PANDORA AVE. PEOPLE ARE TURNED DOWN

Request That City Should Pay Part of Expropriation is Tacitly Refused

As a result of the meeting of Pandora avenue residents held Tuesday afternoon in the city hall to discuss the question of assessment in regard to the proposed extension of the thoroughfare through to Oak Bay two resolutions were passed, the first expressing the view that the city should contribute something toward the expropriation out of general revenue on the ground that the whole city would benefit largely by the scheme, and the second that the assessment should be made by W. W. Northcott, and Messrs. Griffith and Mitchell, who have been co-operating in the framing of this year's assessment roll.

The meeting was called by the city solicitor, who explained its purpose to those present. The basis of assessment for the cost of the work had been decided upon by the council, but owners between Douglas and Government streets had objected to the apparently excessive proportion which they were being called upon to pay upon that basis.

The city solicitor also pointed out that the city would not contribute, as it had not contributed in previous cases. Considerable discussion ensued as to what exact area was likely to benefit the most by the improvement. The opinion was expressed that as the new thoroughfare would extend right through to Oak Bay it would be the residents of that district who would receive most benefit, and that therefore they should be called upon to pay something of the cost. On these lines the discussion led to the inclusion of Victoria West and sundry other places among the list of beneficiaries.

When the city solicitor reported the proceedings to the council at last night's meeting he recommended the adoption of the second resolution, which was done on the motion of alderman Gleason, seconded by Alderman Peden.

NEGROES SAY THEY WERE PERSECUTED

Sacrificed Farms in Oklahoma in Order to Move to Western Canada

Vancouver, April 19.—Declaring that the principal reason for the exodus of negroes from Oklahoma, a movement which has resulted in bringing many of this race to the doors of Canada demanding admission to the agricultural lands of this country, was the persecution which they suffered at the hands of the whites in that state, one of the immigrants said yesterday that the conditions of life for the negroes in the American state was intolerable.

"The free lands of Canada were first brought to our attention by a travelling passenger agent of the Burlington Railway," declared this negro, "but what we are confidently looking for is a land where we will be free in the fullest sense of the term. The 20,000 negroes of Oklahoma are tired of the Jim Crow practices of the whites of that state. It is Jim Crow here, and there, and the situation has grown intolerable to the negroes. Why we are not even allowed to vote in Oklahoma and we have looked on Canada as a land where we could enjoy the fullest freedom."

The immigrant making this statement was one of two negroes who were members of a party of thirty which arrived at White Rock, on the international boundary, last Thursday direct from Oklahoma, from which state they travelled in a Burlington railway coach. Immigration officials refused to admit eleven children of the party because they were suffering from an infectious disease of the throat. When admittance was refused the children all but two of the negroes turned back. Among those who retreated were four families, and they state that it is their intention to settle in Washington or Oregon. They absolutely refuse to return to Oklahoma and their great desire is to get out of the United States.

It was stated by the man interviewed yesterday that there was no organization or common action behind the movement of Oklahoma negroes to Canada other than that of the Burlington Railway. He declared that the negroes who had started for Canada had sacrificed their farms in Oklahoma at prices ranging from $12 to $20 per acre rather than remain there any longer and submit to the indignities which he insisted were being heaped upon members of his race by their white neighbors.

TACOMA'S MAYOR DEFEATED.

Tacoma, April 19.—W. W. Seymour, Public Welfare League candidate, was elected mayor of Tacoma yesterday, and Mayor A. W. Fawcett recalled, after one of the bitterest fought municipal campaigns ever waged in the city, the women taking an active part, both as stump speakers and precinct workers.

The vote cast was the largest of any election ever waged in the city, totalling 21,849 out of a registration of 26,348. Fawcett received 10,394 votes to 11,246 cast for Seymour, the latter's majority being, 852, decidedly closer than his supporters had predicted.

The sea is infinitely more productive than the land. It is estimated that an acre of good fishing will yield more food in a week than an acre of the best land will yield in a year.

—The bank clearings for the week ending Tuesday amounted to $2,160,521.

—There will be a short business meeting of Columbia Lodge, I. O. O. F., this evening, after which there will be a social, when the formal presentation of the cup won in the recent team contest will take place. All Odd Fellows are invited to be present.

—The quarterly examination of applicants for registration as medical practitioners in British Columbia takes place here on May 2. Already about thirty doctors have made application for enrollment.

—The Sons and Daughters of St. George will celebrate St. George's day on Monday, April 24, at 8 p.m., by giving a concert and dance at the A. O. U. W. hall (upstairs). A splendid programme has been arranged and a good time is assured. All members and their friends are invited to attend.

—The concert given by the Men's Own of the First Congregational church at the Old Men's Home Tuesday evening was quite a success. The rather sparse attendance of the women folk was somewhat depreciated. However, the renderings of the Misses McIntosh and Miss Morrison were especially noteworthy. To the artists, and to all who in any capacity assisted in the evening's enjoyment, the executive tenders its many thanks.

—The result of the test examination in theory, held at the Aletha studio of music on Saturday afternoon, are as follows: Primary grade—Addie Malcom, 95; Margaret Harris, 94¼; Artie Plows, 93; Helena Burley, 92½. Junior grade—Alice Drysdale, 97½; May B. H. Wallace, 95; Retta Wilmhurst, 92¾; Lillian Earl, 92¼; Jackie Moar, 89½; Naomi Plows, 86¾. The examinations were graded on 100 per cent.

—The annual meeting of the Victoria clearing house was held on Tuesday last in the Canadian Bank of Commerce for the transacting of business and the election of officers for the ensuing year. The following members were elected: Mr. Thomas, of the Dominion Bank, president; Mr. Christie, of the Union Bank, vice-president; Mr. Laundy (re-lected), manager and secretary.

—Next Tuesday evening the choir of Emmanuel Baptist church are giving their second annual concert in the auditorium of the church. The choir has been enlarged to the number of 50, and under the leadership of Fred Pardit, has been practising faithfully during the past month. A splendid programme has been arranged by the leader, and everything points to this concert being one of the successes of the season. The soloists for the evening are Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Codd, bass and soprano respectively, both of whom are well known among the music-loving people of Victoria, and Herbert H. Foot, violoncello soloist. Miss Flossie Wood is to perform the arduous task of accompanist. The programme contains glees, part songs, ladies' chorus, vocal march, and also other choruses. The admission is by programme, which can be purchased from any member of the choir. The concert is to start promptly at 8 o'clock.

ISLAND TEAMS LEAD.

Ladysmith Must Be Careful if They Want the Championship.

With still four games to be played, the Island champions will have to be careful what they do in this provincial soccer league.

As a result of Ladysmith forfeiting last Saturday's game to the Vancouvers and Nanaimo winning from the Callies the Island champions have not, by any means, the sure thing they seemed to have. In fact, Nanaimo is on a level with them and the Vancouvers are only one behind. The Callies are irretrievably in the cellar.

The two Island teams have one more game to play against one another a week from Saturday, and that game will no doubt decide which eleven are the professional champions of British Columbia. The standing of the teams is as follows:

	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Ladysmith	4	2	2	10
Nanaimo	4	2	2	10
Vancouvers	4	4	..	8
Callies	2	6	..	4

MUSHROOM WINS CITY AND SUBURBAN

T. Baring's Three-Year-Old Captures Big Race at Epsom—Fifteen Starters

(Special to the Times.)

Epsom, England, April 19.—The city and suburban was won to-day by T. Baring's Mushroom, 5 to 1. H. J. King's Demosthenes, 25 to 1, was second, and J. A. De Rothschild's Bronzino, 8 to 1, third.

The winner, a three-year-old by Common-Quick, won five races out of nine last season, was trained by Butters and was ridden by W. Saxby and carried a pile of public money. The starters also included: Dean Swift, Mustapha, Dalmatian, Greenback, Lonawand, Hayden, William Rex, Abattas Avenue, St. Felicien, Diamond Stud, Abelard II., and Knight of Honor.

WOUND PROVES FATAL.

Los Angeles, Cal., April 19.—S. L. Dania, the tailor who was wounded in a revolver duel with George Koerner two weeks ago and nine days ago shot himself with a revolver brought to him by Eva Bovee, who claimed to be his adopted daughter, died at the county hospital. After Dania was wounded by Koerner, he shot and killed his little daughter, Ledalia, because he thought he was going to die and wished her to die with him. Before he shot himself at the county hospital he shot Miss Bovee three times, they having previously entered into a suicide pact. It is said at the hospital that she will recover from her injuries.

WILL C. P. R. TAKE UP IROQUOIS ROUTE?

Board of Trade Telegraphs Company Urging Them to Furnish a Service

The council of the board of trade were in session for nearly two hours on Wednesday, the quantity of business transacted being not only voluminous but important.

A communication was read from the Hon. Wm. Pugsley, Minister of Public Works, Ottawa, to the effect that the unexpended appropriation for the Victoria harbor improvement scheme would be revoted.

The president appointed a committee to advise the board in reference to the amendments which it is proposed to bring before the government at the next session of the legislature in regard to the Companies Act, 1910. The committee consists of J. J. Shallcross, W. J. Ambery, M. B. Jackson, and R. T. Elliott, K. C.

Simon Leiser, F. A. Pauline, and James Forman were appointed a special committee to report to the board in reference to the accommodation at the post office, and also in regard to the condition of the court house and land registry office.

W. Blakemore, A. W. McCurdy, and C. H. Lugrin presented a lengthy report in favor of the establishment of a seismographic observatory in the city of Victoria.

Captain Troup attended the meeting at the invitation of the council and presented a report upon how far the recommendations made by the board of trade five years ago in regard to the better protection of life and property on the west coast of Vancouver Island had been carried out. Upon hearing the report the council was unanimous in its expression of approval that so much had already been done by the Dominion government. A few of the recommendations had not been adopted but the council took the opportunity of acknowledging, with pleasure that which had been done.

In view of the captain's presence the council took the opportunity of discussing with him a service between Sidney and the adjacent islands in place of the wrecked Iroquois. Members of the council strongly urged that the C. P. R. put on a suitable steamer. Their representations will be telegraphed to the C. P. R. headquarters in Montreal.

The quarterly meeting of the board will be held on Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock, when the question of the steamer service in place of the Iroquois will be further discussed. It is understood that on that occasion the necessity of further inspection of small coasting steamers will be brought up by H. A. Munn and other members.

NEW IMMIGRATION COMMISSIONER.

F. H. Peters Assumes Important Duties in Alberta.

Ottawa, April 19.—A change of much interest has lately taken place in the personnel of the staff of the Irrigation and Hydrographic Survey staff at Calgary, Alta., a division of the forestry branch of the department of the interior. John Stewart, D.L.S., who has for some time occupied the position of commissioner of irrigation, has resigned, and his place has been filled by the appointment of F. H. Peters, D. L. S., C.E.

Mr. Peters is one of the young Canadians who, while still young, already can look back upon an enviable record in their chosen professions. A son of Colonel J. Peters, formerly of London, Ont., and now of Victoria, B. C., it seemed only natural that he should enter the Royal Military College at Kingston, and when he graduated from that institution in 1904, it was at the head of his class. He was offered a position in the Royal Engineers, but this he declined, preferring to look for opportunities in his own country. He took employment under the Ottawa River Improvement Commission, and subsequently was for three years and a half engaged on the Georgian Bay canal survey, where he filled the position of first assistant engineer. Later, he assisted in the survey of the Fort Churchill townsite and in hydrographic work there. He has been with the forestry branch of the department of the interior for over a year, having, up to the date of his recent appointment, been in charge of special investigations on the St. Mary's and Milk rivers.

Mr. Peters entered upon his new duties on April 1. The office is an important one, as it includes the administration of the Dominion irrigation act, which controls the supply of water to the municipalities, the railways and the irrigation companies and irrigation farmers in Alberta and Saskatchewan, including such great projects as that of the Canadian Pacific railway. It also includes the hydrographic survey of the irrigation districts which is being well organized to gather complete information as to the water supply available. The division of the water supply of the St. Mary and Milk rivers, which flow across the international boundary, is a matter that is being dealt with by the international waterways treaty, and Mr. Peters has made a special study of the streams with a view to the requirements of the treaty.

P. M. Sauder, C.E., who has had charge of the hydrographic surveys, will continue as chief of that division. R. J. Burley, C.E., will have charge of the Cypress Hills district as divisional engineer.

ACCUSED OF MANSLAUGHTER.

Peoria, Ill., April 19.—Frank B. Biggins, "boy alderman" of Peoria, is under arrest here on a warrant charging manslaughter. Biggins is accused of being instrumental in the death of Claude W. Tremble, a palmist. The coroners jury to-day exonerated the alderman from blame. Strong evidence for the defence was brought out at the inquest which showed that Winifred, the palmist, was the aggressor.

BOY'S STORY OF TWO UNKNOWNS

Y. M. C. A. SECRETARY AND RESTRICTED DISTRICT

Collapse Yesterday of Charges of a Sensational Character

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

A boy, whose name was not given, had made affidavit that a semi-intoxicated individual of unknown name, had come to the front of a certain house and offered an insult to the unknown boy's sister and stated that he had been given the sum of $2 by a hackman (name also unknown) to do so.

The above was announced by the police commissioners as the substance of a statutory declaration placed before them yesterday by N. T. Elliott, K. C., who appeared for A. J. Brace, secretary of the Y. M. C. A., when that gentleman was called before the board to substantiate his statement, published in an election dodger circulated in the interests of Mayor Morley prior to the civic elections at the beginning of the year, to the effect that he knew that men had been hired to insult women on the streets of Victoria in order to indicate that a restricted district was necessary.

On the session of the commission opening, Mr. Elliott said he appeared for Mr. Brace. The article which was the basis for this investigation had been written in continuation of Mr. Brace's protests against the re-establishment of a restricted district. On Mr. Brace's behalf he placed a statutory declaration before the board, which set out the grounds on which the charges had been made.

Ald. H. M. Fullerton said he wished to go on record as stating that before he and A. G. Sargison had been appointed to their positions on the board they had conferred with Premier McBride, and the latter had pointed out that it was to be understood that there was to be no restricted district or open gambling in Victoria.

In respect to this statement Mr. Elliott said that he and his client would be pleased to give the same publicity to it, as to Mr. Brace's statement which was the cause of the enquiry.

Commissioner Sargison insisted that in view of the facts of the case Mr. Brace ought to be called upon to substantiate his charges fully.

Mr. Elliott contended that in view of the statement of Commissioner Fullerton, which was concurred in by Commissioner Sargison—that there was no intention of re-establishing a restricted district—there was no further need of debating the matter. There was no criticism of the police. He had no objection to the publication of the statutory declaration he had just handed in.

After some criticism of the declaration by Commissioners Fullerton and Sargison, the mayor expressed the opinion that it would not be well to publish the text of the same, but personally he considered that it disclosed justification for Mr. Brace's statements.

The other members of the board concurring in this view this ended the proceedings, the mayor stating the substance of the declaration as given above.

TEES REACHED PORT AFTER ROUGH TRIP

Steamer Brings Many Passengers to This City—Whalers Having Hard Luck

Considerable heavy weather was encountered off the west coast of this island by the C. P. R. steamer Tees, Capt. Gillam, which arrived in port Tuesday from Clayoquot and way points. The steamer received the full force of the strong gales which have been blowing of late and was buffetted about severely when riding in the open sea. Coming southward she experienced several heavy storms from the southwest and off Cape Beale laboured heavily in the trough of the mountainous sea.

About thirty passengers came to this city on the Tees, including Mrs. Fayette and two children; Mrs. Godson and two children; Mrs. Deakin and Miss Deakin; Mr. and Mrs. Daniels; Mrs. Raymond, A. Hickley; Mrs. Gosney, A. Alliott; H. Moody; D. Wyer; and Messrs. Raymond, Hodson, Belange, Davis, Frank and Bentley. She had very little freight for this port.

The officers of the Tees report that the whaling steamers are having poor luck in capturing the mammals owing to stress of weather. The Orion went out from Sechart the day the Tees arrived on her northbound trip and when the steamer was coming south the whaler was returning but had nothing in tow. The stations are having very little work to do as a result, but it is expected that as the season develops they will have their hands full.

When the Tees pulls out to-morrow night for Holberg, Thomas Thompson will be filling the position of chief officer on her. He has been transferred from the Queen City and his friends are glad to hear of his promotion.

STRIKE ANNIVERSARY.

Latrobe, Pa., April 18.—Several thousand miners and families will march from the Westmoreland strike field into Latrobe to celebrate the first anniversary of the strike. This afternoon a big meeting will be held. Among those expected to attend are: Miss Anna T. Morgan, daughter of J. P. Morgan, of New York; Jane Adams, of Hull, Chicago; and Harry Parker, of Philadelphia.

ISLANDERS SHUT OUT THE TACOMA TIGERS

Victoria Makes Name for Itself in Initial Game in Northwest League

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

The formal opening of the Northwestern League season took place yesterday afternoon in Tacoma, Spokane and Seattle. In Tacoma, where the Islanders were the attraction, the opening was marked with a parade in front of which marched a band. Following the band came an automobile with "Tige," the Tacoma bantam rooster mascot on the windshield.

In the car were Player-manager Joseph Lynch of the Bengals, and Player-manager Edward Householder, of the Islanders. In the next car was President George M. Shreeder, of the Tacoma ball club; President George B. Burke, of the Chamber of Commerce, and Vice-President George Long, of the Commercial club. The leaders of the two civic organizations pitched and caught first ball of the season.

In four other cars came the Tacoma and Victoria players. At the ball ground the usual scenes were enacted. The fans lunged their official greeting to the players. The band played "Yankee Doodle." During the practice loud applause greeted every skilful play of the Bengals and jeers were the portion of the visitors who made a bungle.

Simultaneous with the opening of the season in Tacoma the same scenes were enacted in Spokane. In that town, in which the Portland "Tourists" were the visiting team, Mayor Hindley declared the season open by going to bat first.

The excitement at Seattle was postponed for a day on account of bad weather. The Vancouver "Beavers" and the Seattle "Giants" play there to-day unless again prevented by rain.

In their first game in the Northwestern League, the Islanders have made for themselves a name and an enviable one. No longer are they considered as outsiders, but a factor to be seriously considered in the race for the pennant.

Lane pitched perfect ball for the seven innings he occupied the box, not allowing the Bengals even the dinkiest of hits. He was compelled to retire after the seventh owing to a severe wrench he gave his arm when putting over one of his most devious outdrops. His place was filled by Sage, the recruit from the Twilight League, and the big fellow, mixing his "dope" ball with the speedy ones very effectively, had Mike Lynch clawing the air in frantic despair during the last two frames.

In spite of the freezing weather there were over 2,500 fans present at the game, and before they left the field, without an exception, they conceded Lane to be one great slab artist. Most of the innings were of the one, two, three variety. When Lane was lifted, the "bugs" thought they were going to get some action for their money, but they were sadly disappointed.

Victoria's first run came in the seventh. McFadden, in an effort to peg Householder at first, made an overthrow into the bleachers. The fans, in all innocence, returned the ball to Fisher and Umpire Ward allowed Householder to complete the circuit.

In the eighth, two more runs were tallied. Davis took first on McFadden's error and was sacrificed to second by Raymer. Million laid down a grounder to McFadden and the latter tried to catch Davis off the second sack. The old timer was too wary, however, and both he and Million were safe. They both advanced on Goodman's long fly to the field. With two men out and two men on bases, Eddie Householder came to bat. How the local fans would have hollered if they could have seen Edward drive out that pinch hit and bring both the base runners in.

During the whole game the Tigers got but three men on bases, Rockenfield on a pass, Lynch by using his head instead of the bat, and McFadden on Goodman's error. None of them got farther than second, the batters being too busy trying to follow Lane's snaky shoots to think of hitting the ball.

It was announced yesterday that Victoria had made no errors. This was not quite correct, for Goodman on one occasion booted the ball instead of picking it up. Neither was it correct that the Islanders had only made three hits. Goodman and Reddick each got two singles and Householder one very timely bingle. The detailed score follows:

Victoria.

	A.B.	R.	H.	P.O.	A.	E.
Davis, l. f.	4	1	0	0	0	0
Raymer, 2 b.	3	0	0	1	2	0
Million, c. f.	4	1	0	3	0	0
Goodman, 3 b.	4	0	2	0	5	1
Householder, r. f.	4	1	1	1	0	0
Reddick, s. s.	4	0	2	1	3	0
Manes, 1 b.	3	0	0	14	0	0
Dashwood, c.	3	0	0	7	2	0
Lane, p.	3	0	0	0	2	0
Sage, p.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	32	3	5	27	15	1

Tacoma.

	A.B.	R.	H.	P.O.	A.	E.
Warren, r. f.	4	0	0	1	0	0
Bassey, l. f.	4	0	0	3	0	0
Rockenfield, 2 b.	3	0	0	4	4	0
Coleman, 3 b.	2	0	0	0	2	0
Lynch, c. f.	2	0	0	3	1	0
Fisher, 1 b.	2	0	0	13	0	0
McFadden, s. s.	3	0	0	1	5	1
Devogt, c.	3	0	0	1	1	0
Hall, p.	3	0	0	1	4	0
Totals	26	0	0	27	17	3

Score by innings.

Victoria	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	3
Tacoma	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Summary.

Stolen bases—Rockenfield, Goodman, Reddick. Double plays—Dashwood to Raymer; Rockenfield to Fisher. Sacrifice hits—Fisher. Pitchers' record—hits off Lane in six innings, none; hits off Sage in three innings, none. Struck out—By Lae, 7; by Sage, 1; by Hall, 1. Bases on balls—Off Lane, 1; off Sage, 1; off Hall, 2. Hit by pitched ball—Lynch. Time of game—1.50. Umpire—Ward.

In the initial Northwestern League game at Spokane yesterday Portland never had a chance, being outplayed and outluck[illegible]. Three or four visitors who took liberties on the bases were cut down. Capt. Williams was put off the grounds for disputing a decision. Garrett was wild and ineffective, while Spokane clouted the ball when the pinches came. The score was 6 to 1 in Spokane's favor.

A CHRISTIAN NATION'S PRAYER

(The Times disavows sympathy with the deeply satirical sentiments expressed in the following verses, but they are too clever by far to be cast into oblivion.—ED.)

In looking over a back number of Lloyd's Weekly, I was particularly struck by the "innocent physiognomy" of the following news item:

"The battleship Thunderer, 22,680 tons, was launched on February 1. The ceremony was performed by the wife of the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Randall Davidson. The Primate took part in the service of dedication and blessing of the vessel, and offered up a fervent prayer to the Lord for her future success in scattering to the four winds of heaven all the enemies of our country and in smiting all our foes even as the Destroying Angel smote the hosts of the Assyrians."

The verbatim text of the "fervent prayer to the Lord" is not given, but (with all apologies to His Grace in the event of my omitting any particular item or items) I venture to say the substance at least is probably contained in the following:

O Lord, to Thee we dedicate
This ponderous, throbbing, mass of steel,
Grant it, O Lord, a mission great,
Or service for our country's weal.

Grant Thou Thy blessing on her now,
This vessel that we launch to-day,
Whilst champagne spatters o'er her bow,
Behold, we humbly, meekly pray

That Thou in Thine omnipotence
May bless her in her work to be.
She is an emblem, Lord, of men's
Great love and reverence of Thee,

And of Thy Gospel, God of peace,
Great God of pity and of love,
Whose doctrine counsels man to cease
From shedding blood. We gaze above

And call on Thee, and on Thy name,
And ask Thee, by Thy grace divine,
To grant her power to rend and maim
Our country's enemies. For Thine

The glory is, and eke the power,
And so to Thee we make appeal.
Be with us, Lord, in that dread hour
Of coming shock when worlds shall reel.

Be with us, Lord. Heed not the plea
Of German, Frank, or Jap or Russ
(Though creatures of Thy care they be),
We pray Thee, Lord, stick Thou to US.

Give us, dear Lord, the grace to teach
The foreigner (per hurtling shell)
Thy doctrine, Lord, we do beseech
The power to send our foes to hell.

Lord, send us strength to win the fight
When thunderous guns to speak begin,
Nor question if our cause be right,
Grant only, Lord, that we may win.

Lord, let us feel that Thou art near
On that dread day when nation's clash,
When rings the death-shriek sharp and clear,
When on the ocean great guns crash.

When man shall murder fellow-man,
And death with desolation reigns;
When Pity's face is blanched and wan,
And Mercy finds herself in chains.

Be with us then, Lord, give us skill
To train with sure, unerring aim
These ponderous guns, that we may kill
Our fellow creatures in Thy name.

Watch o'er this ship, O Lord, we pray,
And take in Thy protecting hand
Her destiny, that so she may
Her enemies' attack withstand.

And grant, Lord, that her valiant crew
By Thee inspired, may fight her well;
Grant that their aim be sure and true,
And death lurk in each screaming shell.

Thy blessing on this ship, O Lord,
In all humility we ask,
Nor let the vision of the sword
Of Vengeance turn us from our task.

Nor thoughts of pity, nor of ruth,
Withhold our hand, nor bid us pause.
Lord, may we conquer, though the Truth
And Right may not be with our cause.

Lord God, this ship we dedicate
To Thee this day; we beg Thee save
When hell's unloosed and human hate
Ensanguines every heaving wave.

J. J. M.

Victoria, B. C., 18th April, 1911.

PROPOSED ELECTRIC MERGER IN ONTARIO

Valuators Are Now Inspecting Plants of Electric Railway

London, Ont., April 19.—Valuators have been inspecting the plants of the London Street Railway, the London Electric Company and the London & Lake Erie Transportation Company, with a view of estimating what they are worth to financiers contemplating a merger in Western Ontario. They are credited with the intention to make London a centre. Once securing franchises here, they will go after others in neighboring places. They will complete the chain of radical railways to Niagara falls and also west.

BASEBALL PLAYER INJURED.

Cincinnati, O., April 19.—Miller Huggins, a second baseman of St. Louis National league baseball team, was so badly hurt in a collision with Evans and Konetchy yesterday that he was unable to leave with the team when they departed for St. Louis to-day. The three players came together while trying to catch a short fly ball in the eighth inning. Two were out and the bases full of Cincinnati players. Huggins reached the ball, thus making the third put out and saving the game which ended in a tie.

St. Peter's, at Rome, reared centuries before the age of steam and electricity began, is still the biggest of churches.

WILL BE GALA DAY WHEN LEAGUE OPENS

Boys Enthusiastic Over Cricket—First Game in School Series on May 6

Cricket at last promises to take firm hold again in Victoria. For 50 years it has been played here, but only by the older men, those who had, as it were, served their apprenticeship in the Old Country. The youngsters have hitherto looked with some contempt on cricket, it being so slow in comparison with baseball.

Thanks to the strenuous efforts of many of the teachers, who have tried so hard to get their scholars to give the game a trial, and to the generosity of the Victoria and Albion cricket clubs in placing their grounds at the disposal of the boys, this contempt is rapidly vanishing. The boys are beginning to learn that no game should be set down as uninteresting, until it has been tested and proven so.

When the school league was formed some time ago there was not a great deal of enthusiasm taken in it by those for whose benefit it was organized. Now wickets, balls, bats and all the necessary paraphernalia have been supplied by the athletic clubs of the schools and the boys induced to try their hands at the despised pastime. Immediately it sprang into favor. It even threatens to be played more universally in the city schools than baseball. Every afternoon at the High school, the North Ward, the Collegiate and the University, the students may be seen endeavoring to grasp the fine points, to master the intricacies of a game which before they considered there was so little play in.

May 6, the day on which the first school league game will be played, will be quite a gala day. The match will be played at the Victoria Cricket grounds, where refreshments will be served to everyone attending by the ladies, associate members of the Victoria Cricket club. In the forenoon the boys of the two schools which are playing, Collegiate and University, will parade the town in their colors.

The older cricketers are going to do everything possible to interest the boys and get them to take up the game, so that in after years the standard of cricket playing in Victoria may be as high as it has been in the past.

PRINCE RUPERT ALDERMAN RESIGNS

T. D. Pattullo Withdraws From Council to Reside at Victoria

Prince Rupert, April 18.—A letter of which the following is a copy, announcing Alderman T. D. Pattullo's resignation has been received by the city clerk:

"I beg herewith to tender my resignation as Alderman representing Ward 2 of the city of Prince Rupert. I am not sure as to whether the resignation of an alderman calls for the payment of a fee or whether the fee is chargeable at the discretion of the council and shall be glad of your advice in this connection.

"You will permit me at this time to thank the electors of Ward 2 and the city of Prince Rupert generally for the confidence that they placed in me in electing me to office and at the same time to express my keen regret that owing to new business connections I am unable longer to serve the city in the capacity of alderman. My firm will continue to operate in Prince Rupert as heretofore and I am in hope that my new connections may result in a greater measure of service to the city of Prince Rupert in the near future.

"I wish also to express my appreciation of the services of the various city officials during an ardubus year. Their attention to duty, their earnest desire to further the best interests of the city and the spirit of helpfulness which characterized their work, was very gratifying.

"I may be permitted also to publicly express my unbounded confidence in the future of Prince Rupert. While the city may be laboring under some disabilities which are temporarily disconcerting yet there is cause for nothing but cheerfulness. When I see what is being accomplished elsewhere and the reasons for it, the better do I realize the wonderful resources of Prince Rupert and Northern B. C. With the near completion of the railroad it will be but a short time until Prince Rupert and district will be a beehive of industry with thousands of contented and happy homes."

In a private letter Ald. Pattullo intimates that the enlargement of his business in Victoria has decided his removing his headquarters to Victoria.

NEW CHINESE LOAN.

Tokio, April 19.—Special dispatches published here quote the financiers who have been responsible for the conclusion of the $50,000,000 loan to China at Pekin, as saying the finances of Manchuria and Mongolia have been pledged as security for the new loan, thus indicating that the four powers—the United States, Great Britain, France and Germany—have combined in opposition to Japan and Russia. This has caused an outcry by the anti-government newspapers.

The Pekin report, it is believed, is intended to create the impression that the American determination to secure the loan was purely a political move against Russia and Japan, intended as a means to secure the neutralization of Manchuria. Japanese official and financial circles discredit the report.

The $50,000,000 loan to China by a group of financiers representing the United States, Great Britain, France and Germany was signed in Pekin on Saturday. According to the terms of the agreement as announced, the loan is secured by the provincial revenues. This would exclude Manchuria and Mongolia from responsibility in the loan, contrary to the Pekin dispatches published in Tokio.