MYSTERIOUS CASE OF POISONING

WIFE OF MOOSEJAW MERCHANT IS DEAD

Mixture Alleged to Be Medicine Was Sent to Woman's Home.

Moose Jaw, April 6.—Mrs. A. J. Kent, wife of a prominent city merchant, died suddenly on Saturday evening. To-day sensational circumstances developed which render a coroner's inquest necessary. The deceased woman visited friends that evening, where she expired suddenly after appearing in the best of health.

It now appears that during Saturday afternoon a parcel containing medicine was left at the Kent home. About six o'clock Mrs. Kent was called on the 'phone by a party who mentioned having sent the medicine over. After eating supper she took a considerable quantity of the alleged medicine, which has since turned out to be gopher poison. It did not commence to act until later in the evening, when the unfortunate woman was at the friend's home, where, after violent spasms, she succumbed. The party who called over the 'phone was a woman speaking from the C. P. R. pay station. Efforts are being made to discover the identity of the woman and the boy who left the parcel at the Kent home.

Deceased was well known and highly respected in church and social circles.

EARLY RISER DISTURBS NOVELIST'S DREAMS

Gertrude Atherton Dislikes the Noise Made by Alfred Pulitzer.

San Francisco, Cal., April 6.—MacBethian Daggers are in the air to-day in and about the tavern that crowns the top of Mount Tamalpais, because Gertrude Atherton, the novelist, who is spending her days in peaceful inspiring solitude dislikes the noise made by Alfred Pulitzer, brother of the owners of the New York World, who disturbs the novelist's train of thought.

Mrs. Atherton's custom of burning the midnight oil is so steady that she makes the heart of Rockefeller glad. Pulitzer cares nothing for the midnight oil and retires early to rest.

The conflict that arises is caused by the fact that Mrs. Atherton sleeps late mornings while Pulitzer arises early, takes a noisy plunge in the tavern bathroom, strides through the halls to the breakfast table and in various ways disturbs the early morning dreams of the authoress.

Mrs. Atherton's appeal that Pulitzer postpones his early rising has fallen on deaf ears, and those who have followed the controversy fear that the literary man will see his name in print in the near future in an article from the pen of the authoress.

TEACHER REFUSES TO RESIGN POSITION

Left Without School, She Hires Hall and Conducts Classes.

Bakersfield, Cal., April 6.—Resisting half the population of the town, which demands her retirement from the position of teacher at the Johannesburg school, Miss Katherine F. Coughlin today is entrenched in her position more strongly than ever through the action of the other half of the township coming to her rescue with a petition asking the Kern county supervisors to retain her in office. Despite the desire of her opponents, Miss Coughlin declined to be "fired." Recently she found the schoolhouse doors and windows closed against her by the school trustees, who nailed heavy boards across the entrances. Nothing daunted, the teacher hired a hall nearby and with the enthusiastic support of several scores of pupils still remains the official school teacher of the town.

WILL PRESS GRAFT CHARGES AT STOCKTON

Prosecution at Work on Case Against Members of City Police Force.

Stockton, Cal., April 6.—Although three of the counts against Councilman W. T. Shepard, accused of accepting presents in office, were dismissed by Judge Mutter yesterday, the prosecution in the alleged graft cases has not despaired of enlightening evidence about some of the other city officers, indicted for misconduct. Yesterday's proceedings marked the first test case in the graft scandal.

The district attorney's office to-day went to work with a vim to prepare the other cases against the chief of police, captain of police and two patrolmen, all of whom are accused of receiving gifts and neglecting their duty.

—In the county court Tuesday before Judge Lampman the case of Burrowes vs. Leroy was heard. The sum represented in the action was about $50. The case was dismissed. This afternoon Judge Lampman is hearing Thorpe & Co. vs. Windsor Grocery company.

MINERS LEAVE INTERNATIONAL

PRESIDENT SHERMAN ANNOUNCES DECISION

Action Due to Interference of Parent Body in Canadian Affairs.

Winnipeg, Man., April 6.—President Sherman, of the Canadian branch of the Miners' Union, to-day wired President Lewis, of the International Union, that there is danger of the Canadian branch withdrawing from the international affiliation if the international attempts to interfere in the present troubles here.

The operators here assert that Manager Dempsey, of the Maple Leaf mine, will not sign the proposed agreement, and they point to the fact that work is still going on in that mine. Sherman explains this by saying that Dempsey has gone to Spokane to interview his board of directors, and he has no power to sign the agreement until they approve such action. The operators declare that all they want is time to test the legality of the Lemieux Act. They now claim that the miners have violated the act flagrantly, and that they must answer in the courts.

Announces Withdrawal.

Fernie, April 6.—President Sherman, of district 14, has withdrawn from the United Mine Workers of America.

Lethbridge, April 6.—Sherman states he has not resigned from the union. He has wired President Lewis full particulars. He says Lewis has only heard the operators' side of the story and not the men's. Local union officials place no confidence in the report of Lewis' telegram. They say Sherman is right and will win. They say it is a fight between Jim Hill and the C. P. R., and the unions are behind Jim Hill. Lewis' order, however, is authoritative and no men are working here yet.

Strike Practically Over.

Ottawa, April 6.—The labor department has received word that the strike in the coal districts of the West will be ended immediately. The men will abide by the agreement made with the operators and President Lewis, of the International Union, has called off the strike, which was declared by District President Sherman.

HOUSE OPPOSED TO FREE ROUGH LUMBER

Amendment Introduced by Tawney Defeated in Committee.

Washington, April 6.—Following a session of the sub-committee of the ways and means committee this morning, to consider the proposed amendments to the Payne tariff bill, at which no action was taken, the House met in committee of the whole and adopted the Fordney amendment striking the countervailing proviso on lumber.

Representative Tawney submitted an amendment taking the duty off rough lumber, explaining that he offered his measure "as a republican and protectionist."

Mr. Cushman, of Washington, was immediately upon his feet to ask whether Tawney would favor free barley, wool or wheat, winding up a heated reply by shouting, "If he is a Republican, I am not. I am here to impunge the Republicanism of any man who wants $1 on barley and not one cent a thousand on lumber."

After a brief discussion the Tawney amendment was defeated by a vote of 170 to 176.

"RIGHT OF WAY" COMPANY ROBBED

Tramps Break Open Trunks and Steal Property Valued at $900.

Tacoma, Wash., April 6.—While members of the "Right of Way" theatrical company were reclining in easy chairs of the Pullman, in which they rode from Portland to Tacoma on Sunday morning, tramps were busily engaged in smashing open their trunks in the private baggage car attached to the train, and jumped from the platform of the car after stealing about $900 worth of personal effects and jewelry of the actors.

The matter was reported to the police yesterday. Detectives in various coast cities are now looking for the thieves. The stolen property belonged principally to Guy Standing, Theodore Roberts, Miss Florence C. Harris and Miss Paula Gloy.

A Northern Pacific railway official to-day admitted that the door of the private baggage car had been left unlocked, and advanced the theory that tramps riding on the "blind" had entered and stolen the missing goods.

Several trunks had been burst open and badly shattered by strenuous applications of the emergency axe kept in the baggage car.

—The present season promises to see a large number of high class autos brought into the city and vicinity. R. P. Clark, the general manager of the Pilmley Auto Company, reports a very active opening to the season. He has just sold a big 40-horse power Buick to M. Carlin. This machine is similar to the one which E. J. Palmer bought from the firm a short time ago. Mr. Palmer's auto has been shipped to Chemainus by the City of Nanaimo. Among Buicks sold recently is one to Luke Pither, one to F. Pemberton, one to F. B. Rendall and one to Islay Mutter at Duncans.

PUBLICITY AGENT IS APPOINTED

ERNEST McGAFFEY ACCEPTS POSITION

Local Development League Will Enter at Once Upon Its Campaign.

On Tuesday at special meeting of the executive of the Victoria Development League, Ernest McGaffey was appointed secretary and publicity agent, his duties to commence on April 15th, and the salary to be $2,500 a year. Mr. McGaffey was selected from seven or eight applicants, several of whom were eligible and very desirable men, but it was the unanimous feeling of the meeting that by virtue of his training and experience he was an ideal man for the position.

The appointment was tendered to Mr. McGaffey by Simon Leiser, president of the Board of Trade, in a few well-chosen remarks, in which he promised him the co-operation and support of the executive and citizens generally.

Mr. McGaffey, in accepting, made an excellent short speech, which thoroughly enthused the members of the committee. He said he accepted the appointment in the spirit in which it was offered. He had been captivated by the charms of the city, which was excelled in beauty by no other place he had seen on the continent, and he welcomed the opportunity of identifying himself with its people and with Vancouver island, the potential wealth of which he felt was very imperfectly understood. He came to the position knowing, he said, that he must make good, and while not seeking to sound his own praises he knew by his accomplishment in the past that he could assure them of good service. The salary was not as much as he had drawn in other positions, but that was a matter he was quite content to leave to time, and it was quite large enough for any stranger to expect under the circumstances.

Mr. McGaffey's remarks were loudly applauded.

C. C. Chapman, to whose assistance the league has been greatly indebted on many occasions arising out of the development movement, was called upon and gave one of his stirring talks on the possibilites before the league. He spoke particularly of the care which must be exercised in seeing that the resources of the league were not wasted in more or less discursive advertising, urging upon the committee the need of restricting their advertising to sound and reputable and established mediums, adapted to the localities they wished to reach and the various classes they desired to attract. The Pacific coast wanted only the cream of settlers and could get this by the right methods.

Vancouver Island, Mr. Chapman said, furnished a peculiarly desirable text for an article. Throughout the United States timber and mines and all natural souces of wealth had been pretty well taken up. These conditions did not exist to the same extent on this Island. The new secretary had an opportunity of attracting people here, first, because of the great opportunities for investment and industrial expansion; second, because of the peculiary strong climatic claims of the Island, and thirdly, because of the auxiliary attraction of unlimited game and fish.

An informal discussion followed, in the course of which plans were outlined for the future. Committees to complete the canvass of the city were named, arrangements were made by telephone with the mayor to take over the present rooms on Fort street on April 15th, and a committee was appointed to arrange for these or other quarters as a future home for the league.

Col. Prior and D. R. Ker were named as a committee to interview the government to ascertain whether or not it could provide accommodaton for this or any other association which might wish to exhibit at the A.-Y.-P. fair.

Votes of thanks were passed to those who had assisted in making such a success of the meeting last night, including the Bantly orchestra, Herbert Kent and the other vocalists who rendered the choruses, the press, and others who gave their services freely and in one way or another contributed to the general result.

In connection with the Press, Mr. Chapman congratulated the city on having two newspapers, in the Times and Colonist which gave more space and assistance in the work of enthusing the people as to the advantages of their city than any others on the coast. Newspapers, he said, were usually the most important factors in maintaining this spirit as well as arousing it.

C. H. Lugrin very generously offered one thousand copies of the pamphlet embodying his article on Vancouver Island for the use of the league, for which he received the cordial thanks of the committee, which accepted the gift.

Mr. Chapman and Mr. McGaffey returned to Seattle this afternoon. They will visit the fair to-morrow and Mr. McGaffey will ascertain what accommodation for an exhibit of the league can be obtained and make such preliminary arrangements as may be advisable looking to the exploitation of Vancouver Island at the fair.

In Mr. McGaffey the committee feels that it has made a find. He is of Scotch and English parentage and for some years has been living in Chicago, where he was practicing attorney-at-law. Later he drifted into newspaper work on the Chronicle, where he attracted the attention of Carter Harrison, who appointed him on the Board of Public Improvements at a salary of $4,000 a year. When Harrison was entering upon his second term as mayor he asked Mr. McGaffey to become his private secretary, and made up out of his own pocket the difference between the salary voted and what Mr. McGaffey had been receiving.

Mr. McGaffey is a voluminous writer on nature subjects and through this and close association with Carter Harrison became very well acquainted with Theodore Roosevelt, by whom he is held in high esteem, and from whom he has most flattering letters.

Coming west last winter with his wife to escape the rigors of a mid-west winter, Mr. McGaffey joined the editorial staff of the Portland Oregonian, and of his services the managing editor speaks in the highest terms. Through Tom Richardson and C. C. Chapman he became interested in the possibilities of publicity work for the northwest, and his stay of a few days in Victoria has completed the conquest.

Already he has become a red-hot booster for Victoria. He is a magazine writer and author of no little renown and Scribners have issued several of his nature studies in editions de luxe. He is also an enthusiastic angler and shot, his passion for out-door sport being shared by his wife. Altogether the committee believe they are securing a most desirable resident of Victoria, quite apart from the services he will be able to render the city in his official capacity.

Mr. McGaffey will return with his family in a few days.

IMMIGRANTS POURING IN

Winnipeg, April 6.—A train of 61 cars of United States settlers' effects arrived yesterday from Iowa. Another big train from Nebraska will be along next week, all for G. T. P. points. Six hundred British immigrants arrived last evening.

AIRSHIP FLEET IS ADVOCATED

BRITISH GOVERNMENT URGED TO TAKE ACTION

Germany Is Considering the Question of Building Dirigible Balloons.

London, April 6.—England has just awakened to the fact that the other nations are leaving her behind in the matter of the construction of airships. The House of Commons has drawn the attention of the government to the fact that Germany has under consideration the construction of several airships, and that Great Britain should pursue a similar course or lag behind her sister nations.

The question was deemed to be of such importance that the Lord Mayor of London called a meeting yesterday to discuss it. There were present Prince Louis of Battenberg, Lord Curzon, Admiral Charles Beresford, Sir Hiram Maxim and several other prominent officials. It is reported to-day that not one of them offered any objection to plans for a good-sized airship fleet.

Admiral Scott, who was also present, while advocating a "two-power" standard in airships, announced that the navy department had designed a new gun capable of destroying warships at a distance of 6,000 yards.

ACCUSE PROSECUTION OF UNFAIR METHODS

Counsel for Calhoun Objects to Tactics Now Being Employed.

San Francisco, Cal., April 6.—Because John Martin Kelly, one of the veniremen in the last Ruef trial, who is now the principal witness for the prosecution in the Newburgh bribery case, testified yesterday that he was now in the employ of the graft prosecution engaged in investigating veniremen in the Calhoun trial, the graft defence is to-day accusing the district attorney's office of using unfair means to keep witnesses loyal to the side of the prosecution. Kelly yesterday gave substantially the same testimony which he gave in the Murphy trial. He said that E. A. S. Blake approached him with an offer of $500 if he would "hang" the Ruef jury, providing he was selected as a juror. He said that he notified the district attorney of this transaction, and was advised to hold out for $1,000 in order to trap the jury fixers.

GIVES UP LIFE IN SERVICE OF LEPERS

Woman Who Accompanied Her Husband to Molakai is Dead.

San Francisco, April 6.—Word has been received here announcing the death in Molokai, Hawaii, of Mrs. Walter R. Brinkerhoff, formerly Miss Nellie White, of Winchester, Mass., who three years ago gave up her position in society to accompany her husband to the leper settlement of Molokai and devote her life to the care of the unfortunates on the island.

The cablegram which arrived contained the brief announcement, "Nellie is dead."

Mrs. Brinkerhoff, who was the daughter of the late Nelson D. White, multi-millionaire, and the niece of former secretary of the navy John D. Long, was married in 1906. Immediately she accompanied her husband to the leper isle to assist in the application of a cure for leprosy, which he believed he had discovered.

SERVIA'S KING MAY ABDICATE

CROWN PRINCE GEORGE IS NOT POPULAR

Present Ruler Fears Move May Result in Upheaval in Country.

Belgrade, April 6.—The next few days will decide whether King Peter will continue on the Servian throne. In the opinion of the leading Servian politicians, if the present angry temper of the people continues, the King will abdicate, regardless of whether the government grants him an annuity.

Should the people, however, swallow their discontent over the complete reverse which befell them in the Balkans issue for which Peter is held primarily responsible, he will retain the crown. The belief is general that King Peter will abdicate. It is said that he has already asked the good graces of the Russian and English ministers in an attempt to have the government grant him an annuity of $50,000. One thing that holds the King in check is the fear that his withdrawal would endanger the continuance of the house of Karageorgevitch.

His younger son, the newly named Crown Prince George, would succeed him in the natural course of events, but owing to the present disturbed conditions, there is grave doubt whether the people would long submit to the son's rule.

WESTON CONTINUES TRAMP.

Veteran Pedestrian in Excellent Condition—Young Companion Gives Up After Few Hours' Walk.

Canton, Ohio, April 6.—Ralph Stewart, the 17-year-old lad who joined Edward Payson Weston, the veteran pedestrian in his across-the-continent jaunt yesterday, quit at Salem in the afternoon, after having gone twenty miles. The pace was too hot.

Weston to-day started for Wooster, 38 miles away. He appeared to be in excellent condition and was enthusiastic as on the day when he first hit the turnpike.

FAVORS STEAMSHIP LINE TO PANAMA

California Senator Wants Service on the Pacific Coast.

Washington, D. C., April 6.—Senator Frank P. Flint, of California, announced to-day that immediately upon the disposition by the senate of the present tariff bill he will journey to Panama in the interests of his bill, which provides for the establishment of the line of government steamships on the Pacific coast between the canal zone and west coast ports. Flint is determined upon the passage of his bill, and will make every effort in its behalf. Aside from the fact that he believes the Pacific states are entitled to such a line in view of a similar one now operating from eastern ports, he maintains that its establishment would be of inestimable financial benefit to the national treasury.

MAHER'S CHARGE OF FRAUD.

Portland, Ore., April 5.—The charges of fraud made by F. E. Gurband, an unattached runner, against C. Jackson, of the Seattle Athletic Club, and A. R. Dorris, of the Multnomah Athletic Club, who finished first and second, respectively, in Saturday night's Marathon race over a ten-mile course, undoubtedly will be probed. Gurband finished in fourth position. He charges that both Jackson and Dorris were assisted on the run to the armory where the event ended, by automobile and motor cycles. He says the mud-bespattered back of one of the two runners is the best evidence that they were given assistance in the manner he described.

AMERICAN HORSES IN ENGLAND.

London, April 5. — American horses will take a prominent place on the the English turf this season. "Flat" racing has begun at Lincoln, and will last eight months. Owing to the anti-race track legislation in the United States, the largest American stables are here in greater force than ever before.

Among the American horses are Ballota, Maskette and the unbeaten Colin, all from the stables of J. R. Keene, Louis Winan's Sir Martin, August Belmont's Priscilian and Fair Play, and H. P. Whitney's Dinna Ken II., and Delirum.

CARNEGIE OFFERS LIBRARY TO HAWAII

Honolulu, April 6. — Although Andrew Carnegie promised to give Hawaii a library costing $150,000, if the legislature would guarantee to maintain it in a suitable manner, the law makers of the islands are not yet unanimous on the proposition, and it is doubtful at present whether or not the ironmaster's offer will be accepted.

Under the conditions which he has laid down, the donation which has been promised by Carnegie has been enthusiastically hailed by the Honolulu library association, which has guaranteed to turn over its entire property and endowment to the project, but this plan has in no way moved any of the legislators from their apathy.

INDIANA STILL FAST ON ROCKS

TUGS FAIL TO MOVE STRANDED STEAMER

There is Little Prospect of Pacific Mail Liner Being Floated.

San Diego, Cal., April 6.—While the passengers of the wrecked Pacific Mail steamship Indiana are steaming northward on the armored cruiser California, the navy tugs Fortune and Navajo with the assistance of the cruiser Albany to-day made an unsuccessful attempt at Magdalena Bay to float the Indiana at flood tide. The vessel, however, proved hard and fast aground, and the tugs reinforced by the Albany's engines, were unable to budge her from the rocks.

Further attempts will be made, but there is no hope of success, according to wireless messages received here.

A dispatch received last night from Magdalena indicated that the California will proceed directly to San Francisco with the Indiana's passengers, instead of putting in at San Diego as at first planned.

When the news was received here that the Indiana was in danger the B. C. Marine Railway Company at Esquimalt at once cabled Lloyd's office that the steamer Salvor would be placed at the disposal of the company to aid in the work of salving.

Up to the time of going to press no reply had been received. It is believed therefore that those interested feel that sufficient aid is being provided by the tugs now there.

VADSO FROM NORTH.

Steamer Vadso arrived from the north late Monday after making a fast round trip. She tied up at the outer dock to discharge a few cases of salmon, and came on to her usual docking place just before noon to-day. She brought a few passengers, those coming to Victoria being George Cunningham, of Essngton; Mr. and Mrs. Pauline, from Namu, and Mrs. Boss and two children, from Kitimaat. The constable from Prince Rupert brought down a Frenchman from that place who was insane. With his charge he left the boat at Vancouver and proceeded to New Westminster.

LOSES MEMORY WHILE ON RAILWAY JOURNEY

Hotelkeeper Reaches Bellingham, But Thinks He is Still at Roslyn.

Bellingham, Wash., April 6.—His memory a complete blank from the time he left his home on a trip to Spokane and Vancouver, B. C., Kenneth Martin, a wealthy hotel proprietor of Roslyn, is lying in a serious condition at St. Joseph's hospital in this city. Martin was taken in an unconscious condition from the Great Northern train which arrived here at noon Sunday. He recovered consciousness soon after, but thought he was still in Roslyn, and physicians and relatives as yet have been unable to convince him that he is not in his hotel at home.

The case is one of the most peculiar that has come to the notice of local physicians for some time. Martin's unfortunate condition was ascertained to be due to an affliction of the kidneys, considered very dangerous. Despite his peculiar mental condition, Martin appears in good physical condition and converses rationally on all subjects except his whereabouts.

His father-in-law, a well-to-do resident of Vancouver, arrived in Bellingham yesterday morning to care for the sufferer, following the receipt of a telegram sent from this city. The father-in-law stated that Martin's wife had left Roslyn several days ago on a visit to her former home at Vancouver. When she went away she did not know her husband was anticipating a trip away from his hotel at Roslyn. It is supposed that he went to Spokane to attend to some business affairs there and then decided to come around by way of Seattle to Vancouver and accompany his wife home.

BERGER'S TEAMS WIN ALASKA DOG RACE

Make Run of 412 Miles in 82 Hours, 2 Minutes—Heavy Betting.

Nome, Alaska, April 6.—The Derby of the North, the classic dog race of Nome, is over, and Berger's teams No. 1 and No. 2 are winners of the first and second prizes, $11,000 in gold. It is estimated to-day that fully $100,000 changed hands in bets, one bet of $10,000 being made that the course would not be covered in less than 96 hours. Berger's teams made the run from Nome to Candle Creek and return, a distance of 412 miles, in 82 hours and 2 minutes, finishing yesterday.

No sporting event in the North arouses so much enthusiasm as the dog race, which is promoted by the Nome Kennel Club. Until this remarkable run was made, Berger's dogs were considered in second class, the Fink team being the strong favorite, but it finished far behind. The official time of last year's race was 4 days, 23 hours and 15 minutes.

—On Monday evening at St. Paul's manse, Dundas street, Victoria West, the marriage took place of Miss Lilia Beatrice Armstrong and Mr. Andrew Martin, both of this city. Rev. D. MacRae performed the marriage service. Mr. and Mrs. Martin will make their home at Deloraine, Manitoba.

CZAR'S MINISTER CLOSELY GUARDED

FEELING RUNS HIGH AGAINST ISWOLSKI

Played Weak Hand in the Settlement of Balkan Crisis.

St. Petersburg, April 6.—For the present at least, the government will stand firmly by Foreign Minister Iswolski in the storm of opposition that has arisen over what is termed the humiliation of Russia in the final plans for peace in the Balkans. That Iswolski has played a weak hand from start to finish, and has discredited the foreign office with other chancelleries is not denied. The fact that Russia finally approved his course, however much it may have been against her wishes, makes it imperative that the government for the present at least, give Iswolski's course its approval.

Eventually, it is stated, Iswolski will be forced out, for never was a man more roundly condemned than he is being now. In Slav circles the feeling is so tense that the authorities have decided to maintain a guard over the foreign minister.

CYCLONE LEAVES RUIN IN WAKE

Many Houses Are Destroyed—Several Persons Reported Dead.

Marion, Ills., April 6.—Reports of a cyclone which swept this part of the state to-day indicate that several are dead and not less than 100 houses are in ruins. Reports from Pittsburg, six miles from here, say that the town is partially destroyed with heavy damage. An unverified report says that two are dead at Pittsburg and a number slightly hurt. Severe damage was done in the rural districts and reports are coming in slowly, owing to the prostration of all means of communication.

FOR MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP.

Advocates in Oregon City Elect All Candidates With Exception of Treasurer.

Eugene, Ore., April 6.—"The smile that won't come off" adorns the faces of municipal ownership advocates in this city to-day, for, as the result of the municipal election held yesterday, every one of their party's candidates, with the single exception of treasurer, were elected by the biggest vote ever cast here.

The size of the vote is attributed to the hot contest that has been waged here for several days prior to the election.

Joseph D. Matlock, the municipal ownership candidate for mayor, headed the successful ticket. He defeated I. H. Bingham by 261 votes. The contest between Frank Reisner and Jesse G. Wells for the treasurership was exceedingly close, for Reisner, who already held the office, was re-elected with only 15 votes to spare.

INQUIRY INTO LABOR QUESTION ORDERED

Report of Employment of Russians at Prince Rupert Brought Up.

Ottawa, Ont., April 5.—In the Commons this afternoon J. D. Taylor of New Westminster called the attention of the Minister of Labor to the report from Prince Rupert that Russian moujiks and other Asiatic laborers were being brought in by contractors engaged on the Grand Trunk Pacific. He said also that contractors at Prince Rupert were wrongfully withholding wages from employees.

Hon Mr. Lemioux said an inquiry would be made.

DR. DUVAL ILL, ALSO RALPH CONNOR

Distinguished Churchmen Are Both Indisposed at Toronto —Neither Seriously.

Toronto, April 6.—Dr. Duval, moderator of the Presbyterian Canada, is ill at the residence of Rev. Dr. Abraham. He is reported to-day to be weak, but not in a dangerous condition. He will be removed to a quiet private ward in the general hospital to-morrow.

"Ralph Conner," who is ill at the home of his brother, Dr. Gordon, is reported better to-day.

NORDICA WILL RETURN TO GRAND OPERA

New York, April 6.—Lillian Nordica, the great prima donna, who has been on the concert stage during the last season, announces to-day that she will return to grand opera next season and would sing "Wagnerian" roles at the Metropolitan opera house for at least ten performances.

Nordica is said to be just as wonderful a singer as ever. Twice in the last week she has aroused extraordin[illegible] at the Carnegie, musical hall, where she has sung to [illegible] house.