

BENCH SHOW JUDGE PICKS SOME WINNERS

Attractive Dogs in Close Competition for the Kennel Club Prizes

The best that has ever been held under the auspices of the Victoria Kennel club is the general opinion of those who attended the bench show now being held in the premises lately occupied by the B. C. Furniture company on Government street.

Included among the many dogs are some very valuable animals and some that have been specially imported to compete in bench shows. The building has been well laid out for the purpose and every convenience has been provided.

In the classes that have been judged several close decisions had to be made and the winners are already attracting attention. In the English setter class the competition was very keen, but the absence of several of the old exhibitors is noticed.

Among the classes that have not been judged the Gordon setter, the pointer comes up strong. In the former some very fine animals are shown and the judge will have his work cut out awarding his decision.

The only classes judged yesterday were the English and Irish setters, St. Bernards and greyhounds. This difficult proposition will be resumed this morning at ten o'clock, and by three in the afternoon it is expected that the spectators will be able to see the winners.

As was expected, the handsome St. Bernard, Star of the North, captured first honors and is one of the most admired dogs in the show. For today the show will be open at 10 a.m. and will remain open till about 12 in the evening. The result of the judging, as far as it has been done is as follows:

English Setters—Puppy dogs, first, Mrs. F. Bamfield's Malvern Doc; second, H. Reed, Major. Irish Setters—Puppy dogs, first, Mrs. F. Bamfield's Malvern Doc; second, H. Reed, Major.

Local Bitches—W. E. Ditchburn's Marlborough Bess. Irish Setters—Puppy dogs, first, Dr. Garsche's Victoria. Puppy dogs, first, Dr. Garsche's Victoria.

SASKATCHEWAN LEGISLATURE

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

INLAND REVENUE GROWS

Winnipeg, April 3.—The inland revenue returns show a good increase over those of March 1906. In 1906 the amount collected in March was \$90,788.48, while this year \$106,229.04 was collected, making an increase of \$15,440.56.

JAMES W. MELDRAM DEAD

Well Known Resident of Victoria Dies in St. Joseph's Hospital

In the person of James Watson Meldram, death yesterday removed one of the best known and most popular citizens of Victoria. He had been at the St. Joseph's hospital since Sunday, but although he was known to be seriously ill, it was not suspected that his condition was as bad as it really was, and his sudden death yesterday came as a shock all the more severe in that it was unlooked for by many persons in this city.

Mr. Meldram was 42 years of age, and although not a native born son of this province he came as near being one as was possible. He was born on the sailing vessel Countess of Fife while rounding Cape Horn, his parents being then on their way to this city.

Deceased was a public spirited citizen, and was also a prominent figure in fraternal circles. He belonged to the local lodges of the Odd Fellows and the Foresters, and the members of both of these organizations will accompany his body on its journey to the grave.

NO RESERVE SITE FOR VICTORIA WEST SCHOOL

Refusal of Indian Department May Affect Size of Proposed Building

The failure of the authorities of the Dominion government to arrange for the lease of a small portion of the north end of the Shingus reserve, as requested by the city, may have a very prejudicial effect upon the building of the Victoria West school.

The city some time ago, through the Hon. William Templeman, asked that a lease of an acre or so be granted it in order that the land might be acquired and used as a site for the Victoria West school.

At the meeting of the council on Tuesday evening a letter was received from the Department of the Interior to the effect that in view of the fact that the Indians had not surrendered the title to the reserve no such lease could be granted.

It is stated that the Indian Department has refused to grant a lease of an acre or so to the city for the purpose of building a school on the site.

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Expenditure for Improvement of Driving Park to be Considered. A special meeting of the city council has been called for tomorrow evening for the purpose of considering the expenditure at the driving park for the ensuing year.

Of the \$50,000 raised for the purchase of the new driving park last year there still remains \$10,000 which it has been decided to devote to the improvement of the grounds and buildings. At the meeting of the council last Tuesday evening Secretary Smart of the association submitted a draft of the proposed improvements. This showed that it was proposed to spend over half of the \$10,000 on the improvement of the race track and other matters in connection with the turf.

PROGRESS OF STRIKE IN VANCOUVER CITY

Carpenters and Painters Are Still Standing Out for Higher Wages

Fully 750 carpenters met yesterday in the Labor Hall to discuss the present difficulty existing between their union and the contractors, says the Vancouver News-Advertiser in its issue of Tuesday. On Good Friday it was decided that no carpenters should be employed on any building work until the carpenters' union and the contractors should be held to arrive at some arrangement, or decide what course should be pursued regarding the wage question, which is the point really at issue.

The Brotherhood of Painters and the Amalgamated Carpenters and the Brotherhood of Carpenters. These two bodies are distinctly separate for executive purposes, but in this city they are actually one body. Immediately following the resolutions passed at the mass meeting yesterday morning, the carpenters decided to work until their claims for an advance in wages has been granted.

Another meeting of the carpenters is called for today, when some decisive action is to be looked for. It is reported that an effort is being made to enlist the carpenters employed in the door and sash mills, and by so doing to have gone out on strike. They say their agreement with the builders has expired, and they are not willing to enter into any further contracts unless their terms are accepted.

The Brotherhood of Painters and Decorators are on strike, not so much because the increase of 10 cents an hour has not been agreed to, but because they are holding out for the "closed shop" clause in their proposition. For the past two years the rate of wages has been 40 cents an hour and an open shop. The men demanded 50 cents, but contended for the "closed shop" clause.

This morning there will be another meeting of the painters with the object of meeting that Mr. C. M. Haybi, a special organizer, will be present from Portland. A number of the employers have already signed up, and their men have gone back to work.

There is no trouble in the rank of the sheet metal workers. Only four men in this union are out of work, and all the shops in the city are working. Messrs. Morrison, Crawford and McIntyre, have granted the increase of fifty cents per day, which was demanded. The one shop which has not yielded to the pressure was a reason for not doing so, two of the members of the firm being out of the city. One is expected back today, when it is confidently expected that all arrangements will be satisfactorily made with the men.

ANOTHER RAILWAY MOVE

Mackenzie & Mann May Use National Transcontinental Line. Port Arthur, March 31.—It is said here that Mackenzie & Mann are looking for the National Transcontinental Railway in reaching a decision from Port Arthur. The agreement made by Mayor Clavet with the C. N. R. and the G. T. P. provides for a route through the town in the northern boundary. Mackenzie & Mann will take this afternoon in an effort to arrive at some arrangement by which the C. N. R. would not be embarrassed in its plans here by the agreement made by the mayor with the C. N. R. and G. T. P.

The C. N. R. plans to do extensive work here this summer, involving the expenditure of upwards of \$200,000 in station, warehouse and yard facilities, and to protect these works from the officials are concerned. By the terms of the agreement alluded to the C. N. R. would be to the detriment of the city, particularly in the vicinity of the station, located at an already busy section leading to the dock. The city is prepared to meet the company in a fair spirit, but will insist that the company also give concessions, which hitherto it has refused.

GAS FOR REGINA

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 declining vote of Mayor Smith. The rates are \$1.40 and \$1.80 a thousand.

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Closing Easter Bargains Tomorrow

Special Sale of Exquisite Dressing Jackets and Gowns

A particularly choice and special purchase of Ladies' Dressing Jackets and Gowns enables us to offer these charming wearables at practically bargain prices for such really exceptional values.

- LADIES' DRESSING JACKETS—Colors, red and blue, Japanese style, made in good quality of silk. Special for Friday \$4.00
LADIES' JAPANESE DRESSING GOWNS—Colors, navy, red, black, pink and pale blue; collar, cuffs and front with fancy trimmings. Special for Friday \$7.00
LADIES' DRESSING GOWNS IN JAPANESE STYLE—Colors, blue, pink and red, made in extra good quality of silk; collar, cuffs, front and pockets with fancy silk trimmings. Special for Friday \$10.00
LADIES' JAPANESE DRESSING GOWNS—In grey silk, lined and quilted. Special for Friday \$5.50

A Limited Portion of Surplus Stock to be Cleared Tomorrow

LADIES' BLOUSES and CORSETS

On Special Sale at Under One-Third and just over One-Half

- Ladies' D. A. and C. B. Corsets Department E, 2nd Floor \$3.00 to \$1.75 Values for \$1.00
LADIES' C. B. C. CORSETS—Low bust, straight front, princess hip, hose supporter on side and front, finished at top with ribbon and lace. Price \$1.00
LADIES' C. B. C. CORSETS—Medium bust, made in heavy jean, princess hip and long pointed front, top finished with ribbon and lace. Price \$1.00
LADIES' D. A. CORSETS—Made of heavy coutie, straight front, long princess hip, finished at top with wide lace and ribbon. Price \$1.00
LADIES' D. A. CORSET—In white and Drab, made of heavy jean, for slight and medium figures, princess hip, long front, finished at top with lace and ribbon. Price \$1.00
Ladies' White Lawn and Mull Blouses Reduced from \$2.50 to \$1.50
LADIES' WHITE LAWN BLOUSE—Extra front made of hand embroidery with six rows of tucking down back; long sleeve finished with tucked cuff. Price \$1.50
LADIES' FINE MULL BLOUSE—Pointed yoke, made of tucking and insertion, finished with two shirred frills edged with lace; back of blouse made of fine tucking and insertion, 3/4 sleeve finished with insertion and lace, lace collar. Price \$1.50
LADIES' FINE MUSLIN BLOUSE—Front made of fine Valenciennes insertion and tucks, two clusters of tucks on either side of back; long sleeve with fancy cuff insertion and tucks, lace collar. Price \$1.50

Two Useful Bargains for Men Folk

Special White Washing Vests for Dressy Wear MEN'S CLOTHING DEPARTMENT.

An exceptionally favorable opportunity presented itself to secure a lot of splendid White Wash Shirts at a special price for the whole consignment. These have been reserved for a Friday bargain. The Vests are plain white with stripes and broken checks in all the new and dainty patterns for smart wear. Our special sale tomorrow \$1.00

Fancy Print Shirts for Business Wear MEN'S FURNISHING DEPARTMENT.

A large purchase of Fancy Print Shirts especially suitable for business wear has left us with a limited stock of this quick selling and favorite line. The balance on hand will offer as a Friday bargain, making room for new stock constantly arriving. These Shirts are in blue and black checks, regular value 75c. Friday's special 50c

SPRING CLEANING AND THE HOUSEWIFE—Here's a Bargain Chance for Additional Brightness in the Home at a Fractional Cost, offered by the House Furnishings Dept., 2nd Floor.

FRENCH AND ENGLISH SILK FINISHED TAPESTRIES

At Less Than One-Half. Special Clearance Sale Tomorrow at per yard 75c. We too have been doing a little "Spring Cleaning" through our stock, and find that recent heavy sales have left us with considerable lengths of these Choice Silk Finished Tapestries that we can afford to dispose of as Friday Bargains. There are at least 22 patterns in all art shades. They are particularly desirable for either curtains or upholstery work. POSITIVE VALUES range from \$1.25 up to \$1.75 per yard. Friday Bargain, per yard 75c

Good News From Our Boot and Shoe Department—Edwin C. Burt's Shoes for Women Have Arrived. Special Display Today.

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CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS. Books of Republican Committee Would Afford Much Light. New York, April 3.—The publication of the letter from E. H. Harriman to Sidney Webster and of the correspondence between President Roosevelt and Congressman Sherman, and the President and Mr. Harriman, has given the widest discussion in financial and political circles today. The statement given out by Mr. Harriman last night in reply to the Roosevelt correspondence was eagerly read, and especially in Wall Street. It was stated in banking circles that light could be shed on the question of campaign contributions of 1904 if the books of the national Republican committee were thrown open.

ENGINEERING DESTROYED

Montreal, April 5.—Engineering building, equipped with all the latest machinery and destroyed by fire today. The magnificent pilasters and brick, perfectly equipped with its thousands of dollars' worth of machinery and labor, was lost from smoke. The workman met an annex to the main building, which was also destroyed, from just what is the very heavy. The bureau building, with its immense on the upper story, "baths" were enjoyed the first year of its life. It was on the third centre of the flat, that the fire started. The flames lit up the building, containing the famous R. of kinematic model America.

MR. BRYCE

Toronto, April 5.—Bryce and Mrs. Bryce for Chicago after a stay in Toronto. Mr. Bryce is a member of the meetings of students cliffs college in the CENTRAL AMERICA. San Salvador, April 5.—Bryce and Mrs. Bryce for Chicago after a stay in Toronto. Mr. Bryce is a member of the meetings of students cliffs college in the CENTRAL AMERICA.

GAZAR TO ABDO THRONED

London Paper Changes Will Big E. London, April 5.—To be in a position to be the "chastest" of the few survivors of those who were in the stirring events of 1857, having served with the government against W. Lamb Mackenzie. He also won the medal in the stirring events of 1857, having served with the government against W. Lamb Mackenzie.

VETERAN OF 1837

Winnipeg, April 3.—P. H. Bradt, a Port Garry pioneer, died yesterday, aged 93. He had been a resident of the city since 1858, and had a remarkable career. He was one of the few survivors of those who were in the stirring events of 1837, having served with the government against W. Lamb Mackenzie. He also won the medal in the stirring events of 1837, having served with the government against W. Lamb Mackenzie.