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BOARD OF TRADE AND COMPANIES ACT, 1908

Discussion at Quarterly Meeting Friday—Council Receives Special Reports

When members of the board of trade met Friday afternoon at the regular quarterly meeting, chief among the matters for discussion was the new Companies Act of British Columbia, upon which a special committee reported to the council meeting of the board yesterday that the act cannot fail to hamper commercial intercourse between British Columbia and the rest of the world, and inflict serious injury on the commercial and industrial interests of this province.

FARM INSTITUTES HOLD CONVENTION

Reciprocity Condemned—In-Creased Membership Reported

At the thirteenth annual meeting of the Central Farmers' Institute, which opened in the department of agriculture offices Tuesday, a resolution condemning reciprocity, with the United States was passed, and written up to be sent to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, R. L. Borden and the British Columbia members of the House of Commons and Senate.

CIRCUMNAVIGATE POLAR REGIONS

Sir Ernest Shackleton Hopes to Conduct Expedition of Exploration

Sir Ernest Shackleton, interviewed regarding his reported expedition to Spitzbergen, said nothing definite had yet been settled. He could not go until his expenses in connection with his South Pole expedition had been cleared off, which he hoped would be about May. His present intention was to continue his lectures until the necessary sum required was obtained.

LOCAL BALL CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS

Men Chosen to Direct Destinies of New Northwestern Club for Season

At a meeting of the Victoria Baseball Club, held Tuesday in the offices of T. P. McConnell, the following were elected officers and directors: President and Treasurer—T. S. McPherson. Secretary—T. P. McConnell. Vice-President—Joshua Klingham. Director—R. F. Green.

CALIFORNIA TEAM TALKS TO SCRIBES

Berkeley Boys Tell San Francisco Newspapermen Story of Their Woes

Our late visitors from California have returned to their native stamping grounds, and what they told the San Francisco newspaper men makes rather amusing reading. It is always interesting to hear both sides of a question, but it looks as if some of the Berkeley bunch had been biting the pipe, so far from Fleming being thrown off for lying on the ball, it is stated by several members of the local team that he was given his walking papers for starting a well-meant hay-maker for Leo Sweeney's jaw. The following is from the San Francisco Chronicle and is written by the paper's well-known sporting expert "Bobs":

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REGIMENTAL ORDERS

The following are among the regimental orders issued by Capt. and Adjutant Stern, of the Fifth Regiment. It is notified for general information that the Ordnance Depot, Esquimalt, B. C., will be closed as regards the transaction of outside work, on the 7th inst.

LANGFORD WHIPS COLORED BROTHER

Boston, Jan. 11. — Sam Langford's claim to the right to fight Jack Johnson for the heavyweight title is looked upon favorably to-day as a result of his decisive victory over Joe Jeannette last night. Langford handled his heavier opponent as if he were a baby. In the first round he put Jeannette down for the count of nine, and a less game fellow than Jeannette would have stayed down several times during the remainder of the fight. Jeannette landed only one good blow on Langford—a right cross to the jaw in the fifth round—but Sam merely smiled. During the rest of the entertainment Langford did all the hitting.

CON JONES FORMS A NEW SOCCER LEAGUE

Nanaimo, Ladysmith and Caledonians Form New Body to Play Professional Ball. Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 11.—Although the constitution of the new British Columbia Football League it will be practically a professional body. The four clubs—Nanaimo, Ladysmith and the two Vancouver teams, Vancouver and Caledonians, have refused to affiliate with the B. C. A. U., and the players will be paid for their services. The final meeting was held yesterday when a schedule to open February 25 was drawn up and the following officers were elected: President, Tom Graham, Nanaimo; president, Con Jones, Vancouver; first vice-president, Hugh Thornley, Ladysmith; second vice-president, Willie Ellis, Vancouver.

STORM RAGING ALONG THE COAST

Warning Signals Ordered Displayed From Puget Sound to San Diego. San Francisco, Jan. 11.—Portland's club in the Coast league and possibly the same team in the Northwest league will train at Santa Maria, according to an announcement by Manager McCredie, who, with his uncle, owns both teams. McCredie left for Los Angeles to-day to complete arrangements for the spring training trip.

LABOR PARTY'S TROUBLES

Sydney, N. S. W., Jan. 10.—Trouble is starting in the ranks of the Labor party here. The trade unions are complaining that the labor movement is being bossed by the members of parliament. At present the trouble has not reached a critical stage but the political opponents of the party are awaiting the outcome of the dispute with interest.

SALOON KEEPER SHOT BY HIGHWAYMEN

Two Masked Thugs Escape After Robbing Several Men Who Were in the Bar. Tacoma, Wash., Jan. 10.—Deputies from the sheriff's office went early to-day to Dieringer, a small town near Sumner, to assist possees of citizens in their hunt for the two highwaymen who shot and killed Fred Barnett, proprietor of saloon at Dieringer late last night. The bandits were attempting to hold up the place, in which were several men besides Barnett. Particulars of the affair are unobtainable because of the lack of communication with the scene of the crime. It is learned, however, that both the thugs wore masks and each carried a revolver. Barnett was shot and killed by the bandits, who then robbed the other men in the saloon and escaped to the woods.

CONTRACT AWARDED

For repairing the engines of the steamship Northumbria, now lying at Esquimalt loaded with a cargo of coal for Guaymas, Mexico, the contract has been awarded to the B. C. Marine Railway Company. The work will occupy about a week and the cost will be in the neighborhood of \$5,000. Her engines were found to be defective and many new sections will be required to place them in shape. When the repairs are completed the Northumbria will leave for Comox to load bunker coal.

INNOCENT MAN CONVICTED

Sentenced Nine Years Ago He Has Now Been Set at Liberty. Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 11.—Convicted in 1902 of a murder it has since been shown he did not commit, and sentenced to life imprisonment at San Quentin, Seriano Gonzales, Mexican, is back in Los Angeles a free man. His crime had been pardoned through the efforts of Leonard Mordaunt, of the Union Rescue Mission, here. Mordaunt submitted to the government proof of the innocence of Gonzales. The Mexican was convicted on circumstantial evidence of the murder on August 30 of Charles Underwood, a railroad man.

MARINE NOTES

This morning the steamer Newington, of the marine and fisheries department, left Victoria with Inspector G. H. Peters aboard, who will repair the beacon on Entrance Island. Capt. S. Nelson, of the steamer Celtic, reports that while his vessel was somewhere between Cape Flattery and Cape Beale on his last west coast trip, January 6, during a heavy gale one of the lifeboats, bearing the name of the ship, as well as all the crew, was blown overboard, and so as not to arouse fears for the vessel's safety he has written to local shipping men informing them.

KELLY'S ARM IS BETTER

Chicago, Jan. 11.—Hugo Kelly's injured arm will be mended sufficiently for him to re-enter the ring on Washington's birthday. At the same time the Italian fighter signed an agreement with the Star Athletic Club of Milwaukee to appear for them on that date. Kelly's opponent has not yet been selected, but probably will be Tom Gorman. After fighting in Philadelphia and meet some middleweight from Philadelphia Jack O'Brien's club.

TOMMY BURNS WILL FIGHT

Seattle, Wn., Jan. 11.—Tempted by a sure thing purse of \$12,500, Tommy Burns, former heavyweight champion of the world, to-day confirmed the report that he will fight Bill Lang in London this spring. He called Hugh Gilmour, the Australian promoter yesterday, accepting the terms and promises to start from Seattle before March 1.

STRAITHOONA PARK

Lord Strathcona, in the following cable message to the Provincial Secretary, accedes to the desire of the government of British Columbia to name the new park at Buttles lake after him: Hon. H. E. Young, Victoria: Your cable message intimating that the government of British Columbia has set aside a large area surrounding Buttles lake for provincial park, thus adding another charm to the already beautiful and beautiful place, I am glad to hear of it. I would regard it as a signal honor to have my name so associated with the park and feel deeply grateful to your government for the great kindness and consideration in so honoring me.

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