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Union And Operators

Report of Commissioner on the Strike in United States Coal Region.

He Sums Up Difficulties Existing Between the Owners and Miners.

And Suggests Method By Which Both Sides Should Settle Disputes.

Washington, Sept. 3.—The report of Carroll D. Wright, the commissioner of labor, on the anthracite coal strike, was made public today. Commissioner Wright finds that there is no confidence existing between the employees and the employers. This he believes to be one of the chief causes of the difficulties between the operators and miners. He suggests that it would be reasonable and just for the operators to concede at once a nine-hour day for a period of six months as an experiment. He suggests that there should be organized a joint commission on conciliation, composed of representatives of operators and of a new union of anthracite employees to which all grievances should be referred for investigation, and their decisions should be final and binding upon all parties, and that there should be no interference with non-union men.

In the course of his report, Commissioner Wright says that the facts seem to show that the officers of the miners' union, with perhaps one of two exceptions, persistently opposed the present strike on the ground that it would possibly last all summer and entail great hardships and suffering upon the mine workers as well as work incalculable injury to the industrial interests of the country. They also believed that many of the alleged wrongs endured by the miners might be corrected by appeals to the employers. All of the operators of whom Mr. Wright met disclaimed directly that they had any antagonism to labor unions as such. They did object, and most seriously, to some of the methods adopted by the union, and they felt that when asked to make a contract with the unions, the latter would put themselves in a position to be pecuniarily responsible for carrying out such contracts. The specific demand of the union that where miners are paid by weight, 2,240 pounds shall constitute a ton, represents a long-standing difficulty. When it is shown that a ton of coal, says Mr. Wright, contains a varying percentage of refuse as it comes from the mine, it is difficult to see the force of the argument in such a move. The refuse is not weighed and the miner paid for the work he does. At least, the operators, he thinks, ought to share in the loss of labor in mining impurities.

The demand of the miners that wages be increased ten per cent. in the rates per ton to these men who perform contract work, and ten per cent. reduction in the time of those who work by the day, is backed by the statement that after the increase which was granted in 1900, the prices of all commodities in a mining region were advanced accordingly. They urge that it is exceedingly difficult for them to live respectably on their present wages.

The operators meet this demand with the statement that they are able to market only 60 per cent. of the capacity of their mines, and that the increase of 20 per cent. in wages which the men demand would mean about 46 cents a ton increase.

Chicago, Sept. 3.—The inability to get cars through to haul the coal to Chicago, even when there is plenty of it for shipment, has now added itself to the Eastern strike as a serious factor in the local coal question. This scarcity of cars has caused a rise of $3 a ton in coke and is beginning to affect the supply of soft coal. The scarcity of cars is attributed to the increased demand for them for the transportation of grain.

The money for the miners thrown into the large American flags carried in the labor parade on Monday amounted to $3,730.

THE DISASTER AT MARTINIQUE

Loss of Life Very Heavy But Reports Conflict as to Number.

Paris, Sept. 3.—The ministry of the colonies received this afternoon an undated despatch from Fort de France, Martinique, reporting an excessively intense eruption of Mont Pelee. The destructive radius extended into the interior of the island. During the night of August 30 Morne Rouge, Ajoupa-Bouillon, Morne Bourden and the villages of Bali and Capotie were destroyed. The despatch further announced that there were 1,000 victims, 800 of whom are dead.

In the morning of August 31 assistance and troops were sent to this region, Governor Lemaire going on a French cruiser to evacuate Grande Riviere and Macouba, whence he brought 1,000 sufferers to Fort de France. The Governor has taken measures to give employment to those who are able to work, and to create centres of refuge in order to avoid overcrowding Fort de France. The same phenomena were noticed as at the time of the eruption of May last. The sea rose a metre and a half, but did not do any damage.

Castries, St. Lucia, Sept. 3.—The zone of destruction of Saturday night's explosion of Mont Pelee paralleled that which destroyed St. Pierre, but it spread some five miles more eastward. The position of destructive matter southward from Mont Pelee was almost identical with that of last May. The area embraced Morne Rouge, the southern spur of Mont Pelee. The inhabitants were removed from this area and also from the villages of Lorrain and Basse Pointe, at the base of Mont Pelee, after the May catastrophe, but they were sent back by the government last week.

The gendarmerie of Martinique officially reported that 1,060 persons were killed and that 150 were injured. Warships and steamers are taking the inhabitants from the coast villages, where people from inland places have also gathered for safety.

THE FISHERIES.

Another Conference to Be Held at Ottawa.

Ottawa, Sept. 3.—(Special.)—Hon. James Sutherland will shortly send out invitations again to the provinces to meet here to discuss fishery matters.

SHOOTING ACCIDENT.

Mr. Burnham Gets Contents of Cartridge in His Leg.

Nanaimo, B. C., Sept. 3.—(Special.)—G. W. Burnham, manager of the Hamilton Powder Works, had his leg injured while hunting near the house. A companion was [illegible] his gun fall. It went [illegible] and struck the calf of Mr. Burnham's leg. Cunningham, by a fall of coal in No. 1 shaft, had his leg broken today.

The total foreign shipments of coal for the month of August from the mines of the New Vancouver Coal company were 24,061 tons.

CHOOSE A CANADIAN.

Chinese Government Select New Brunswick Mining Man.

Ottawa, Sept. 3.—(Special)—The Chinese government has decided to appoint an advisor to the minister of mines. Mr. Wallace Broad, a native of St. John, N. B., has been selected for the position.

Advices have been received by the government that two parties of Boers have been chosen to visit Canada, New Zealand and Australia to look up desirable locations for their companions. They leave for Canada at once, as the British government is very anxious that they should see the country before winter sets in.

It is mentioned in official circles that Thanksgiving Day will likely be held on Thursday, October 23.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Borden, Mr. and Mrs. Northrup, Mr. and Mrs. Powell Fowler, Mr. Pope Bell (Pictou), and Mr. Lefurgey, M. P.'s, passed through Ottawa this afternoon en route to the Coast. At North Bay they will be joined by Messrs. Clarke, Sproule, Bennett, Clancy and Blain, M. P.'s.

Drowned In The Fraser

Another Fisherman Victim of the Big River—Late Salmon Run.

Several of the Canneries Are Still Adding to their Pack.

From Our Own Correspondent.

New Westminster, Sept. 3.—The Fraser river has claimed another victim, and one more has been added to the lost fishermen who have succumbed to its icy embrace. This time it was Wm. Cuisack who, as near as can be learned, fell out of the boat he was sailing alone to town for supplies. The accident occurred on Tuesday evening, four miles below the city, on the North Arm. The boat was found where it had drifted ashore, the oar with which Cuisack usually steered floating a mile further down. Provincial police dragged for the body today, but unsuccessfully.

Considerable local flutter has been caused by the city medical health officer quarantining the Providence Orphanage on account of a case of scarletina breaking out among the 50 children domiciled there. As the child affected had been in contact with others, the whole institution was isolated rather than use an isolation ward. The superioress claims this has cut off the main revenue, yesterday being precluded from making her regular rounds for assistance, and she has demanded the cost of victualing the institution for six weeks if the isolation be borne by the city. The council are considering the matter.

There has been a fair run of late salmon this week, and several cannery plants are still operating and adding to their pack.

The total pack of Fraser river caught sockeyes will be over a hundred thousand cases more than in 1900.

THE WHEAT HARVEST.

Everything Favorable Except That More Men Are Needed.

Winnipeg, Sept. 3.—The weather today was generally clear and fine. A few points reported cloudy weather, but harvesting or threshing was not retarded. Threshers as well as harvesters have difficulty in securing hands, and at least 2,000 men could be placed at once. About 65 per cent. of the crops, over the entire West, has been cut. Some 750 men will reach Winnipeg tomorrow from Ontario for work in the fields, and 500 arrived today. The only solution of the problem of help is that farmers will have to turn in and help each other. Latest reports throughout Manitoba and the Territories indicate the weather favorable, and cutting and threshing well advanced.

RAIN AND GALES.

Coasts of Old Country Swept—Belfast Streets Flooded.

London, Sept. 3.—Violent gales have swept over the west coast of England. At Blackpool, Lancashire, steamship services are suspended, and houses have been damaged at Rhyl, Wales. Anxiety is felt for the safety of the fishing fleet. The gale was severely felt also at Belfast, Ireland, where torrential rains flooded the streets. Business there is at a standstill. In Devonshire considerable damage was done to the crops by a furious gale. All the tents of the military camp at Okehampton were blown away.

Nearly all the mills in Belfast were closed this afternoon, the fires under the boilers having been extinguished. The principal streets of Belfast remain under water tonight.

YUKON GOVERNOR.

Mr. Smart May Succeed Governor Ross.

Ottawa, Sept. 3.—(Special.)—At the last session of Parliament, an act was passed giving Yukon district a member in the House of Commons. The writ for the first election was issued this morning, nominations taking place on November 4, and polling December 7. Sheriff Pilbeck is returning officer. It will be his duty to appoint enumerators to prepare the electoral lists, and the issuing of the writ today will afford ample time for this to be done before the day. Mr. Sifton is very anxious to see a government supporter elected. It is said that provided his health will permit, Hon. J. H. Ross, Governor of the Yukon, will resign that office to contest the constituency, and that the present deputy minister of the interior, Mr. Smart, will succeed Mr. Ross as governor of the Yukon district. This will enable Mr. Sifton to appoint his friend, Dr. Hanuel, present director of mines, to the position of deputy minister.

Unhappy Martinique

A Thousand People Reported Killed by Latest Mont Pelee Explosion.

Wretched People Flee in Terror From the Sorely Stricken Island.

Tidal Wave Has Badly Damaged the Village of Le Carbet.

Basse Terr, Island of Guadlopse, French West Indies, Sept. 2—It has been learned from the gendarmes of the Island of Martinique that 1,060 persons were killed and 1,500 injured during the last eruptions of Mont Pelee. The Governor of the island is arranging for the evacuation of the northern parishes and the removal of the wounded. The temperature of the atmosphere at Martinique is reported to be almost unbearable.

Paris, Sept. 2.—The Havas Agency has received an undated despatch from Fort De France, Island of Martinique, announcing that about 1,000 persons were killed and that several hundred were injured as the result of a violent eruption of Mont Pelee on Saturday, August 30, which destroyed Morne Rouge and Ajoupa Boullon, two villages near Mont Pelee.

The despatch confirms the report that the village of Le Carbet was damaged by a tidal wave which was also felt at Fort de France, where the people were panic-stricken. The French cruisers Suchet and Tage are embarking people in the northern part of Martinique.

The Minister of Marine, M. Pelletan, in view of the further eruptions of Mont Pelee, has ordered the commander of the French Antilles squadron to send warships immediately to Basse Terre, Guadeloupe, there to await further orders.

The Minister of the Colonies received this morning an undated cable message from the Governor of Guadeloupe reporting that a heavy rain of ashes fell over the whole of that island August 28. No explosion was heard, and no earthquake was felt. As the volcanoes on Guadeloupe are inactive and judging from the direction of the wind the ashes must have come from Martinique.

Castries, Island of St. Lucia, British West Indies, Sept. 1.—The British steamer Korona arrived here yesterday evening from Fort de France, Island of Martinique. She reports that a terrible eruption of Mont Pelee occurred at 9 o'clock Saturday and people who arrived at Fort de France from the northern part of the island reported that the village of Morne Rouge, near the district previously devastated, has been entirely destroyed, and that Le Carbet, a village on the coast, which was destroyed at the time of the great eruption, had been swept by a tidal wave. Over 200 persons lost their lives.

A sloop from the Island of St. Vincent, which reached here this morning, reports that Mont Pelee crater is now quiet, but the detonations during Saturday night were the loudest heard up to that time, and the inhabitants were terribly alarmed.

Kingstown, St. Vincent, B. W. I., Aug. 31.—A remarkable volcanic phenomenon occurred here between 9 and 10 o'clock last night. There was a startling series of detonations from La Soufriere, louder than any since the terrible eruption of May 11. Each explosion shook the buildings of this town. The noises were terrific and gave the impression in every town and village of this island that the scene of disturbance was only about two miles away. During the period of intense anxiety which attended the detonations, two luminous circles like rainbows appeared in the cloudless sky to the northwest. They were presumably the reflection of the flames in the crater of La Soufriere. Subsequently a dense cloud of steam arose from the crater, but this soon disappeared. The weather is fair.

Telegraphic reports have been received here from the islands of Grenada, Trinidad and Barbadoes saying loud detonations were heard at these respective places between 9 and 10 o'clock last night. These explosions were similar to those heard from Mont Pelee on Martinique and La Soufriere was previously in eruption. The people of Grenada were greatly alarmed at the detonations; they were loudest which ever has been heard here. This phenomenon was not attended by serious results on St. Vincent, but fears are entertained here for people on the Island of Martinique, as Mont Pelee is known to be terribly agitated.

SALMON PACK.

Output For the Fraser Definitely Known.

Vancouver, B. C., Sept. 2.—(Special.)—The salmon pack for the Fraser river is officially announced, and as stated in the Colonist on Saturday is 252,000 cases. The exact figures being 252,418, besides there were purchased from the Puget Sound traps between 30,000 and 50,000 cases. This with the Northern pack brings the total pack of British Columbia well over half a million cases. The fishermen will be paid 16½ cents per fish after their representatives have checked the figures of the canners and proved them to be correct.

DUNCANS.

Labor Day Quietly Spent in the Town.

Duncans, Sept. 2.—(Special.)—Labor Day passed very quietly here, the only excitement being the heavy train loads of excursionists passing through to Nanaimo.

A goodly number of sportsmen were on hand and many birds were bagged, one party had 39, a very good bag.

Dr. Tolmie is here inspecting local herds. He reports so far stock is in good condition, and free from disease.

W. W. Brewer visited some properties on the Koksilah river, in the interests of the Crofton smelter people.

Mr. and Mrs. Bellinger, and Mr. Young, of Crofton, paid a visit to Cowichan lake, where the steamer Walbran was put at their disposal.

Mrs. S. A. Richards has been on Mt. Sicker, and while there bought an interest in two properties adjoining the Richard III.

The Duncans ball team, in a game with the Ladysmith team last Saturday beat them 13 to 3.

WILD CROATIANS.

Students Wreck House and Shops in Gram.

Vienna, Sept. 2.—The riot which occurred at Gram on Sunday in connection with a demonstration on the part of the Croatian students, against the Servian inhabitants during which many persons were wounded, was renewed Sunday evening, and was only quelled on Monday evening after the adoption of severe military measures. Houses were wrecked, shops were plundered and over a hundred persons were injured.

MURDERED BY ROBBERS.

Attacked by Policeman They Kill Him.

Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 2.—At 3:30 o'clock this morning an attempt was made by two masked men to rob the Metropolitan Street railway car barn in Armourdale, Kas. The watchman was ordered to hold up his hands, and was taken inside the office, but before the robbers secured any booty, Policeman Morris entered through the back door. Morris dealt one of the robbers a heavy blow on the head with his club, and was shot through the heart and instantly killed, by the second robber. Watchman Minsker was also shot and slightly injured. Both robbers made their escape.

WORSE THAN TRACY.

Fifteen Persons Shot in Attempt to Arrest Him.

New York, Sept. 2.—Jerry Hunter, the negro who shot a number of policemen and set fire to his house in Queensborough last night, in an effort to escape arrest, was captured early this morning and locked up in the Astoria jail. In the fight between Hunter and those who tried to arrest him 11 policemen, three citizens and Hunter's wife were wounded.

The Wheat Crop Of Last Year

Final Shipments Made and All Clear For This Season's Harvest.

Comparative Figures Showing Wonderful Growth of the Industry.

Winnipeg, Man., Sept. 2.—Practically all of the crop of 1901 has now been removed. The last 22 cars were inspected at Winnipeg yesterday, and almost to a bushel it is possible to give the exact figures on wheat and other grain shipments from last year's crop. This amount shown as inspected here does not include flour or any feed milled west of Winnipeg, but does include wheat milled here or at Keewatin and all shipments whether via Emerson or Winnipeg. About seven million has to be added as having been used in the country for seeding and another million for milling purposes, bringing the total crop up to sixty million bushels, including about two million bushels still in the country. Taking an average of 55 cents per bushel for all of this, the country has realized on last year's crop about $33,000,000. The total amount of grain inspected at Winnipeg from September 1, 1901 to August 31, 1902, was 57,500 cars or 46,200,000 bushels of grain calculating only 800 bushels to the car.

This amount is greater by nearly five times what was moved in 1900-1 when only 15,405 cars were inspected here and nearly double that of 1899-00 when 33,663 cars were inspected.

The first car of Manitoba's new wheat has been graded No. 1 hard by the chief inspector. A car of new wheat reached the city yesterday from Plum Coulee and graded No. 1 hard. The grade of the new wheat is said to be of a superior quality and has not the slightest trace of "frostbite." It is expected that by the end of this week a number of elevators will be open throughout the country, but none that could be learned of were open, as was expected yesterday.

The threshers run from two farms at Emerson give 35 bushels to the acre. The cutting of a field of oats a mile and a half long on Sir Wm. Van Horne's farm has commenced.

ALDERMEN ARE OFFENDED

And Crush the Military Authorities at Ottawa by a Resolution.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Ont., Sept. 2.—Some city aldermen are much offended that they were not admitted to reserve on Parliament Hill yesterday on the occasion of the review of the Albany Guards and Hongkong contingent, by His Excellency. The reception committee of the council held a meeting this afternoon and passed a resolution condemning the authorities who were responsible for keeping them out of the enclosure.

Rev. Dr. Moore, pastor of the Bank street church, and a former moderator of the Presbyterian church, has decided to retire from active service after 36 years continuous service in the ministry.

Mr. Fitzpatrick, minister of justice, leaves for the Pacific Coast next week.

SEA TALE.

Somewhat Extraordinary Story of Desertions From Ariadne.

Quebec, Sept. 2.—It is learned that desertions by wholesale have taken place from H. M. S. Ariadne since her arrival at Halifax, and the run from that port to Quebec. Nearly 100 seamen have deserted and 20 of this number since the vessel arrived in the harbor of Quebec. The Ariadne is only about three months in commission and the loss of the crew by desertions is alarming. One of the ship's crew said that on one occasion a whole boat's crew, including the coxswain, who rowed to shore on duty, deserted, leaving the boat tied up at the landing. It is also said there were men at Halifax always ready to aid seamen to desert, even going the length of furnishing them money and seeing them safely across lines into United States territory, and he had been twice approached by civilians at Halifax who tried to have him desert with offers of assistance.

Want Him Dismissed

Vancouver Police Committee Recommend That North Should Go.

Ernest Seacombe Ends His Life by Laudanum in Westminster Hotel.

Two Jockeys Suspended For a Month at Hastings Race Track.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, B. C., Sept. 2.—The police committee recommended the council tonight to dismiss Chief of Police North on the grounds that evidence into the charges against Detective Butler showed the chief had not proper control over his men. The recommendation will be considered at a special meeting at which the whole evidence in the Butler case will be read.

Ernest Seacombe, of South Vancouver, committed suicide in New Westminster on Sunday. He registered at the Colonial hotel as George Hall on Saturday. As nothing had been seen of him Sunday, his room was entered, and he was found on the bed dead, with an ounce bottle of laudanum half empty on a chair near the bed. His identity was discovered from letters in his pockets.

Word has been received that the touring journalists who were to have arrived in Vancouver today, will not be here until the last of the week, as after staying at Banff a day longer than expected they will go direct through to Victoria, and take in Vancouver on their return journey.

Labor Day was very quiet in Vancouver owing to the exodus from the city. The excursions to Nanaimo and different points were all well patronized.

The annual match of the Vancouver Rifle association was attended by 30 members and some good shooting was done. In the first match of seven shots handicap, at 200 yards, Dr. McInnes led with 35 points, W. H. Forrest second, and N. McLeod third. In No. 2 match 500 yards, D. Mowat was first, with 35 points, H. C. Chamberlain second with 34 and H. T. Shelton third with 34. In the third match, seven shots, at 600 yards, A. G. Addison (handicap 3) with 34 points; J. Sclater second, and H. T. Shelton (handicap 2), third, with 34 points. In match No. 4, aggregate of 200, 500 and 600 yards, H. C. Chamberlain was first with 96, H. T. Shelton (handicap 3), second with 96, and W. H. Forrest third with 94. In match No. 5, seven shots at 200 yards kneeling, H. C. Chamberlain won with a score of 33, W. Cuckow second with 29, and Dr. Helt-Irving third. Match No. 6, seven shots in one minute, 200 yards, was won by D. Mowat with 30; F. R. Stewart second with 20, and H. C. Chamberlain third with 29. In the grand aggregate of all matches, H. C. Chamberlain was first with 158; W. H. Forrest second with 149, and D. Mowat third with 149.

The Jockey club had another successful meet on Labor Day, the attendance was good and the day fine. In the first race—five-eighths of a mile, Gipsey Boy was first, and Rosebud second; time 2.06. In the second race for six furlongs, Bermardilla was first and Petigrew second; time 1.20. In the third race, five-eighths of a mile, Knockings won, Little Minch second; time 1.05, and in the fourth race, one and one-quarter miles, George Dewey won, Dance Along second, and Irate third. This race was disappointing, as the jockeys of Dance Along and Irate while well in the lead at three-quarters of a mile, slackened the speed of their horses explaining afterwards they mistook the distance. They were disqualified, however, from racing for September. In the special harness race, half mile heats, there were four entries, January being first and Sallie second. The time was very slow—2.16. In the pony race Sleepy Dan won first money with Bessie Bothwell second.

Vancouver won two more games on Labor Day against the Sound aggregation calling themselves the "All-American" team. The games were almost free from errors on Vancouver's side, the home team playing better ball than they have yet put up. In the morning game the score was 7 to 1, and in the afternoon 8 to 1. B. Drinkwater, the much heralded league pitcher, was batted freely by the Vancouver nine. McCrae of the visiting team has signed with Cohen to play right field with the locals.

Sergeant of Police Redgrave, of Victoria, after accompanying Mrs. Fleming to the asylum, had his attention called to another Victoria case. H. Wilkerson, of Victoria, who it is said went to Dwson a couple of years ago on returning took his child left with Mrs. Wilkerson and placed it with its grandparents. Mrs. Wilkinson, however, getting possession of the child again brought it to Vancouver. Sergeant Redgrave is accompanying Mrs. Wilkerson and child back to Victoria.

Considerable interest is manifested in a 17-year-old lad named Burns, who was arrested charged with stealing a boat and net, belonging to a cannery. On the day set for the trial a wealthy uncle named J. A. Lilly, of London, Ont., arrived in Vancouver from Seattle to secure counsel for his nephew, only to find the boy had been already convicted. W. J. Bowser acting for Mr. Lilly, claims that Mr. Pittendrigh had no jurisdiction with the case, and has applied for a new trial for Burns.

Supt. Cowperthwaite, of the public schools, has resigned, owing it is said to the board declining to put his recommendations into force. He has been appointed principal of the Dawson school.

DR. BURWASH HURT.

Falls From His Berth on a Lake Steamer.

Winnipeg, Sept. 2.—(Special.—Rev. Dr. Burwash, chancellor of Victoria University, Toronto, was severely injured by being thrown from his berth on the steamer on his way up to the Methodist conference.

SHOOTING DUCKS.

Politicians Are Enjoying a Little Vacation.

Winnipeg, Sept. 2.—Sir Mackenzie Bowell, Senator Kirchhoffer and Mr. Ward, M. P. for West Durham, are at Lake Winnipegosis, duck shooting.

During August there were 175 deaths, 115 births in Winnipeg.

Winnipeg customs collections for August were $165,853.

AMERICA'S CUP.

Lipton's Secretary Says Challenge Will Be Sent.

Belfast, Sept. 2.—Mr. Carmichael, private secretary to Sir Thomas Lipton, is authority for the statement that Sir Thomas Lipton will immediately issue a challenge for the America's cup. The challenge will be made through the Royal Ulster Yacht Club.

MOROCCO DISTURBED.

Revolution in Favor of Sultan's Brother Spreading.

Tangier, Morocco, Sept. 2.—The revolutionary movement in favor of Mohammed, brother of the Sultan of Morocco, Moula Abd-El-Aziz is spreading among the Berber tribes. Berber recently attacked the town of Mokies (about 35 miles from Fez), but the government managed to pacify the tribesmen.

STRUCK WITH APPOPLEXY.

Democratic Nominee for Governor of Michigan.

Flint, Mich., Sept. 2.—Judge George Durand, the Democratic nominee for governor, who was stricken with paralysis yesterday evening due to cerebral embolism, was conscious this morning, but was unable to speak. His physicians say Judge Durand may live 48 hours, but that his recovery is almost impossible.

THROWN FROM WAGON.

Mr. Cocking of Nanaimo Meets With Accident.

Nanaimo, B. C., Sept. 2.—(Special.)—Ex-Alderman Cocking met with an accident about seven miles from the city this evening by being thrown from an express wagon he was driving. His injuries at first were believed to be serious. Examination by a doctor revealed a less serious condition, and he was brought to the city a few hours afterwards.

Snowshoe Will Build Smelter

G. S. Waterlow Makes an Important Statement at Grand Forks.

Thomas A. Edison Experimenting on New Treatment of Low Grade Ore.

Grand Forks, Sept. 2.—G. S. Waterlow and Dr. H. Lewis Jones, of London, England, directors, and A. J. McMillan, managing director, of the Snowshoe Gold & Copper Mines, Ltd., owning the Snowshoe mines, near Phoenix, today inspected several smelter sites in the valley in the immediate vicinity of this city. They were conducted by John Manley, who has already exerted himself to make Grand Forks a smelting centre.

The party left today for Phoenix, and after inspecting other prospective smelter sites, at other points, they will return to Grand Forks within a fortnight.

Mr. Waterlow made this announcement: "Experience has taught that low-grade properties in the Boundary must own their own smelting plant. Our mines are now developed to the stage when they can produce a daily tonnage of 600 tons, a figure that can soon be very largely increased. We are looking for a smelter site on a personal sort of a way, and intend to determine the merits of the various properties where sites are available. Our idea is to erect a 1,000-ton plant. The site shown us by Mr. Manley is an excellent one. If we locate here our decision will largely hinge upon the inducements offered by your city. We will return here very shortly and final action will be taken by the board in London.

"After considering our report, Mr. Thos. A. Edison, the American inventor, has been experimenting with Snowshoe and other ores with a view to perfecting a system of treating them by means of what he calls the magnetic process. The method has not yet been perfected, but Mr. Edison intimated to me his intention of resuming his experiments as soon as he completes his new storage battery. It is quite simple. He crushes the ore to a powder and by means of magnets the gold, silver and copper constituents are separated, and the resulting product smelted."

A FAMILIAR NAME.

In the homes of Canada and the United States there are few names more familiar and none more reverently spoken than that of Dr. A. W. Chase, the great physician and receipt book author. He is blessed for the suffering he has relieved and the disease he has cured; his remedies are used and endorsed by the best people in the land; they are popular because they cure when others fail.

WILL NOT INTERFERE.

Mayor of Louisville an Admirer of the Ring.

New York, Sept. 2.—Chas. T. Grainger, mayor of Louisville, who is visiting the city, has been asked if he will interfere in the McGovern-Corbett fight. He is quoted as having replied: "Why should I interfere? Boxing contests are not against the law in Kentucky. We have had many such performances in Louisville and the law never has been broken. I do not believe that McGovern or Corbett intend to transgress the laws, so why should I interfere? Personally, I am in favor of boxing. I believe it is more beneficial to young men than harmful. I hope to see all differences of personal nature settled in the future, if it comes to a question of fight, by nature's weapons and not by guns."

MANY WRECKS.

Storm Does Great Damage at Port Elizabeth.

Capetown, Sept. 1.—Eighteen vessels, mostly sailing craft, have been driven ashore in a gale at Port Elizabeth. Five of them were dashed to pieces and all the members of their crews were lost. Two tugs are also reported to have foundered and a score of lighters are ashore. It is feared that there will be much loss of life.

Capetown, Sept. 2.—It is now estimated that seventy persons were drowned in Algoa Bay during the storm which swept over Port Elizabeth yesterday. Among the wrecked vessels is the British ship Inch Cape Rock, which arrived at Algoa Bay on August 2 from Portland, Oregon. Part of her crew was saved.

THE HOT WEATHER TEST

Makes people better acquainted with their resources of strength and endurance.

Many find that they are not so well off as they thought and that they are easily enervated and depressed by the heat.

What they need is the tonic effect of Hood's Sarsaparilla which strengthens the blood, promotes refreshing sleep, overcomes that tired feeling, creates appetite.

Laurier In France

Some English Comments on His Reception on the Continent.

Canadian Gift to King's Hospital Fund Is Well Received in London.

The Dominion Anglican Synod Opened in Montreal by Archbishop Bond.

Montreal, Sept. 3.—The Star's London cable says: "There is much amused comment over exchange of courtesies between Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the French ministers. Englishmen are especially smiling at such assurances as that of Prefect Vincent, that Frenchmen extend their fullest sympathy to Sir Wilfrid Laurier on his British citizenship.

The Times today reads Sir Wilfrid Laurier a mild lecture for suggesting French emigration to Canada. It says if it is proposed to settle 20th century Frenchmen in the province of Quebec, it hardly thinks the plan will be received without somewhat mingled feelings.

The Times ridicules the idea of certain French journalists that Mr. Chamberlain aims at coercing or destroying the independence of Canada or other colonies.

Lord Strathcona and Lord Mount Stephen's joint princely gift of $80,000 yearly to the London hospital, excites enthusiastic admiration. It is the subject of editorials in most of the journals. They comment on the romance of success connected with the lives of the donors. The fact that both made Canada the land of their adoption is taken to emphasize Canada's practical loyalty and affection for the Mother Country. It is agreed that the gift will prove of the highest service in the advancement of healing science.

Archbishop Machray is still in Gloucester Gardens hospital. I learn today that he is improving under the Roentgen ray treatment. He is not in much pain, and is able to move about his room and to sit in his chair and write and read.

ANGLICAN SYNOD.

The general synod of the Church of England in Canada, the supreme body of the church in the Dominion, opened its business services here this afternoon. In the absence of the Primate of all Canada, Archbishop Machray, who is seriously ill in London, the Metropolitan of Canada, Archbishop Bond, of Montreal, presided over the opening service, which was attended by bishops and members of the lower house, comprising clerical and lay delegates from all the dioceses of the church in the Dominion. The Metropolitan formally opened the synod by reading the charge of the Primate, Dr. Machray, who referred to important questions to be brought before the synod.

The Metropolitan announced that the house of bishops had appointed a temporary chairman for the lower house.

The announcement evoked a protest from some of the leading members of the synod, who claimed that it was an infringement of the rights of the lower house. Finally the bishops withdrew their decision, and after the bishops had retired Rev. Dr. Langtry, of Toronto, was appointed acting chairman.

Balloting for a prolocutor was then proceeded with, Rev. Dr. Langtry, Toronto; Rev. Dr. Pauntridge, St. John, N. B.; Rev. Dean Jones, London, Ont.; and Rev. Prof. Clark, of Toronto, were nominated, but all failed to secure the number of votes necessary for election. Rev. Dean Matheson of Winnipeg was then nominated, and elected. The prolocutor named Dr. Langtry, of Toronto, as deputy prolocutor. The following synod officers were elected: Clerical secretary, Rev. J. S. C. Bethune, Toronto; lay secretary, George Gurdale, Winnipeg; assessors, Judge Harrington, St. John, N. B., and Dr. Davidson, Montreal; treasurer, Judge McDonald, Brockville; auditors, J. J. Mason, Brockville, and E. G. B. Pense, Kingston.

PICKPOCKETS GATHERED IN

Vancouver Police Make an Important Capture—Statistics For August.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, Sept. 3.—The police have made a very important capture in their arrest of two men and two women suspected of being the pickpockets who have been operating around the C. P. R. station. Officers Mulhern and Jackson suspected the actions of the quartette at the station. They would board the train just as it started and crowd into the most well filled car, alighting again before the end of the platform was reached. The officers believing that the suspected persons would be sure to attend the excursion to Nanaimo, were on hand to meet the boat on its return. Sure enough the quartette came down the gang plank. They were shadowed up town to Powell street, where one of the women took a bundle of papers from her pocket, hastily glanced over them and threw them under the sidewalk. The dwelling place of the suspects was located in rooms on Hastings street, and the papers were then examined. They were found to be a number of receipts, and by them a man in Vancouver who had had his pocket picked of $14 was traced. The suspects were then put under arrest. They gave their names as G. Lewis, hotel-keeper, and wife, Tacoma, and J. S. Williams, electrician, and wife, Tacoma. They had on their persons nearly $600, and many trunks and valises full of articles of wearing apparel, mostly new.

The vital statistics for August are: Birth 37, deaths 38, marriages 7. Marriages are low, owing to the regulations requiring ministers to send in their returns but once a quarter.

There were seven alarms of fire during the month, and the damage was appraised at $1. The police magistrate tried 140 cases.

The customs returns show the imports to have been $299,797, and the duty collected $114,201, a substantial increase over the corresponding month last year.