

THE INSURANCE INVESTIGATION

COMMITTEE WILL SIT AGAIN TUESDAY

Six Hundred Thousand Dollar Smelter and Refinery For Cobalt—Gold Shipments by C. P. R. Liners.

Toronto, May 5.—Scarcely a department in the wide range of activity of a modern life insurance company had not been probed with greater or less results when counsel for the Dominion insurance commission practically completed its investigation into the affairs of the Manufacturers' Life Insurance Company yesterday afternoon. It is understood the examination of the career of that company has been exhausted, and the business of the Canada Life will come before the commission when it resumes on Tuesday next. J. F. Junkin, general manager of the Manufacturers' Life, admitted yesterday the practice of making investments in securities on behalf of the company without the formal authorization of the directors. Mr. Junkin was opposed to any effort being made to take away from policyholders the right to vote and suggested that some effort be made to induce policyholders to take more personal interest in the direction of the company in which they were interested.

Smelter For Cobalt.
Toronto, May 5.—Cobalt district is to have a great ore smelter and refinery. It will cost about \$600,000, and the Ontario government has agreed to give the projected work a free site.

Amending Libel Law.
Toronto, May 5.—Mr. McKay's bill to amend the act respecting actions of libel and slander passed the legal committee of the legislature yesterday, and was sent on to the House. Section eight of the old act is repealed, and a clause substituted whereby accounts of meetings of organized public bodies shall be privileged, unless it be proved that such reports are malicious. It protects newspapers against actions for libel for the publication of government bulletins or reports. The act is widened so as to take in the monthly publications, and "public meetings" shall be interpreted under the Ontario instead of the English act.

Empresses to Carry Gold.
Montreal, May 5.—The Royal Bank of Canada has completed arrangements for the transportation of British gold direct to Canada, and the new C. P. R. royal mail steamship Empress of Britain, which sails from Liverpool on her maiden trip to-day, will carry in her special room the first consignment amounting to one million dollars in bullion. Heretofore such imports have been made through New York, owing to superior speed, up to the present time, of the ships running to that port. The advent of the C. P. R. Empress steamships, however, no longer makes that necessary, and the management of the line is gratified that this advance in the Canadian steamship service has been so quickly recognized.

Gunpowder in Mail.
St. John, N. B., May 5.—Harry Mahon, aged 19, a scene shifter in the opera house, was injured yesterday by an explosion of gunpowder in a small box which he received through the mails from some unknown source. The police are investigating.

On Strike.
Hamilton, May 5.—Several hundred carpenters and joiners quit work because the masters would not sign an agreement covering the season. They were given an increase in wages of 5 cents an hour a short time ago.

Snow in Manitoba.
Winnipeg, May 5.—There was a slight snowfall throughout the province to-day. The weather has turned colder after an exceptionally fine spell during April.

J. J. Hill's Visit.
Winnipeg, May 5.—James J. Hill will attend a luncheon by the Canadian club when he enters Winnipeg on Wednesday next.

Will Quit Work.
Winnipeg, May 5.—Winnipeg painters will go out on a strike for higher wages on Monday.

Jumped Overboard.
Quebec, May 4.—The Allan steamer Virgilian arrived this evening with 1,500, mostly English and Scotch immigrants, bound to settle in the Canadian Northwest. A man named Gough, a second cabin passenger, about 27 years of age, committed suicide on Sunday in mid-ocean by jumping overboard.

Killed By Car.
Ottawa, May 4.—Charles Emmons, a tinsmith about 40 years of age, was run over to-night by an electric car in Bank street, near Cooper, and killed.

ICEBERGS IN ATLANTIC.
British Steamer Founders After Collision—All Members of the Crew Saved.

London, May 4.—The British steamer Anglo Peruvian, Capt. Curtis, from Shields, April 11th, for Philadelphia, rounded recently in the Atlantic as the result of a collision with an iceberg.

All the members of her crew were picked up by the British steamer Mohawk, Captain White, from New York, April 26th for Antwerp, which passed Pavle Point this morning and signalled the news.

Recent arrivals at British ports have reported icebergs, dangerous to navigation, in the track followed by Atlantic liners.

China has an estimated capacity for supplying the world from her coal fields of 2,000 years.

WILL RETURN TO WORK.

Scale Committee Favor Resumption of Operations in the Anthracite Coal Fields.

Scranton, Pa., May 5.—There will be no strike of the anthracite miners. That is now a settled conclusion, for such is the advice of President Mitchell and Secretary Treasurer Wilson and others of the leaders who to-day addressed the convention of the miners before the report of the scale committee was presented. The addresses fully forecasted the report which the committee would make. The suspension order will be raised, and the miners will go back to work upon the terms of the award of the anthracite strike committee of 1903, which the operators were willing to have continued, and will later seek to obtain through the conciliation board of arbitration the bettering of the conditions which they complain are working hardships on them.

Decision of Men.
Scranton, Pa., May 5.—There will be no strike of the miners in the anthracite coal fields providing the operators will agree to give every man his old place and reinstate those who have been dismissed because they obeyed suspension orders.

This was the agreement reached at today's session of the convention. The delegates remained in Scranton until the scale committee reported the result of its meeting with the operators, which will probably be held in New York on Monday, if the operators agree to meet the miners' representatives.

The decision not to strike was reached after Mr. Mitchell and Secretary-Treasurer Wilson had addressed the delegates recommending that the 1903 award be continued.

A resolution to this effect was ordered and unanimously adopted, after which the convention took a recess.

RELIEF WORK CONTINUES WITHOUT A HITCH

San Francisco Dispatch Says There is no Real Distress in the City.

San Francisco, May 5.—That every facility will be afforded the builders of new San Francisco by the manufacturing interests of the East is apparent by the promise of representatives of steel companies. Officials of the Santa Fe, Pacific Mail and the American Hawaiian steamship companies have stated that no scarcity of structural steel will delay the rebuilding of the city.

Structural steel is to be furnished San Francisco for the next three years as fast as it is needed, faster than it can be riveted together in the frames of the buildings that are already being planned. More than that, the promise is given that credits on past business will be extended, and payments on new orders may be deferred to the longest limit to which individual builders can legitimately be entitled. Money will not be wanting to back up the building operations now to be energetically taken up.

A large amount of money is already being forwarded here by the insurance companies of the United States and Europe to meet the immense losses they will have to pay. Many of the companies have, it is said, decided to reimburse the clients with spot cash at their offices or with drafts as good as coin here, and thus avoid the delay that would ensue if bills of exchange were issued on eastern or foreign money centers.

In every section of the city relief work is going on without a hitch and nowhere, so far as could be learned, was there any real distress. Some anxiety is still felt over purity of the water supply. City Chemist Gibbs said yesterday that samples of water taken from the taps at various points about the city were found to be so full of bacteria that sewer pollution was indicated. A laboratory was established at the state university for the analysis of the supply.

In connection with the recent boycott movement in China, it is interesting to note that the China, sailing for the Orient to-day, is taking a shipment of 1,000 tons of rice. This is the first flour shipment of any note to be sent from here to the Orient for months.

INCREASE REFUSED.
Failure of Attempt to End Strike of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers.

Chicago, May 4.—Hope of an early settlement of the bridge and structural iron workers' strike came to an end yesterday after a joint meeting. It was decided under no consideration would an increase in wages be granted.

WOMEN WHO SUFFER SHOULD READ THIS

SHE WAS CURED OF FEMALE TROUBLES BY DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS.

They Made a New Woman of Her and She Blesses the Day She First Heard of Them.

Newmarket, Ont., May 4.—(Special)—The case reported below of instances of Dodd's Kidney Pills coming to the rescue of weak, suffering women. Mrs. M. Doner, of this place, says:

"For more than three years I suffered from weak and female troubles brought on through my kidneys failing to act properly. I was bothered with a pain in the small of my back, headaches, dizzy spells, heart flutterings, depression, loss of sleep, poor appetite and a terrible dragging sensation as if a weight was fastened round my loins. I tried doctors and took all kinds of medicines, but nothing seemed to do me any good. Then a neighbor told me of Dodd's Kidney Pills and advised me to try them. I did so, and after six boxes I am entirely cured."

BOULEVARDING STREETS OF CITY

REPORT ON SUBJECT MADE BY COMMITTEE

Question Gone Into at Length by Members of Development and Tourist Association.

At a recent meeting of the committee of the Victoria Development and Tourist Association, having in hand civic affairs, a report was received from the sub-committee dealing with boulevarding. The report went fully into the question and was as follows:

To the Civic Affairs Committee Victoria Development and Tourist Association: Gentlemen—Your sub-committee appointed to go into the question of boulevarding, and maintenance of boulevards, beg leave to report and recommend as follows:

We find that the present system is unsatisfactory for reasons which are self-evident. Boulevards constructed by individual effort rarely extend for any considerable distance, the indifference of one or two on a street nullifying the work of their more public spirited neighbors. Even after a continuous boulevard has been laid down, planted with trees, and seeded, one man, by neglecting to water or mow his particular section, can mar the effect of the whole scheme. The present plan whereby each property owner is compelled to pay for the water he uses in caring for city property is not only, in our opinion, an unfair penalization of the citizen who takes an interest in beautifying the city, but furnishes an excuse for those who wish to escape from this public duty.

In our opinion, no plan which stops short of municipal oversight can be satisfactory or can accomplish the ends this association has in view.

A system which seems to meet our requirements exists in Winnipeg, but we have not had time to communicate with the authorities there and hence can give but a rough outline of the plan. The roadways and sidewalks at that city are constructed by the city engineer; the boulevards by the park board. Sixteen foot boulevards are constructed, planted and seeded at a cost of fourteen cents a square yard. The cost of mowing and watering is charged up to the property owner, pro rata, but this cost is infinitesimal, being only about \$2.00 per year for a fifty-foot lot. On the other hand, the boulevard is always green, always mown, and greatly enhances the beauty of the street.

We believe that the residents should not be charged with the water used, as it is more a work for the general benefit of the city than the operation of water curbs, the cost of which, we understand, is borne out of general revenue.

We have had a conference with the legal advisers of the city and find that there is some question as to the powers of the city to make such a plan. The present Municipal Act provides that the council may levy a special rate (where the owners of land found such clean sport as a street, or a portion of it) to "grade, macadamize, pave, fence, drain, construct sidewalks, or extend water mains," or "call upon the council to light, water or sweep any such street."

We gathered that were the council so disposed the present law might, under a liberal interpretation, be fairly construed to confer the powers we wish to see exercised, and that if a resolution were put before the council we could at least obtain a legal opinion as to the extent of their powers. If it is held that they do not exist, it would be in order for us to petition the legislature to amend the House enabling the city to do the work, while if they already possess such powers we can take immediate action.

The Winnipeg plan of carrying on the work under the supervision of a park board whose term of office and policy would be continuous, would insure the work being carried out on a general plan instead of in a spasmodic manner as is the case at present. This, of course, could be accomplished only by securing legislation at the next session of the House.

All of which is respectfully submitted.
J. NELSON, Chairman.
R. J. FELL.
A. E. ALLAN.

WILL TOUR COAST.
Amur Chartered to Carry Party of New York Mining Men North.

A large party of prominent mining men of New York will pass through Vancouver about the end of July en route to the north, where they will visit all of the big mining centers, says the Vancouver Province.

News of the proposed trip of the capitalists was received in the city yesterday in a message received by the officials of the C. P. R. passenger department. S. W. Eccles, vice-president of the American Smelting & Refining Company, of New York, who has charge of the arrangements, in informing the officials of the railway company of the proposed tour, says that there will be 15 or 20 persons in the party, including some of the Guggenheim family.

The party has chartered the C. P. R. steamer Amur for a special trip north. She will leave here in July and will take the party to Skagway and will then return, the party returning from the interior. The party will go to White Horse and will embark on a special steamer for the trip down the river to Dawson. A few days will be spent in the Yukon metropolis and returning the capitalists will stop at Atlin.

FIGHT WITH STRIKERS.
Four Italians Shot and One May Die.

Passaic, N. J., May 5.—In a battle between riotous Italian strikers and the police to-day the strikers were shot and a number of the policemen injured. One of the men shot may die. Thirty men made prisoners by the police.

IMPRESSIVE INDUCTION.

Rev. H. St. J. Payne Formally Instituted Rector of St. Paul's Church.

St. Paul's church, Esquimaux, was the scene of a most impressive service last night when Rev. H. St. J. Payne, lately of St. James' church, was formally instituted into spiritual and temporal charge of the parish recently vacated by Rev. C. Ensor Sharp.

The Lord Bishop of Columbia, conducted the service, being assisted by Archdeacon Scriven, Canon Beaulieu and Revs. J. H. S. Sweet and W. Baugh Allen.

The ceremonies opened with the reading of the special lesson by Canon Beaulieu, after which the bishop explained the nature of the service.

It consisted, firstly, of the institution of the rector into spiritual charge of the parish by the bishop, which was followed by induction into the temporalities at the hands of the archdeacon. The old forms of the Anglican service were used as have been the case from time immemorial. The keys of the church were delivered by the church wardens to the incoming rector and the bell was rung as an outward sign of his taking temporal possession.

The bishop closed the service with an address, asking the people to support in every way the new clergyman, and also laying upon his head the duty of constant prayer for the welfare of the congregation.

BUSINESS SITTINGS OF SYNOD FINISHED

Presbyterians Favor Establishment of a Provincial University—Other Interesting Features of Session.

The Presbyterian synod at its sitting in Vancouver on Friday took up the question of dividing the synod as mentioned in Saturday's Times. Overtures were presented from the Presbyteries of Edmonton, Red Deer, Calgary, Kootenay and Victoria, advocating the division of the Synod on provincial lines. All the commissioners to the general assembly which meets in London on June 1st, were appointed to support the overture on the floor of assembly.

Four other Presbyteries overruled the synod to take steps looking to preliminary theological training of candidates for the ministry, in the synod. This idea was supplemented by the visit of the deputation, consisting of Judge Henderson, G. H. Cowan, Dr. Pearson and C. G. Macpherson, for the support and influence of the synod for the establishment of a provincial university. All the members of the deputation addressed the court, and the suggestions received manifest support from the synod. A strong committee was appointed to consider the question and report at a subsequent sederunt.

Mr. Wade pointed out that 16 years ago a charter had been secured for this purpose, and the ideas of denominational educationists had for a long time been in that direction. Why should the city of Vancouver make a mistake in following that example. He urged the wisdom of having the government set aside land for this purpose before it rose in value from the influx of settlers.

Dr. Pearson pointed to the example of Manitoba, which was maintaining its own university and he did not see why the same thing could not be done here. He urged that if a resolution were put before the council we could at least obtain a legal opinion as to the extent of their powers. If it is held that they do not exist, it would be in order for us to petition the legislature to amend the House enabling the city to do the work, while if they already possess such powers we can take immediate action.

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COWICHAN TENNIS COURTS.

Model Grounds Have Been Laid Out For This Flourishing Institution.

H. Callow, of this city, has returned from Cowichan, where he has been engaged for some time past in preparing grounds for the Cowichan Tennis Club. He has completed the work, having prepared the location for six courts.

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moral tone; while others sink in spiritual dignity and weight. The duty of parents forcing on the attention of their children the claims of Christ for Christian life and service remain to a large extent untouched. Only one session reports that one young man is looking towards the ministry; but intimation that two more boys have stated this intention has come to the notice of the convenor.

The materialism and haste to get rich are maintained as the causes for moral and spiritual decay. What is to be done? Scriptures must be read and family prayers renewed. This ancient method, like Goliath's sword; "there is none other like this." Rectal of faith and conscience and a deeper sense of the baptismal vow are regarded as the need of to-day. The home is being assailed by many forces that tend to disintegration. There is an undertone of alarm in these reports. Parents are urged to appreciate their vows at the baptism of their children. Everything in church and state is lost if the home is successfully assailed, as past history asserts.

Mr. Miller concluded a most interesting and eloquent report by pleading for a healthy home life, the very heart of the healthy church and country.

In a stimulating and entertaining speech Mr. Scott told of his experience of new settlers comparing the old with the new American with their "prairie schooners" on which was printed "Edmonton or Bust," returning afterwards with the huge word "Busted" on their banners. This is the destructive feature of the new immigration in Alberta to the American element. Splendid types are now coming in with spiritual energy, whose presence is a real strength to the church, putting to shame many that come from Presbyterian Scotland.

One Scotch settler informed the missionary that he was compelled to go to church on Sunday, now he did not mean to go; but come in, he said, and have a drink of something.

Dr. Fraser told his experience in Maine, where the home was pure and true and saw the result in the home and social life. In Minnesota and California the homes were of another sort and the type of character was for the worse. The influx of settlers into America of Canadians and Old Country men who left their religion at home had an evil effect, as is deplored in many cases to-day. The home and the Sabbath are the true stronghold and these are, where the supreme emphasis is to be laid.

The report on Young Peoples' Societies was presented by Rev. J. S. Henderson. A hopeful note rang through the statement of the convenor; it is easy to get societies for athletics and amusements; why not for literary and religious objects?

There is a gain of five societies for the year between 40 and 50 with 1,245 members; 478 male, and 560 female. A large number of young men interested in religious life. The increase is equally divided between young men and women, 119 as against 121. The finances are satisfactory—\$2,000 for the year.

Faithfulness in teaching Chinese and Sunday school work is reported.

Recommended as follows: That new societies be formed, that ministers and sessions organize work among boys; that an annual discussion of Young Peoples' work take place in Presbyteries.

Mr. Henderson spoke in regard to athletic sports and stated that no other such such clean sport as in the West. The need of supplying something for the boys to do was pressed earnestly on the synod. The wealth that lies in our boys was eloquently depicted.

Dr. Robertson, of Chilliwack, stated that problem was not that of the boys attending church, but those outside. The spirit of Him who loved the young men, was the motive and main-spring of our action.

On Saturday the Sabbath Observance Bill at present before the House of Commons at Ottawa, was discussed, and it was decided to send the following telegram to R. G. Macpherson, M. P.:

"The Presbyterian Synod of British Columbia and Alberta, in session in Vancouver, desires to express respect fully to the government at Ottawa its hearty approval of the Lord's Day Observance Bill, and its conviction that the passing of this legislation will be a helpful measure to all the provinces of the Dominion."

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