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NOTICE is hereby given that a Court of Revision and Appeal, under the provisions of the "Assessment Act, 1905" and the "Public Schools Act, 1905" for Corporations and for the Victoria City, North Victoria, South Victoria and Coast Divisions of the above District, will be held at the Assessor's Office, Parliament Buildings, Victoria, on Friday, the 22nd day of January, 1909, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon. Dated at Victoria, B.C. 5th January, 1909.
THOS. S. FUTCHER,
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The results of this decision cannot as yet be computed. The managers of the express companies do not know, nor apparently do the counsel concerned or the railway commissioners who precipitated the matter.

Judge Mabey, while he carefully reiterated his former declaration, that he had known what the new classification involved he would never have sanctioned it. The order for the summary annulment of the new classification came as a sequence of a sharp argument, in which Judge Mabey outlined his position and took the blame for the present anomalous condition of affairs through his own action in sanctioning the new classification of rates without comprehending what they meant.

The position at present as far as the express companies are concerned, is chaotic. They declare they cannot at once put rates back to the old position, while the new rates are already illegal. The position is further complicated by the fact that an appeal to the governor general has already been entered by the Canadian Northern.

As to what the effect of this would be, Mr. Shepley, chairman of the commission, said this afternoon that he did not know. The whole position was such that he could not explain it, nor could anyone else.

The indications are that the problem will have to be worked out by the express companies aided by the assistance of the public and occasional appeals to the railway commission.

Electron Protest

Winnipeg, Jan. 11.—The election of Duncanson, member for Gilbert Plains in the legislature, succeeding Glen Campbell, M.P., was protested this morning on the grounds of bribery and corruption. The usual statutory charges are all included in the petition.

Automobiles in P. E. I.

Charlottetown, P.E.I., Jan. 11.—Fifty petitions have been circulated throughout the province in connection with the repeal of the anti-automobile act. They are being large signed by all classes, including farmers, and the automobile may yet be seen on the roads of this province.

Stoessel Buses for Pardon

St. Petersburg, Jan. 11.—General Stoessel, Rear-Admiral Negobatoff and several others of the officers of high rank now in the fortress of St. Peter and St. Paul have applied for pardon or commutation of their sentences. No action has been taken.

An Augean Stable

Washington, Jan. 11.—Sweeping reforms affecting the criminal classes in the District of Columbia are recommended in a report transmitted to congress by President Roosevelt today from the committee appointed under the act of congress of May 28 last year to investigate the subject.

Old Earth Trembled

AT SEVERAL POINTS

Yesterday's Shock Felt From Tacoma to Comox—No Damage Done

Seattle, Jan. 11.—Reports of a slight earthquake shock came tonight from Vancouver, Victoria, Tacoma and Bellingham. The same tremble was felt here at 8:44 o'clock, and lasted several seconds. No damage was done, but persons rushed from buildings.

Bellingham, Jan. 11.—Bellingham was shaken by an earthquake at 8:44 o'clock this afternoon. Buildings in all parts of the town were jarred, but no damage was done. Hundreds of people rushed to the streets.

The duration of the shock was about ten seconds. Brick buildings were badly shaken, and the plaster fell to the floor, and there was a panic. Only one shock was felt.

Seattle, Jan. 11.—A slight earthquake shock was felt here at 8:44 o'clock this afternoon. No damage was done. At Chemulm the quake lasted for twenty seconds.

An earthquake shock of some twelve seconds duration was felt in the cities of Comox, Alberni and this city yesterday at 8:52 p.m. Bamfield cable station reports two shocks. The motion was of a nature quite perceptible.

Professor Omori, the great Japanese authority on seismography, when here in the city last night, said that he occasionally felt upon northern California to the Queen Charlotte Islands.

The quake was felt here at 8:55 p.m. No damage was done. At Chemulm the quake lasted for twenty seconds.

TREATY SIGNED AT WASHINGTON

Settlement of Differences Connected with Boundary Waterways

COVERS MANY QUESTIONS

Joint High Commission to Be Appointed As Permanent Institution

Washington, Jan. 11.—After a long period of hard and bitter work, some features of which ran into years, United States Secretary of State Root and Ambassador, Lord Grey of Britain, signed a treaty for the settlement of international differences between Canada and the United States.

The treaty, which has been popularly alluded to as the "waterways treaty," but its scope is broader than that, designation implies, as it contemplates a disposition of everything in the nature of differences between the two countries, and machinery for the settlement of questions that may arise along certain lines in the future.

Provision is made for a joint high commission to be made permanent in character.

The final draft and printing of the treaty was not finished until late in the day. Almost at the last moment a whole page having to be re-printed because of a slight alteration in the text.

Dependent upon the final ratification of the treaty rests the settlement of numerous questions connected with the water boundaries which have been a source of more or less annoyance at different times. Included in these are the regulation of the use of the waters of the great lakes, and of the secondary, but none the less important, question of the diversion of the waters of these boundaries, including Niagara Falls, which involves that of the amount of water to be taken for power purposes, the navigation of the St. John river between Maine and New Brunswick, and the use of the Milk river in the Northwest.

To some extent the operations of the treaty will supersede the work of the international commission which was made up of representatives of Canada and the United States, whose duty includes, among other things, the ascertainment and re-establishment of the location of that portion of the international boundary between the United States and Canada which runs through the great lakes. That feature of the work, however, will be continued by the treaty, and will not be completed, the other portion gradually being absorbed by the joint high commission appointed in accordance with the treaty.

The Two Treaties
London, Jan. 11.—The British government today received telegraphic assent from both Houses of Parliament to the draft of the waterways treaty, so that an absolute agreement has now been reached and the immediate signing of the treaty at Washington is expected. Canada and Newfoundland have also assented to the draft of the fisheries treaty.

Foot and Mouth Disease
Washington, Jan. 11.—Behind closed doors today Secretary Wilson, of the department of agriculture, told the house committee of agriculture some startling facts about the fight against the foot and mouth disease. It is believed that human beings have developed the disease, not from serum for vaccination, in which the disease is believed to have been imported from abroad, then by eating the meat of diseased cattle.

PREPARES BIG STICK FOR THE PRESIDENT

Senator Tillman Says He Will Pay Him Attention Later

Washington, Jan. 11.—Being greeted by applause from the galleries when he entered the senate chamber today to reply to President Roosevelt's strictures in respect to his connection with Oregon timber lands transactions, Senator Tillman, of South Carolina, proceeded to read his prepared remarks with little attempt at oratorical effort.

His speech, however, was not attended by senators on both sides of the chamber, the public and private guests being taxed to their full capacity by visitors who occupied all the entrances, long lines of taken and women unable to gain admittance, stood for nearly three hours vainly hoping to enter the galleries.

"I have been expected and desired," Mr. Tillman said, "that having made my own defence, I should turn my batteries against my assailant. I do not feel that my strength is sufficient for the double task, for my physicians have warned me against over-taxing myself. One of the truest and best sentiments in English literature is this from Tennyson: 'Selling another will never make oneself clean.'"

"The president lives in a glass house, with the world looking in at it, and should remember the old adage. He has exerted all the power of the government to destroy me, but he has sold the Tribune, or that he is negotiating for the character for selling an audience that while Liverpool was the centre of shipping, we cannot export to Canada for four months in the year. 'The ignorance of English public men of Canadian affairs,' said Mr. Smith, 'is one that produces incalculable harm in the colonies.'"

COAL CREEK FIRE

Ferne, Jan. 11.—Fire occurred yesterday at 10:01 a.m. in a large tenement house owned by the C. N. P. Co., and rented by two parties of Chinese. The fire was caused by a lantern, completely gutted. One Chinaman narrowly escaped. He was in bed and jumped from the window with only the clothing on and got both feet frozen.

North Cowichan Nomination

Duncan, B.C., Jan. 11.—Nominations for North Cowichan municipality were made today. For instance, the new and W. Herd, Councillors: Chemainus ward, H. Bonnell, acclamation; Comlaw ward, H. W. Bonnell, acclamation; Somers ward, F. C. Holmes, F. M. Middleton, J. I. Mutter; Qualicum ward, T. Pitt, H. W. Bonnell. For school trustees, two vacancies, Mrs. Wellburn, J. Lamont and S. Green.

No Contest in the Oak Bay Election

All Nominees to Council Returned by Acclamation—Only One Change

Those nominated for the Oak Bay council were declared elected by acclamation yesterday by Returning Officer J. S. Floyd. There was no contest for reeve, for councillor in any of the three wards, or for the vacancies among the trustees, caused by the resignation of two of the five members of the body. As a result there are no changes in the personnel of the governing bodies of the neighboring municipalities, except those caused by the voluntary withdrawal of several of those who acted during 1908.

The complete personnel of the Council and the Board of School Trustees, with the names of their proposers and seconders follows:

Reeve
North Ward:—W. E. Oliver, proposed by H. Crane and seconded by H. A. Turner; J. Herlick McGreggor, proposed by H. A. Turner and seconded by H. Crane.

Central Ward:—William Noble, proposed by W. Fernie and seconded by F. Burrell; F. B. Pemberton, proposed by F. B. Ross and seconded by F. Burrell.

South Ward:—S. R. Newton, proposed by T. H. Sholtz and seconded by J. J. Sholtz; J. J. Sholtz, proposed by A. C. Arnold and seconded by F. Burrell.

School Trustees
C. R. Stewart, proposed by S. R. Newton and seconded by J. Phair; W. H. Wollaston, proposed by J. Phair and seconded by S. R. Newton.

Members of the board who do not retire until next year:—T. S. Gore, E. G. Henshall and Mrs. A. E. Johnston.

Considerable interest is being evinced in the public meeting called for next Thursday evening at the Oak Bay school-house, Oak Bay avenue. It has been arranged for the purpose of giving the residents of the district an opportunity of learning what work has been done and carried through during the past twelve months and of the projects on the tapis for 1909.

Admission is understood, will be delivered by the new reeve, W. Henderson, and by the councillors who have been re-elected. In all probability Mr. Colbert will briefly outline his policy in connection with the various problems confronting the municipality and with which the council will have to grapple this year.

Although the gathering takes place on the same night as the Victoria election, it is thought that the results will be known before the beginning of proceedings, so that those who wish to learn the results will be able to obtain the information before responding to the first call to order from Mr. Henderson in his official capacity.

Mr. Richardson Denies
Winnipeg, Jan. 11.—R. L. Richardson, mayor of the Winnipeg Tribune, emphatically denies that he has sold the Tribune, or that he is negotiating for the character for selling an audience that while Liverpool was the centre of shipping, we cannot export to Canada for four months in the year.

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(By Richard I.)
A Trick to the...
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