had the wash-out repaired for the evening train. Had not the information been promptly acted upon a serious accident might have been the result.

The Armstrong Shippers' Union is no longer an organization on paper. The union is now in working condition and will probably begin shipments in April. All of the ranchers in the valley do not belong to the union, but they will find out their mistake before fall, when they see their neighbors getting a third more for their produce than they. The organization consists of: President, H. A. Fraser; secretary, O. McPherson; treasurer, W. Daniels, and a board of directors. Any information asked for as regards the above organization will be gladly given by Mr. H. A. Fraser.

EGYPTIAN RESERVE FUND. LONDON, March 27.—In the house of commons today the under secretary of state for foreign affairs, Mr. George N. Curzon, replying to a question regarding the failure of France to endorse the use of the Egyptian reserve fund for the purpose of the Nile expedition, said the French government does not consider a vote of the majority of the Egyptian debt commission to be sufficient warrant for the use of that fund for the expenses of the expedition. Mr. Curzon remarked that the French bondholders had summoned the commission to appear before the tribunals on April 13th.

CAIRO, March 27.—The Egyptian debt commission paid the first installment of the reserve fund, amounting to £200,000 yesterday. Of the money required for the expenses of the British-Egyptian expedition up the Nile.

IMPORTANT ADVICES.

Reports From Winnipeg on the School Question Understood to Be Encouraging.

Rev. Father Paradis of Nipissing Vindicated—New Ports of Entry in B. C.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

WINNIPEG, March 26.—(Special.)—The preliminaries for the conference between the Dominion Commission on the Manitoba schools and the representatives of the provincial government were arranged to-day and the conference will begin to-morrow morning. Premier Greenway returned to the city to-day, but will not be present at the conference in an official capacity. Attorney-General Sifton and Provincial Secretary Cameron will be Manitoba's representatives, having been selected at a cabinet meeting held to-day. There will be no outside representatives. Hon. Mr. Cameron was in consultation with the Dominion commissioners for some hours this afternoon, but they were inaccessible to a large number of people who called.

Speaking on the school question Sir Donald A. Smith, one of the delegates, said there was no reason why he should be the delegate from Ottawa was extended. They had come to Manitoba for business pure and simple. There is no idea of coercion in their heads; they admit that they have a difficult problem to solve, but they have come to find a solution, for peace must be had. He entirely repudiated the idea of partitioning, and said he had come in the interests of the people of Canada, irrespective of any party. It mattered not to him whether the government was a Liberal or a Conservative one; all he wanted was peace and harmony among all classes and races and creeds. Any narrowing movement would be suicidal to the growth and development of this splendid prairie, and for that reason, if for no other, he hoped that a just and reasonable settlement would be arrived at. In regard to the prospects of an amicable adjustment of the existing differences, he having full confidence in the sound common sense of the Winnipeggers and the people of Manitoba, he arrived at a belief that they were bright indeed, and felt confident that a peaceful solution would be arrived at.

On a question being put as to the way in which the people of Manitoba would accept the seceding of their schools, he seemed to be in some perplexity as to an answer. Apparently he thought that such a course would not be at all well received, and that it was decided to invite the seceding of the schools, and he felt confident that a peaceful solution would be arrived at.

A meeting of a number of enthusiastic citizens representing various political shades, was held last night to discuss what action should be taken to show Manitoba's opinion of the Dominion government's course in regard to the remedial bill which was decided to compel those who were opposed to the coercion of the province to assemble in the market square at 8 o'clock on Friday evening where a procession will be formed, headed by a brass band, and proposed to publicly burn the remedial act.

OTTAWA, March 27.—Important dispatches are said to have been received by the government at Winnipeg to-day. Sir Charles Tupper, Bart., was asked by your correspondent to-night whether he was in a position to say what progress had been made in the school negotiations. The secretary of State replied that the position of affairs was such that no announcement could be made. From other reliable sources it was learned that the federal government had submitted a proposition to Manitoba to-day which that government has under consideration.

A confidential friend of the Premier said to-night that to-day's advices were most encouraging.

Mr. Wallace's amendment declaring it inexpedient to pass the remedial bill was rejected. The House got into committee on the bill but stuck on the first clause.

Nearly the whole of to-day's session was occupied in the discussion of the cattle exclusion bill which is now before the imperial parliament. Hon. Mr. Foster moved a respectful protest against it, which was carried; an amendment of Mr. Mulock condemning the government's action in this matter being rejected.

L. M. Fortier, chief of the immigration branch, has returned from Verner, Nipissing district, where he inquired into the allegations of mismanagement on the part of Father Paradis of the affairs of the colony of which he was a promoter. Mr. Fortier's report completely vindicates Father Paradis. The settlers say they thought they were asking for a blow was a heavy one and Frank fell to the ground senseless. He was removed to the general hospital and died to-day.

Five Years Penitentiary. WINNIPEG, March 25.—Judge Dubuc to-day sentenced Francis E. Taylor, of Portage la Prairie, to five years in the penitentiary. Taylor is the youth who was in the assault on Mrs. Thompson, the wife of a Portage Plains farmer, during the absence of her husband from home last week.

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PRESSING THE BILL.

The Remedial Bill to Go Into Committee at the Next Session.

British Columbia Members Wait On Hon. Mr. Costigan—Important Matters Taken Up.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, March 26.—Word went forth to-night that the House must get into committee on the remedial bill at to-morrow's sitting, even if it took until Saturday midnight to attain that end. Mr. Wallace's amendment has precedence.

The report being current to-night that the opposition had decided to allow the main estimates for 1896-97 to pass before this parliament terminates, Sir Richard Cartwright, when asked as to the truth of the story, said it was a vain delusion. Possibly a portion of the estimates might be permitted to pass, but that point was undecided.

The British Columbia members had a most important conference with Hon. Mr. Costigan, at which fishery matters were thrashed out. The subject was conceded at Nootka sound, Tofoin inlet, Alert bay, and Lowe inlet, but the weekly close time at these points is extended to six hours. Elsewhere, however, it remains at thirty-six hours. The use of trap nets will not be allowed. Offal matter is to remain as at present, that is the canners are to dispose of it. Two new hatcheries are to be established, one on the Skeena, the other on Hecate strait.

A new steamer is to be procured for the lighthouse service. Saskatchewan is to be allowed a senator, and Alberta another member of the House of Commons.

Correspondence regarding the Winnipeg negotiations was presented to the House to-day. It shows that Hon. Mr. Greenway frankly stated that he did not see what practical result would be attained by the proposed visit of the Dominion ministers to Winnipeg.

An artillery team will be sent to Shoeburyness this year. The Chignecto ship railway bill has been restored to the order paper by the vote of a majority of eleven.

Several public bills had their second reading to-night. Mr. McMillan's bill allowing the free importation of corn, whether for human food or otherwise, was ruled out by the Speaker, private members not being eligible to introduce such measures.

San Francisco, March 25.—The recent movements of miners from thither to the North has not been restricted to the gold-fields of Alaska. Considerable excitement has been caused in local mining circles by the significant activity of certain operators in reference to the Cariboo country, in British Columbia.

San Francisco, March 25.—Mrs. Davidson has been acquitted of the charge of extorting \$500 from the Rev. C. O. Brown, who was her only witness. Mr. Brown testified that he paid the money not under fear of exposure, but to obtain evidence against Mrs. Davidson. The Court then instructed the jury to acquit Mrs. Davidson.

Fatal Quarrel Between Brothers. TORONTO, March 25.—A fatal quarrel between two brothers occurred late last night on Bathurst street. Frank Findlay and his brother John were going home after drill with the Body Guard. They began to quarrel. Frank struck John in the face with his fist and the latter immediately took his scabbard and hit Frank on the head with it. The blow was a heavy one and Frank fell to the ground senseless. He was removed to the general hospital and died to-day.

FRISCO'S CLERICAL SCANDAL. SAN FRANCISCO, March 25.—Mrs. Davidson has been acquitted of the charge of extorting \$500 from the Rev. C. O. Brown, who was her only witness. Mr. Brown testified that he paid the money not under fear of exposure, but to obtain evidence against Mrs. Davidson. The Court then instructed the jury to acquit Mrs. Davidson.

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CANADIAN TROOPS FOR ENGLAND.

MONTREAL, March 27.—(Special.)—Lieut.-Col. Strathy, of the Fifth Royal Scots, has a big project on hand which will, if properly seconded, take the whole regiment to England, to participate in the Idleington movement, in July next. Such a patriotic scheme as is contemplated by Col. Strathy has been frequently suggested by the English press, and the Commander is pretty certain to have active and practical support in the novel idea, showing to Old England what can be produced in the way of soldiers in the first colony of the empire. The battalion will be about 300 strong and Colonel Strathy estimates that, with the cooperation of the steamship companies in the way of granting reduced rates, the trip over and back can be made for \$20,000. The Imperial Confederation movement is strong and is still growing, and the Colonel believes that both the British and Canadian governments would contribute to the realization of such a plan as his.

SERIOUS SITUATION.

The Boers Arming Against the British—China Makes Important Concessions to Russia.

French Minister Recalled From London—Turkey's Protest—Britain Buys Delagoa Bay.

LONDON, March 27.—A Pretoria dispatch to the Times, says: "The situation is serious. President Kruger has concluded a new offensive and defensive alliance with the Orange Free State, President Steyn of the Orange Free State and the Transvaal executive council strongly advises President not to go to England. The Transvaal wants its independence guaranteed by England in connection with the other powers. The Boers are arming in the Orange Free State and in Cape Colony. The large influx of Germans have been drafted into the police and artillery. The Free State and Afrikanderbund has offered to support the Boers."

An editorial in the Times commenting on the gravity of the foregoing facts, says: "These facts emanate from a trustworthy source. If they are true, it indicates a powerful coalition against England. The arming of the Boers can have but one aim, England, however, will do nothing by way of guaranteeing the Dominion of the Cold power the right to interfere with the South African republic."

The Berlin correspondent of the Standard learns from an excellent source in St. Petersburg that China has granted a concession to Russia to build a railway from Taitai in the Tsetsi-Baikal district of Siberia, through Manchuria to Port Arthur, the latter port, says the Standard's correspondent, being ceded to Russia in exchange for certain important concessions. The Czar, has therefore, consented to stop the building of the railway from Taitai to Tadivostock in order to proceed with the Manchuria line, which it is hoped will attract an immense trade from China."

The Chronicle prints under reserve a rumor that England has purchased Delagoa Bay with the whole strip of territory from Amatongas, on the south, to the Chartered Company's territory on the north, the Limpopo constituting the eastern boundary for 25,000,000 acres. The Chronicle also has an editorial on this subject which questions the truth of the rumor and suggests that it is a pilot balloon. It also notes that a similar rumor, though the Egyptian correspondent also has an editorial on this subject which questions the truth of the rumor and suggests that it is a pilot balloon. It also notes that a similar rumor, though the Egyptian correspondent also has an editorial on this subject which questions the truth of the rumor and suggests that it is a pilot balloon.

A Paris dispatch to the Chronicle says it is rumored that Baron de Courcel, French ambassador in London, has been recalled.

The question of the reported protest of the Turkish government against the British-Egyptian expedition up the Nile was contemplated in the House of Commons to-day. Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Mr. George N. Curzon, said that it was true that the Sultan had made inquiries as to the nature of the expedition to Dongola, but no protest had been made in behalf of the Turkish government. The necessary explanations, Mr. Curzon added, were given in the Turkish ambassador, Mr. Curzon also said it was true that Turkey had not been consulted previous to steps being taken to organize the Nile expedition, but that was because nothing was contemplated in the advance of the troops, which was beyond the power of the Khedive.

The Egyptian debt commissioners met at Cairo to-day and decided to advance the £500,000 necessary to meet the expenses of the British-Egyptian expedition. Of the sum needed, £200,000 are available immediately. The English, German, Italian and Austrian members of the commission voted to advance the money required. The Russian and French members voted against the proposition. A dispatch from Cairo says that the French and Russian members of the Egyptian debt commission left the meeting to-day after protesting against the use of the reserve fund for the purpose of the British expedition up the Nile. Directly the action of the majority of the Egyptian debt commissioners became known the representatives of the Paris syndicate of Egyptian bondholders took steps to institute proceedings before the Egyptian mixed tribunal against the debt commissioners and the ministers responsible for the reserve funds.

WINNIPEG CONFERENCE

Opening of the Proceedings—A Conclusion May Be Reached in a Few Sessions.

Proceedings Strictly Private—All Offers and Suggestions to Be Made in Writing.

WINNIPEG, March 27.—(Special.)—The conference of the Dominion and Manitoba commissioners to effect a settlement, if possible, of the Manitoba schools dispute, opened at the Hotel Manitoba here this morning. The commissioners were in session from 10.30 until the noon hour, when an adjournment was made till five o'clock. On re-assembling at that hour, the commissioners remained in session but ten minutes and then adjourned till to-morrow.

At ten o'clock no reporters or even secretaries were admitted to the conference room, which was guarded by a private from the cavalry school. It is understood that a proposal was submitted by the Dominion commissioners to Manitoba at the morning session, and immediately upon adjournment a meeting of the Manitoba ministers was held. Owing to Premier Greenway's absence a reply was not given, hence the brief session in the afternoon. Being interviewed after the cabinet meeting, Attorney-General Sifton said: "The meeting was a very pleasant one, but as to what was done I am not in a position to say. Some progress was made, but the real business of the conference will probably be entered into at a later session."

After breakfast this morning Sir Donald A. Smith and Hon. Messrs. Desjardins and Dickey, together with Mr. Chipman, went into the private parlor in which the conference takes place, and which adjoins Sir Donald Smith's apartments. Shortly after a reporter's card was sent up and the reply retrieved after the delegates would see the newspaper man for a few minutes.

"We are very busy," said Sir Donald, as he shook hands, "and any way have practically nothing to say at present. As yet we have made no arrangements for a stenographer to take notes of the meetings. We are to hold them in this room, but nothing in the way of selecting a stenographer or making parliamentary arrangements has been done."

"Can you, Sir Donald," asked the reporter, "remember any case in Canadian history that can be compared with the present conference?"

"Well," said the knight, "I can think of no parallel just now. It is a most important conference and will work an epoch in Canadian history." "We have come here," said Sir Donald, "to exhaust all means in our power in behalf of the Dominion government to effect a satisfactory settlement, not in the interests of any political party, but for the welfare of the country as a whole; and I believe, as I have before stated, that what I term the legitimate way of settling this question is by the government of Manitoba and by this legislature."

Sir Donald put extraordinary feeling in his words, which showed how earnestly he meant what he said.

"That is right," said Hon. Mr. Desjardins, as Sir Donald resumed his seat. "Have you any idea how long the conference will last?" was asked Sir Donald.

"Well, you see," was the answer, "we are so very comfortable in this hotel that we are apt to prolong the enjoyment as long as possible. That is really all I can say of the matter."

Many opinions in reference to the conference have been given. Some held that the short morning session had settled the matter, while others were of the opinion that the meetings will be continued for a week. The majority seemed to think the matter will be settled in a few sessions. It is unlikely that anything of an official nature will be given by the commissioners before they report to the government at Ottawa.

It is said concerning the conference that should it be decided not to employ a stenographer, all conversation is to be considered as nil and as having no bearing on the matter. The only way in which the opinion of each side is to be represented is by a written document. No verbal offers or suggestions will be binding or even considered as ever having been made. Black and white will tell the tale.

Mr. J. S. Ewart, Q.C., was closeted with the Dominion commissioners in close consultation during the afternoon. As the absence of Premier Greenway from the conference is causing some comment, Attorney-General Sifton gave the press a statement this morning as follows: Regarding the appointment of the Manitoba government representatives, the decision was arrived at last week, when a cabinet council meeting was held, previous to the departure for home of Premier Greenway. The Premier is not in the best of health, and did not wish to act as a commissioner, for fear that his health would not permit of his being present at every session. Mr. Greenway will not be in the city until perhaps Saturday, as he did not care to take the rough drive across country to make connections.

Regarding a paragraph published from an Ottawa correspondent to the effect that the Premier had promised to take the initiative in the matter, the Dominion government intends to press the remedial bill to a third reading, is the latest invention of the Liberals, Hon. Messrs. Sifton and Wallace said there is a mistake in the mind of the correspondent as to the source of this rumor. The statement given was made by Hon. Mr. Oulmet, the ministers said, with the understanding that, in case the Manitoba government did not carry out any promises they might make, giving relief to the minority, the Catholics would always have the bill to fall back on.