mmencement.
Commencing at a post planted on the side of Clam River, about four chains m shore, three miles from mouth of ver, thence S. 160 chains, thence W. 40 ains, thence N. 160 chains, thence E. 40 ains to point of commencement.
0. Commencing at a post planted about miles up Clam River, four chains from ore of River on E. side, thence W. 80 ains, thence S. 80 chains, thence E. 80 ains, thence N. 80 chains to point of mmencement.
Each of the above containing 640 acres ore or less.
F. B. JONES,
Locator.
Dated Victoria, B. C., March 18th, 1907.

Thirty days after date, I intend applyg to the Chief Commissioner of Lands nd Works for special license to cut and rry away timber from the following deribed land, situated in Highland Disict: Commencing at corner post S. W. ¼ ection 56, running E. 110 chains, thence 40 chains, thence W. 30 chains, thence 40 chains, thence W. 40 chains, thence 40 chains, thence W. 40 chains, thence 40 chains to point of commencement.
W. A. LORIMER.
March 18th, 1907.

Take notice that, 30 days after date, I ntend to apply to the Hon. Chief Comissioner of Lands and Works for a spe-al license to cut and carry away tinber from the following lands situated in arkley District:
No. 8.—Commencing at the S. E. corner f Ernest J. Conner's No. 7 claim, thence orth 160 chains, thence east 40 chains, hence south 160 chains, thence west 40 hains to the point of commencemant.
No. 9.—Commencing at the S. E. corner f No. 8, thence north 160 chains, thence ast 40 chains, thence south 160 chains, hence west 40 chains to the point of commencement.
ERNEST J. CONNER.
New Alberni, Feb. 26th.

NOTICE.

Pursuant to the by-laws of said Company, notice is hereby given that the anual General Meeting of the Victoria Lumber and Manufacturing Company, Limited, will be held at their office, No. 44½ Government street, in the City of Victoria, on Monday, the 1st day of April, 907, at 2 p. m., for the purpose of eleciing Directors, and transacting any other usiness that may be brought before the aid meeting.
E. J. PALMER,
Local Secretary.
February 26th, 1907.

Thirty days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands, Bear River Valley, Portland Canal:
No. 1.—Commencing at a post marked W. P.'s N. W. corner and planted about 20 chains east of Bitter Creek bridge, thence south 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence west 80 chains to point of commencement.
No. 2.—Commencing at a post marked W. P.'s N. W. corner and planted about 20 chains east of American Creek at a point 80 chains north of junction of Bear River and American Creek, thence south 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence west 80 chains to point of commencement.
No. 3.—Commencing at the N. W. corner of No. 2, thence east 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence south 80 chains to point of commencement.
No. 4.—Commencing at a post marked W. P.'s S. E. corner and planted on the west bank of Bear River about half way between Bitter Creek and Glacier Creek and opposite 6-mile camp, thence west 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence south 80 chains to point of commencement.
No. 5.—Commencing at the S. E. corner of No. 4, thence west 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence north 80 chains to point of commencement.
No. 6.—Commencing at a post marked W. P.'s N. E. corner and planted about 20 chains west of the junction of Granite Creek and Bear River, thence west 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence north 80 chains to point of commencement.
Dated Jan. 11th, 1907.
WM. PIGOTT,
Per D. J. Rainey, Agent.

Take notice that, 30 days after date, I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and carry away timber from the following lands situated in Barkley District: Commencing at a post planted 20 chains west and 20 chains north of N. E. corner of Timber Lease No. 19, thence east 60 chains, thence south 60 chains, thence east 40 chains, thence south 40 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence west 20 chains, thence north 20 chains to point of commencement.
A. WATSON.
New Alberni, Feb. 26.

Notice is hereby given that, 30 days after date, I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and carry timber from the following land in Barkley District: Commencing at the northwest corner of the Ucluelet Mercantile Co.'s timber claim No. 2, Copper Island, thence south 80 chains, thence west 40 chains, thence south to shore, thence northwesterly along shore to a point due west of starting point, thence east to point of commencement.
WILLIAM J. SUTTON.
Victoria, Feb. 15th, 1907.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that, 60 days after date, I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described lands for pastoral purposes: Commencing at a post marked T. B. N. W. cor., situate at the corner of the Indian Reserve in the North Harbor of Forward Inlet, Township 39, Rupert District, thence south 80 chains, thence east 80 chains to the shore, following the shore northwest to point of commencement, being 320 acres more or less.
Dated this 22nd day of February, 1907.
(Signed) THOMAS BOWMAN.

Notice is hereby given that, thirty days after date, I intend to apply to the Honorable the Chief Comissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands in the Clayoquot District:
No. 1.—Commencing at a post planted about 40 chains from the northeast corner of the Suton Lumber and Trading Co. timber limits in Cyprus Bay, thence east 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence south to point of commencement, containing 640 acres more or less.
MICHAEL J. HAUGEN.
4th March, 1907.
No. 2.—Commencing at the southeast corner of No. 1 claim, thence east 40 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence east 40 chains, thence north 40 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence south 120 chains to point of commencement, containing 640 acres more or less.
MICHAEL J. HAUGEN.
4th March, 1907.

Notice is hereby given that, 30 days after date, I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and carry away timber from the following land in Barkley District: Commencing at a post on the shore of Sproat Bay, Copper Island, thence west about 110 chains to the corner of W. J. Sutton's timber claim, thence south to shore, thence northeasterly along shore to the point of commencement.
WILLIAM J. SUTTON.
Located March 9th, 1907.

Notice is hereby given that, 30 days after date, I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and carry away timber from the following land in Barkley District: Commencing at a post on the west shore of Copper Island, opposite Davies Island, thence east 80 chains, thence south 60 chains, thence east to shore, thence northwesterly along shore to the point of commencement.
WILLIAM J. SUTTON.
Located March 11th, 1907.

$1.00 Per year, strictly in advance, to any address in Canada, United States or Great Britain.

To all Other Countries, (postage prepaid) payable invariably in advance, per year $2.00

The Victoria Times.

TWICE-A-WEEK EDITION.

VICTORIA, B. C. FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 1907. No. 41.

FATHER SHOT TWO CHILDREN

AND ATTEMPTED TO END HIS OWN LIFE

Saskatchewan Legislature Prorogued --More Immigrants--Winnipeg Inland Revenue Returns.

Montreal, April 3.—William Simpson, a young farmer of Hudson Heights, was brought to Notre Dame hospital to-day suffering from self-inflicted wounds, and if he recovers he will have to face the serious charge of having murdered his two young children by shooting them. The tragedy occurred yesterday forenoon about 10 o'clock at the home of Simpson, about three miles outside of the village of Hudson Heights. Simpson shot his two-months-old child, and then turned the gun on another, two years old, both of them girls. Mrs. Simpson was present at the time of the tragedy, but beyond threatening her and pointing the revolver at her, he did her no injury. She ran at once to the home of Simpson's father, nearby, for assistance, and when he reached the scene of the tragedy he found Simpson had turned the pistol on himself. The cause of the tragedy is shrouded in mystery, as Simpson had never shown signs of insanity.

Immigrants.

St. John, N. B., April 3.—The Canadian Pacific steamship Montezuma, from Antwerp, landed 2,200 third-class passengers this afternoon.

Ice Field.

Fort William, Ont., April 3.—Ernest Cross, who resides at Silver Islet, arrived in over the ice to-day, and says that the ice field extends to Isle Royale, a distance of forty miles. There is open water eastward of Silver Islet, two miles distant.

J. M. Kitchen Dead.

Brantford, Ont., April 3.—J. M. Kitchen, largely interested in provincial industries, died this morning.

Desire New Province.

Fort Frances, April 3.—Residents of New Ontario are vigorously at work agitating for the formation of a new province, to include all the vast stretch of territory from Algoma to the Manitoba boundary. A committee has been appointed to prepare for having a plebiscite taken on the question.

Seeding Operations.

Portage la Prairie, April 3.—A Portage plains farmer who was in the city to-day stated that seeding operations had commenced at the farm of John Galbraith, a few miles from here. An indication of the increasing value of Portage plains farm lands was afforded to-day, when two quarter sections changed hands at $7,000 and $8,000, respectively.

Inland Revenue Returns.

Winnipeg, April 3.—The inland revenue returns for March show a good increase over those of March, 1906. In 1906 the amount collected in March was $90,755.48, while this year $106,229.04 was collected, making an increase of $15,443.56.

Legislature Prorogued.

Regina, April 3.—The legislature was formally prorogued by Lieutenant-Governor Forget this afternoon, when his honor gave the royal assent to 49 bills.

Gas Franchise.

Regina, April 3.—The Springer & Eaton Company, Limited, has been granted the exclusive gas franchise for a period of fifteen years. The project received considerable opposition, and it was only decided in favor of the company by deciding vote of Mayor Smith. The rates are $1.40 and $1.50 a thousand.

After Papers.

Windsor, Ont., April 3.—It is estimated that 2,000 subscribers of Detroit newspapers crossed the ferry on Sunday for papers from this city, Walkerville and Sandwich, the authorities having served notice that Sunday papers would not be allowed across the line until Monday. The movement is so pronounced that the Hon. Dr. Reaume left for Toronto to-day to persuade the government to grant some relief for the situation in the border towns at least.

Veteran Dead.

Winnipeg, April 3.—P. H. Bradt, a Fort Garry pioneer, died yesterday, aged 93. He had been a resident of this city since 1878 and had a remarkable career. He was one of the few survivers of those who took active part in the stirring events of 1837, having served with the government against W. Lyon Mackenzie. He also wore the medal for the Fenian raid services. The old man's memory was remarkably good and up to the time of his death he delighted to relate his experiences along the Niagara frontier in 1837. He was on sentry duty on the night the ill-fated steamer Caroline was sent over the Falls, and saw that lamentable occurrence, being probably the last eye witness of the tragedy.

Favor Union.

Toronto, April 3.—The most important matter before the annual meeting of the Ontario Educational Association was the proposal to form a union of teachers of the province with the object of raising salaries and improving conditions. Four hundred teachers who were present approved of the scheme.

Found in Ice.

Belleville, Ont., April 3.—The body of J. Berry, alias A. Ameron, a boxer of some note, who disappeared last November, has been found in the ice in the harbor here. The body was identified by the money order found in the pocket made out in favor of his mother, Mrs. Berry, of Lindsay.

THE CRIMINAL CODE.

Hon. A. B. Aylesworth Introduces Amendment in Dominion House.

Ottawa, April 4.—When the House met to-day Hon. A. B. Aylesworth introduced a bill to amend the criminal code so that anyone could be tried for an offence committed in unorganized territory wherever the defendant was found, or at any convenient point. The necessity for the amendment arose over a murder committed on board ship on the Arctic ocean among British Islands. When the ship reached civilization there were difficulties in the way of bringing the case to trial.

RECEIPTS FOR THE HALF YEAR

TIMBER AND LANDS GAVE GREAT RETURNS

Curiosity Increased as to Where Surplus Has Gone Within Past Few Months.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

Yesterday afternoon the minister of finance presented the return, showing the receipts and expenditures of the province for the six months ending December 31st, 1906. It shows that there was a total of $1,775,580 received by the province from various sources, and that the expenditure for the same period was $1,178,798, which would leave a very good surplus. But it is explained in the return that there has also been paid in London the sum of $229,812 for the half yearly interest on sinking fund. But even with this deducted it will be seen that there was at the close of the last calendar year a very fair surplus.

In view of these circumstances the statement that the surplus which the government had at the end of the fiscal year, June, 1906, has been dissipated for the most part as the government organ, the News-Advertiser says, arouses still greater curiosity as to what the extraordinary expenditures which have swallowed all this surplus up have been. It is evident that the dissipation—of the finances of course—has been since the opening of the present calendar year.

A return showing the receipts and expenditures since the opening of the year 1907 to the present time would therefore be very much desired by members of the legislature.

The receipts from timber royalties and licenses during the last half of the year, 1906, show an enormous increase over anything in the history of the province at any former time. It was $525,884, or considerably more than the total returns under the same head for the whole year previous. In connection with the land sales, the receipts were $374,499, or more than double the amount which was derived from that source during the whole year previous.

From the natural resources for the province therefore the government has been deriving immense sums of money. During this six months referred to there was expended on roads and bridges $381,815, and on works and buildings $132,818.

ROBSON AND ATELL.

English Featherweight Champion Outpointed American in Contest in Philadelphia.

New York, April 4.—A dispatch from Philadelphia says Spike Robson, the English featherweight champion, clearly and distinctly outpointed Abe Atell, the American champion, in their six-round bouts which was declared a draw by the referee at the National Athletic Club last night. Robson showed his superiority in nearly every round, and was the aggressor most of the time.

GOVERNOR'S SON CAPTURED.

Held a Prisoner By Rebellious Tribesmen in Morocco.

Tangier, April 4.—A son of General Delbel, governor of the Spanish fortress of Alhucmas, on the coast, was recently beaten and captured by tribesmen at Devasso, Morocco, but some soldiers in the service of the rebellious leader came up during the disturbance and made everybody prisoners. The Spanish general in command at Melilla is making representations to Roghi, the chief, for the release of the prisoners, but so far without success.

TWENTY LIVES LOST IN 'FRISCO FIRE

Italian Hotel Destroyed---Many of the Victims Were Burned to Death in Their Beds---Twenty Others Seriously Injured.

San Francisco, April 4.—Amid horrifying scenes and sounds that appalled even the firemen, fifteen Italian men, women and children were burned to death early this morning. Twenty Italians were badly burned or injured by jumping, and William Cole, a fireman, was fatally injured in a fire that destroyed the Geneva lodging house.

Over a hundred people were in the fire trap structure when the flames got headway, probably from the kitchen.

Before half the inmates were aroused their escape was probably cut off and their screams rose loud above the roar of the fire.

Physicians improvised a hospital on a nearby lot, whence the victims were hurried to the various hospitals.

One woman rushed back to the house for a bank book and never reappeared. Another woman called vainly to the ashes to restore her child. The parents of a boy aged four and a little girl were shrieking around the smouldering pile long after the blaze was under control.

B. Pirpo, proprietor, re-entered the structure to rescue his wife but was finally driven out, choked and blinded. Mrs. Pirpo was killed.

Another lodging house with forty-five inmates adjoining, was also burned, but all escaped.

Twenty Reported Killed.

(Associated Press.)

San Francisco, April 4.—Twenty men were burned to death and twenty others injured in a fire which destroyed an Italian hotel at Seventeenth and Connecticut streets last night.

The injured were of the laboring class and were asleep in their rooms when the fire started. Before they could be aroused the flames had spread through the building.

The walls fell and the inmates were buried in the ruins.

Twenty were taken out dead and dying.

People from other hotels in the vicinity rushed to the assistance of the buried victims and succeeded in rescuing all of them from the flames.

Ambulances were hurriedly harnessed and automobiles were brought into service and the victims were hurried to the emergency hospital, where several died.

Women Among Victims.

San Francisco, Cal., April 4.—The fire that destroyed the Geneva hotel is believed to have started in the kitchen and had gained great headway before it was discovered.

There were 100 lodgers in the buildings, which burned like tinder, and most of those that lost their lives were caught asleep and roasted to death.

So rapidly did the fire spread that it was impossible to do much in the way of rescue, and even when the fire department arrived the blaze was burning fiercely, and the firemen were hardly able to place ladders against the walls. They did, however, managed to save a number of people in the very top story.

In the work of rescue W. A. Cole, a fireman, was thrown from a ladder, and it is feared fatally injured.

The majority of the injured were hurt in leaping from the upper windows.

A number of women are reported to have been in the building, and all of them are believed to have perished.

The exact number of dead cannot yet be ascertained, but the proprietor of the house is quoted as stating that it is not more than twelve.

One of the women who met her death is Mrs. Pirpo, wire of the proprietor.

An adjoining lodging house was also destroyed.

There were forty-five men sleeping in this place, but all of them are believed to have escaped.

The property loss is $40,000.

MINISTERS LEAVE OTTAWA TO-DAY

TO ATTEND THE COLONIAL CONFERENCE

Members Say Good-Bye to Premier and Two Colleagues--The Prorogation.

Ottawa, April 4.—A government caucus was held this morning before the meeting of the House. It was purely a family gathering to say good-bye to the Premier and his two colleagues, who leave this afternoon for the colonial conference in London.

The leadership in the House will devolve upon Hon. W. S. Fielding, and the senior privy councillor, Sir Richard Cartwright, will be acting premier. This is an understanding.

Sir Wilfrid announced that no contentious legislation would be pressed, and that the session would likely be brought to a close about the 20th of the month. On the 22nd parliament will have been in session five months. Among the bills to be held over will be the Dominion Lands Act. Hon. W. Templeman's proprietary medicine bill will not be pressed should it meet with much opposition. Indeed, all legislation which is not absolutely necessary will be held over until next session, and it is expected that by the end of the month, at the very latest, prorogation will be reached.

An Adjournment.

The House rose this afternoon until 4 o'clock to permit members seeing Sir Wilfrid Laurier off. He leaves by special train at 3.50.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

The Annual Convention Is in Progress at Nelson.

The annual convention of the Teachers' Institute of British Columbia opened in the Armory at Nelson on Tuesday. President J. S. Gordon, of Vernon, presided and delivered the annual address.

After routine business, J. D. Buchanan, of Vancouver, gave an address on "Geography," and an animated debate followed.

A. E. Miller, of Revelstoke, spoke in the afternoon on the grading of city schools.

In the evening a formal reception was tendered the visiting delegates by the teachers of Nelson. The session will last until to-night, the High school sessions being held apart in another building. The convention will close on Thursday evening, when the visitors will be invited to attend a grand ball given in the Armory by the Ladies' Hospital Aid.

BEHRING TUNNEL SCHEME REJECTED

AMERICANS PROPOSED TO BUILD RAILWAY

Ultimate Object Was to Connect the Trans-Siberian Road With Canadian Pacific.

St. Petersburg, April 4.—The cabinet yesterday rejected a proposal made on behalf of an American syndicate for the construction of a railroad tunnel under Behring Straits, by which it was hoped ultimately to connect the Trans-Siberian with the Canadian Pacific railroad.

The scheme for a tunnel under Behring Straits and an all-mail route between America and Europe has been under consideration for some time and the matter has been pressed in Russia by Baron Delobel, who represented the American syndicate. A year ago dispatches from St. Petersburg said the Russian government was disposed to consider the plan favorably.

JOIN AMERICAN ROADS.

Number of Railway Officials Are Leaving Canada.

Toronto, April 3.—The flower of Canada's railway officials are gradually transferring their services to American roads. F. H. McGuigan, fourth vice-president of the Grand Trunk railway, is now with J. J. Hill's railway at a salary of $40,000. G. R. McLeod, division engineer of the Grand Trunk railway, and S. Ennis, assistant superintendent of the same road at Ottawa, go with Mr. McGuigan to the Great Northern.

William Cotter, general manager of the Pere Marquette, and formerly superintendent at Montreal and Detroit on the Grand Trunk railway, and C. S. Thomas, superintendent of the southern division at St. Thomas, will also go to the Great Northern.

The latest declared desertion from the Grand Trunk ranks is F. G. Brewer, superintendent of terminals at Toronto, who also has been induced to go over to the Great Northern.

BORING FOR GAS.

Lethbridge, Alb., April 3.—An event in which Lethbridge exhibits the deepest interest came to a head this afternoon when the big drilling plant on the site near the R. N. W. M. P. barracks began the work of boring for natural gas. The boring is taking place at a point about a hundred feet from where gas was flowing fifteen years ago.

EARTHQUAKES IN TURKISH ARMENIA

DETAILS OF HAVOC WROUGHT AT BITLIS

Eight Persons Killed By Falling Walls --Over Three Hundred Houses Damaged.

Constantinople, April 4.—The following dispatch was received here to-day from Rev. R. M. Cole, head of the American mission at Bitlis:

Bitlis, Turkish Armenia, April 3.—At 10 o'clock in the afternoon of March 29th there burst upon us, unannounced, the worst earthquake witnessed in 40 years in these regions.

Such was its force that our city seemed to be in the claws of some monster who would shake us into shreds, as a mastiff does his game. Down came the plastering, the furniture was over-turned, cracks were opened in strong walls, roofs were shattered and rain poured in.

During the first day there were 14 shocks, and they still continue.

There have been altogether 28 shocks.

Of the 4,000 houses here, over 300 have been seriously damaged, about fifty dollars to five hundred dollars being needed to repair them.

The officials report that eight persons were killed by falling walls, but they are all unknown in Bitlis.

Many persons were wounded, and many churches and government buildings were damaged.

The surrounding villages sustained heavy shocks, but it was in the daytime and there was no great loss of life.

The foreigners at Bitlis are the Russian consul, Charlotte and Mary Ely, R. M. Cole, Mrs. and Miss Cole.

Famine prices prevail, and there is great poverty and extreme suffering.

RANCH SOLD.

Will Be Sub-Divided and Disposed of to Farmers.

Taber, Alt., April 3.—The C. Y. ranch, two and a half miles north of Taber, has been sold for over a quarter of a million dollars to parties whose identity has not yet been divulged. The property consists of 38,000 acres, and brought about $7 an acre. As high as 40,000 head of cattle have been on the ranch at one time. It is understood the property will be sold in sections or half sections to farmers.

TO PREVENT OVER-CROWDING.

Imperial Government Determined That Strap-Hanging Nuisance Must Cease.

London, April 4.—The Liberal government has started a campaign against the overcrowding of street and railroad cars. The subject was brought to the government's notice during a recent session of the House of Commons by complaints of its followers who utilize the underground and suburban railroads to reach their residences in distant suburbs. It will be introduced at the re-assembling of parliament, giving the board of trade and the railway commissioners power to order the companies to run more frequent or longer trains and impose penalties to prevent overcrowding. The president of the board of trade declares that the strap-hanging nuisance and danger must go.

THE VACANT GOVERNORSHIP.

Ottawa, April 4.—In the House yesterday Hon. F. Oliver stated that a governor for the Yukon would be appointed on the opening of navigation.

MERCHANTS AWAIT BOARD'S DECISION

REGARDING COMPLAINT AGAINST THE C. P. R.

Railway Commission Will Shortly Give Judgment on Question of Alleged Discrimination.

Ottawa, April 4.—Joseph Martin has received a telegram from the Vancouver Board of Trade asking him to inquire when judgment will be given by the railway commission on the application against the Canadian Pacific to prevent discrimination in favor of Winnipeg against Vancouver. Mr. Martin had already asked for this information, and was informed that the board had not yet been able to make up its mind, but was expected to very shortly.

The board of trade telegram also asked that the railway commission should be notified that their order made on August 11th last ordering the discontinuance of the five cents differential rates to British Columbia over Puget Sound points had been ignored by the railway companies, who claimed that order was not effective until the order of the railway commission embodying the changes was issued, and that this has not yet been done.

Mr. Martin brought the matter up yesterday, and was informed by the chairman that the order of the board had, in his opinion, been defective in not specifying the time when it would become effective. It had been the opinion of the commission that a short supplement tariff should be issued by the railway companies making the prescribed change. The railway companies had convinced the board that this was not possible, and asked for further delay in the matter in order that they might have more time to make a number of other contemplated changes in the tariff, but it was first necessary to hold a meeting of railway reprsentatives in Chicago. This meeting had taken place and Mr. Killam said that the new tariff, he understood, was now in print, and would be issued at once.

Mr. Martin then said that the board of trade understood that order was effective on its date, August, 1906, and the wholesale men in Vancouver had endeavored to obtain rebates from the companies. These rebates, however, had been definitely refused by the companies who took the stand that the charge would not be effective until the new tariff was promulgated.

Mr. Martin pointed out that railways were thus making a considerable amount of money out of British Columbia wholesale merchants by reason of delays which the railway had obtained from the board for their own convenience in other matters. Mr. Martin claimed that it would be very simple for the railways to be ordered by the board to make necessary rebates.

Mr. Killam stated that there were some difficulties in regard to this. He said that unless the matter could be arranged amicably by representatives, the commission would be prepared to fix a date to hear the railway companies and board of trade in connection with the matter.

NO TRUTH IN REPORT.

Ottawa, April 4.—While Yukon affairs were under discussion in the House yesterday Hon. W. Templeman stated in a reply to a question put by Dr. Sproule, that W. W. B. McInnes was never offered the position of Deputy Minister of Mines, nor did he ever apply for the position. The statement, which was first made by an Ottawa correspondent, was absolutely untrue.

Spain possesses the richest silver mines in Europe. For many years she has produced annually about 120,000 pounds of silver. But the oldest silver mines belong to Germany, and are the Erze Gebirge, between Saxony and Bohemia.

DISTRICTS FORM TOURIST CLUB

RURAL ASSOCIATION HAS BEEN STARTED

Residents of Colwood and Metchosen Will Seek to Advance Interests of Community.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

To the districts of Colwood and Metchosin belongs the honor of inaugurating the first rural tourist and development association in the West, if not on the continent. When the Victoria association was organized it was with the belief that a chain of these associations would be formed throughout Vancouver Island, but this expectation was not fulfilled. In Nanaimo one existed for a short time, but it finally lapsed, and since that time the Victoria organization has carried on the work single-handed.

In the districts of Metchosin and Colwood, however, a lusty young club has been launched which promises to accomplish splendid work for the communities mentioned. The final organization was completed last evening at a meeting at the Colwood school house, when by-laws and constitution were adopted, committees struck and the preliminary work in connection with the association completed.

The Colwood-Metchosin Development Association starts under favorable auspices and with ample scope for its activities. Infrequent mail delivery, absence of telephones and telegraphic communication, the large holdings of absentee landlords, which are held at prohibitive prices—all these are matters which will at once engage the attention of the club. In addition, it will seek to divert investment to the district, by placing in the hands of the visitors from the plains, and from other sections the attractiveness of that particular locality for fruit farming, and industrial investment. Hitherto the residents have felt that for various causes their neighborhood has not received the attention which its fertility and beauty merits, and they will endeavor to overcome this. Views of the beauty spots, orchards, valleys, drives, etc., of the district will be obtained and literature circulated which will be auxiliary to that of the Victoria association with which it will work in close harmony.

At the meeting last night President Heatherbell was in the chair, Miss Smart acting as secretary, and Messrs. Rolston, Field, Weir, Hart and others in attendance. Some of those mentioned came a distance of ten and twelve miles to assist in prfecting the organization—a fact in itself which indicates the interest which has been created. Vice-President A. W. McCurdy, and John Nelson of the local tourist board were present by invitation in order that the new executive might have the benefit of the experience of the Victoria board. The by-laws and constitution were adopted, and the next meeting will be held in Metchosin, while it is hoped to hold the May meeting in Colwood, and to have an entertainment of an attractive character, in which Victoria talent will assist.

In the course of an inspiring address last evening, Mr. McCurdy alluded to that asset in the West, which adds a new item to the long list of advantages which are enjoyed on the Pacific slope of the continent. Victorians particularly, are usually rather apologetic about the drinking water of the district, because it lacks the "nip" which makes the water of the East so palatable. Yet the absence of this very quality in the water of the West, it appears, constitutes a veritable elixir of life. Scientists have demonstrated that the hard water of the East, with its lime, which make it so palatable, is a fruitful source of rheumatism, a fact borne out by the numerous cases of acute rheumatism in families, which boast of their "fine well of hard water." In the West, on the contrary the natural rainfall, aerated by passing over rocks, etc., is employed, and being soft is free from the constituents which characterize the water of the East, and which constitute at once its danger and its charm.

Mr. McCurdy also dwelt on the great future for the districts in question, pointing out that expansion on a large scale could take place only in the direction in which they lie.

SUSPECTED OF MURDER.

Man in Custody in Vancouver Is Believed to Be Wanted By Virginia Police.

Vancouver, April 4.—F. C. Gould, who yesterday pleaded guilty in the Vancouver police court to six charges of forging cheques, is believed to be a murderer wanted in Norfolk, Virginia. Marks and his description tally exactly with the description sent out by the Pinkertons, and there appears to be no doubt but that Gould is the man wanted. He is accused of killing his roommate in February, 1906. A reward of $400 was offered for his arrest. He admits having lived in Virginia, but denies the charge of the crime.

Cms. 1 2 3 4 5
Ins. 1 2
THE BRITISH LIBRARY