ADVOCATE RAISING TAX ON CHINESE

B. C. Federation of Labor Repudiate Views Expressed by Senator Macdonald on Eastern Immigration

The sixty or seventy delegates who have been attending the convention of the British Columbia Federation of Labor, which has been in progress here since the beginning of the week, dispersed yesterday afternoon. The majority of those from outside points caught the boat for the mainland, being anxious to reach their several homes at the earliest possible moment.

After lunch there was a brief session which was of a fraternal and a congratulatory character. There were addresses by Fraternal Delegates Case and McKinnon, of the Washington State Federation of Labor, and the Western Federation of Miners, respectively, in which reference was made to the large amount of important business transacted by the convention and the prediction made that this was but a prelude to a period of marked advance in the organization of the wage earners of this province.

In the forenoon the replies of the government to various questions asked by the Federation were read. There was little comment, a resolution being passed unanimously that the secretary be instructed to have copies of both the queries and the replies struck and forwarded to the secretaries of the different provincial unions.

Immigration was discussed also, and resulted in the following resolution:

"That the remarks of Senator Macdnaold, as published in this morning's Colonist, cannot in the opinion of the convention be taken as representing the views of Victoria or any part of the province of British Columbia, and further that we, in convention assembled, repudiate the views as expressed by Senator Macdonald, they being contrary to the well-known and repeatedly expressed wishes of the majority of the electorate; and further that this labor convention recommends that instead of opening the flood gates of Chinese immigration we demand the total exclusion of Chinese or failing that the head tax on Chinese be raised from $500 to $1,000."

The Morning Session

At the morning session of the B.C. Federation of Labor ,a committee appointed to report upon Premier McBride's reply to a memorial of the Trades and Labor Congress delivered its report, which was adopted. It was ordered that copies of the Premier's communication and correspondence regarding it be sent to all labor organizations in the province. The same committee was asked to submit a report regarding the statements of Senator Macdonald, as telegraphed from Ottawa to the Colonist, with regard to Chinese. A report was submitted repudiating the views expressed by the Senator. It was urged that further steps be taken to exclude Chinese by raising the head tax to $1,000. The report was adopted. A resolution was passed protesting against the practice of marching prisoners through the street and permitting them to compete with free labor.

The United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners brought forward a resolution that the executive board or a member thereof should be delegated to make a careful investigation of the laws controlling the subject of stolen tools, with a view, if necessary, of having it made a criminal offence to have or to hold tools which have been proved to have been stolen, and compelling the restitution of the tools to the owner. This passed unanimously.

A long discussion took place regarding Co-operation, a motion being offered by Delegate Dodds in favor of the principle. The discussion was mostly concerning co-operative stores. The resolution finally passed.

Another resolution was to ask the legislative body to establish an eight hour day for women employees, and to make violation of the act punishable by law. The resolution referred to the executive committee condemned abuses of the Factory Act as practised in the laundries, and requested that their patronage should be withdrawn from any establishment that did not conform to the law, or in which they knew abuses to be practised. A resolution was adopted in favor of the initiative, referendum and recall.

Reward for Murderer

PORTLAND, Ore., March 15.—The Spokane, Portland and Seattle Railroad has offered a reward of $1000 for the arrest of the man who last night shot and killed Anthony S. Lowe, an engineer, at Washtucna. Lowe ordered the fellow off the cowcatcher of his engine, and almost immediately the man shot him dead. The murderer escaped. In his flight he abandoned an overcoat and a package of paperhangers' tools. From cards found in the overcoat his name is believed to be Edward S. Jones. He has been in Seattle, and the overcoat was purchased in Vancouver, B. C. He is supposed to be a tramp journeyman paperhanger.

Exposition Company Liquidates

NEW ORLEANS, La., March 15.—The world's Panama exposition company voted today to liquidate its affairs, and the executive committee of the corporation was named as the liquidating committee. Coincident with the step, it develops that the committee may be forced to take legal steps to force payments alleged to be due it. The sum of $24,093 will be restored to stockholders.

LAND ACT.

Victoria Land District. District of Coast.

TAKE notice that Frank Eugene Reid, of Victoria, occupation, broker, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted at the southeast corner of lot 13, on Dean Cannel, B. C.; thence south 10 chains to Salmon river; thence following north bank of Salmon river in an easterly direction about 60 chains; thence north 20 chains to Harry M. Leonard's south line; thence west 60 chains to point of commencement, containing 90 acres more or less.

FRANK EUGENE REID,
Name of Applicant in Full.
Date Jan. 24th, 1911.
Date March 17, 1911.

AVERTS TRAIN WRECK

Youthful Watchman Saves C. P. R. Express From Running into Gap Caused by Rockslide.

MERRITT, B. C. March 15.—The bravery of 17 year old William Lee of Keefer's saved the C. P. R. express No. 2, from disaster. Young Lee was inspecting the track and had reached a point a few miles west of Keefers when he was horrified to see an immense rock slide coming down almost upon him, and after the slide settled he found that the rails had been badly bent and that a portion of the track had been carried away.

The express was due in three minutes, and there was no time to lose. It would be impossible to flag the train at that point because of a succession of curves. Jumping on his speeder and pulling with all his might, he hurried in the direction of the oncoming express.

With hands and arms outstretched, giving the emergency signal, the engineer of the express saw the watchman coming towards him. Realizing something was wrong he stopped the train.

HEAR OF WORK OF VANCOUVER SOCIETY

Methods Pursued by Children's Aid Society There Explained to Local Organization—Alderman Present

At a meeting of the Children's Aid Society held yesterday in the city hall, Major Phillips, superintendent of the men's mission work, of the Salvation Army laid before the members a plan for placing the Detention Home in charge of a probation officer and matron selected by the chief officer of the Army in Canada.

Major Phillips read a communication from Commissioner David, M. Rees and answered questions as to the proposed plan. After some discussion it was decided to leave the matter to be considered at a future meeting, after which an answer will be sent to Major Phillips to be forwarded to headquarters at Toronto.

The advisability of separating the wards of the Children's Aid Society from the children sent to the Detention Home was pointed out by Major Phillips and the chairman, Charles Hayward, Esq., explained that the society had provided a home which was urgently needed, and that the present arrangement was temporary.

Alderman Bishop was present on behalf of the council, and asked many questions both of Major Phillips and of the chairman. He suggested that the advisory board prepare, as soon as possible an estimate of the probable expense of the institution, in order that the council could make a suitable appropriation.

Major Phillips reported that in Vancouver Mr. Collier, who was in charge of the Detention Home, was doing excellent work. It had been found necessary to appoint two assistants to the probation officer and the appropriation for this year was $10,000. It was, nevertheless, the aim of the officers of the Juvenile Court to have as few children in the home as possible. It was no proof of the excellence of the work accomplished to have a full home.

Rev. H. Carson moved, and Mrs. Day seconded a hearty vote of thanks to Major Phillips for coming over from Vancouver and for his clear explanations.

There were present, the president, Mrs. Gordon Grant, secretary, and Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Day and Rev. H. Carson.

Vetoes Evening Dress

BERLIN, March 15.—The arbiters of sartorial proprieties at the Prussian Court have declared war afresh on evening dress. Count Eulenburg, the Royal Court Marshal, has issued a Ukase decreeing that civilians, who have hitherto appeared in dress suits, shall henceforth don white silk breeches and stockings and silver buckled patent-leather shoes. It was feared that the American Ambassador and his secretaries, who are conspicuous among their gold-braided diplomatic confreres by severely plain evening suits, would be compelled to abandon diplomatic traditions and wear uniforms, but it appears that Count Eulenburg's order is advisory in the case of foreign diplomats, and not mandatory.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—For their "prompt and courageous act" in launching a boat under dangerous conditions to attempt to rescue five persons thrown out of a swamped surf boat near Tatoosh island, Washington, February 18, the secretary of the navy today officially commended five men. The official praise for heroism will be delivered through the commandant of the Puget Sound navy yard to the following: William Cowan, lightkeeper; C. B. Herriman and H. Hobbs, assistants, and W. H. Pope and G. G. Benson, electricians in the United States navy. The rescuing party saved two of the five persons in danger.

NOVEL FUND IS LAUNCHED

Proposed Subscription for Gift to King Involving the Principle of "Let the Georges Do It."

His excellency, the governor general, has transmitted to the provincial secretary, through the lieutenant-governor, certain correspondence which he has received with regard to a present to be made to the King by all British subjects bearing the name of George. The project has been taken up very actively in the Old Country by a committee consisting of Lord Curzon of Kedlestone, Lord George Hamilton, Sir George Reid of Australia, Admiral Warrender and the Earl of Stradbrooke.

The idea is that the "Georges of the Empire" shall contribute whatever sums they may see fit and that the money shall be used for the purchase of some article of ornament for his Majesty's personal use, the presentation to be made to him upon the occasion of his coronation. The King himself will decide what form the present is to take. A list of the contributors will also be given to the King but without stating the amounts. The governor general's letter adds that all contributions in Canada are to be deposited by June 1st, to the credit of the King George Coronation Fund, Bank of Montreal, Ottawa.

Hon. Dr. Young, the provincial secretary, has brought the matter to the attention of the mayors and reeves of the organized municipalities and of the government agents in unorganized districts. All of these are authorized to receive contributions, and are requested to bring the matter to the attention of those interested so that all who may desire to contribute shall have an opportunity of doing so.

EXPLOSIVE USED ON BARRACKS

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half to the left over the ridges near Niggerhead, and making straight for Blanco's camp. Half of the latter's men are reported at Gallardo's ranch under command of General "Red" Lopez. Part of Blanco's forces were seen going toward Colonia Morales this morning, where they received 4,000 pounds of flour from the mill.

Subject to Death Penalty.

EL PASO, Tex., March 15.—Assurances of the safety of all Americans now confined in Mexican prisons is given in an official statement issued at Jaurez tonight. Americans now prisoners will be given fair trials in the civil courts on charges of sedition against the Mexican government, but hereafter all insurrectos, whether citizens of the United States or not, may be subject to the death penalty under summary military procedure. The statement from the Mexican officials was issued relative to the seventeen foreigners now imprisoned in the federal jails at Casas Grandes. Fifteen of them are Americans. Pending their trials, they will be given the consideration due to prisoners of war.

The two other foreigners are European "soldiers of fortune," who have fought in Central American revolutions.

The men are confined in cells in the adobe prison and are under guard of Mexican soldiers. Their rations consist of such as can be spared them from the military stores, for the town, about 150 miles south of El Paso, has had no food supplies since March 6th, when the battle was fought at which the insurrectos were defeated.

Rebels Near Tia Juans.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., March 15.—Reinforcements to the number of 100 arrived at Tia Juana, Mexico, from Ensenada this afternoon, making the federal force at Tia Juana, including hired scouts and fighters, nearly 200 men of all classes. Insurrectos are reported as gathering in the Tecarte mountain region, about three miles east of Tia Juana to effect a junction with forces of rebels reported marching west from Mexicali.

This junction, provided it is carried out, will be made about Thursday night or Friday morning. It is reported from Ensenada that Col. Lajol with 500 federal soldiers will take the field on Saturday to meet the insurrectos. Col. Lajol has some machine guns and three field guns, the only artillery in Lower California.

Neither General Bliss, in command of the army forces, nor Admiral Thomas, in command of the naval forces, made any move of importance today, simply awaiting orders from Washington.

The medical corps vaccinated the soldiers in camp for typhoid fever, said to be the first time this has ever been done by order in an army. Both officers and men submitted to it willingly.

Captain Evans, in command on the border, reports all quiet along the boundary line under his patrol, with no apparent attempt to rush men or munitions of war into Mexico.

Cincinnati's Graft Cases

CINCINNATI, O., March 15.—Because he deemed it to be "in the interest of larger justice and best for the orderly and decorous administration of law in this community," Judge Gorman of the court of common pleas today refused to hold George B. Cox, banker, politician and theatrical manager, for contempt of court. The decision was on a report by a committee of three attorneys appointed to consider whether Cox had overstepped the bounds of propriety by published caustic criticisms of the judges and grand jury, following Cox's indictment for perjury. This development, the closing of the state's case against Jacob Baschange, first of the men indicted in the graft cases here to go to trial, and an intimation from the prosecuting attorney that the grand jury had nearly completed its work, marked the day's progress in the campaign against political corruption.

Plague in Trinidad

WASHINGTON, March 15.—One case of plague has appeared at Port au Spain, Trinidad, according to a cablegrm received by the stte department today from American Consul Hale at that point.

MURDER OF BERON

Stinie Morrison Convicted and Sentenced to Death for Crime at Clapham Common.

LONDON, March 15.—Stinie Morrison today was found guilty of the murder of Joseph Beron and sentenced to death.

The police tried to connect the tragedy with the Houndsditch anarchist burglaries, and the trial was one of the most sensational ever held in London. The mutilated body of Beron was found in Clapham Common early in January.

The police theory was that the victim was a member of the Houndsditch crowd and had been killed for treachery by his associates.

Gotch Throws Koch

KANSAS CITY, March 15.—Champion Frank Gotch won a wrestling bout in straight falls from Ernest Koch, a wrestler from Germany, here tonight. Koch, who outweighed Gotch fifty pounds, was aggressive, but he was far too slow for the champion. The first fall resulted from a half-nelson and a crotch hold after 18 minutes and 56 seconds and the second was forefeited by Koch after 9 minutes and 32 seconds, when Gotch applied his famous toe hold.

WANTS INQUIRY IN SOUTH VANCOUVER

Large Property Owner Wants Manner in Which Municipality Has Invested Money, Examined

Mr. James McGeer, a well-known resident and large property owner is applying to the Provincial Government for an official enquiry into the question of how expenditures have been made of Provincial money grants in the district wherein he is a resident. He alleges that these grants have been spent to favor particular sections where they would most benefit property owned by Reeve Pound and other members of the council of South Vancouver, and not altogether to the public advantage.

U. S. BATTLESHIPS

Manoeuvre Programme Completed and Start Made for Home—Marines in Camp

CAIMANERA, Cuba, March 14.—The American battleships are returning home in accordance with the pre-arranged plan, having concluded the manoeuvres in which they have been engaged for the last few weeks in Guantanamo Bay. The vessels are the Connecticut, Delaware, North Dakota, first division; Minnesota, Idaho, Mississippi and Vermont, third division; and Georgia, Nebraska, Rhode Island and Virginia, of the fourth division.

The Delaware, of the first division, was detached some time ago, and is at Valparaiso.

The Michigan, of the first division, proceed to Hampton Roads some time ago.

The battleships got away from here at 5 o'clock in the afternoon. Rear-Admiral Staunton, in command of the fifth division, which arrived this morning, said he intended to carry out an extensive programme of exercises afloat and ashore. He did not know how long his squadron would remain. The marines, in all 2,100 men, are now encamped, and have been organized into two regiments under command of Col. L. W. T. Walter.

MAY AFFECT CANAL

Mr. Monk Suggests that Work on Georgian Bay Project Should Commence at Once

OTTAWA, March 14.—"There is a fear that reciprocity will so divert the course of Canada's commerce that the proposal to construct the Georgian bay canal will be given a setback," declared F. D. Monk, Nationalist-Conservative, in parliament today. "I therefore move that parliament declare the construction of the Georgian bay canal shall be immediately commenced."

Mr. Fielding, minister of finance, said there was no possibility that reciprocity would have an effect upon the movement of commerce in Canada.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier said a resolution calling for expenditure could only be moved by the government. The speaker sustained the point of order and the motion was dropped.

The annual meeting of the Central Conservative association of Chilliwack district, just held at Abbotsford, elected officers for the ensuing year as follows: Honorary presidents, Hon. Richard McBride, J. D. Taylor, M. P., and S. A. Cawley, M. P. P.; president, T. H. Jackson; vice-presidents, J. J. McPhee, J. C. Robertson and M. R. Merrifield; secretary-treasurer, A. R. Coote.

Joe Cahill, night watchman on the steamer Perley, fractured his skull Tuesday night by falling over the side of the ship onto the wharf, a distance of fifteen feet.

WELL KNOWN FIGURE PASSES FROM SCENE

Late Thomas Harmon Was Well Known in this City—His Life History a Stirring One—Served in H. M. Navy

Mr. Thomas Harmon, a well known figure in this city and a pioneer, passed away at the Jubilee hospital yesterday morning in his sixty-ninth year.

Mr. Harmon it was who placed the flagpole at the Parliament grounds in place and who annually since has painted it.

Reeving a block to the foot of the pole twice a year, the late Mr. Harmon, was hauled to his dizzy perch one hundred and fifty feet in the air by means of the halyards block at the top of the tall stick and a team of horses. Then as he painted the surface of the pole he was lowered away by two assistants at the foot, painting as he descended. The late Mr. Harmon took great pride in the pole and was by way of being its tutelary divinity.

Found floating around in the sea between Beacon Hill and Race Rocks, the pole was towed ashore off Dallas road. Mr. Harmon was asked to find a purchaser for it and he brought it to the attention of Mr. Gore, then deputy commissioner of lands and works. The matter was referred to F. M. Rattenbury and acquired through him.

Conveyed to the lawn of the buildings, blocked up, and boarded in, it was left two years to season. Foundations were put in for it with a drain emptying into the harbor. It now stands morticed into a two and a half ton stone, cemented over. A stone well leads to the surface while into the masonry at the bottom are morticed four extremely substantial braces. It has stood for almost fourteen years and has been painted semi-annually and is as free from blemish as the day it was erected.

Thomas Harmon had seen service in various parts of the world. His first service was as a boy on the yacht Royal George which he joined in 1858. The Hon. Joseph Denman, afterwards rear-admiral on this station was captain; the Prince of Liewengen, commander, and second-lieutenant was the ill-fated officer who afterwards as Admiral Sir George Tyron met death during the manoeuvres in the Mediterraneau upon the loss of the H. M. S. Victoria.

In 1862 he went to the China station on the flagship Euryalus, serving in three sharp engagements. In one of these—with the Japanese at Simonaseki—he was wounded in the shoulder.

Later he qualified at the gunnery school at Portsmouth and also as a submarine diver. He pursued the latter trade after obtaining his discharge from the navy and was brought to Victoria by the Oppenheimer brothers to do the diving connected with the removal of the Spence's dock. His only complaint prior to final illness was a touch of rheumatism which he acquired from long submersion at the time of the Point Ellice Bridge disaster of which he was a survivor.

The late Mr. Harmon has been a resident of this city for the past 35 years. For the last two years he has been an inmate of the Old Man's Home, but kept always hale and hearty until removed recently to the Jubilee hospital for treatment. There he died yesterday morning.

The remains repose at the Victoria Undertaking parlors pending funeral arrangements.

ARMY AEROPLANES

Military Authorities in France Busy With Experiments and Buying More Machines.

PARIS, March 14.—The French government regards the aeroplane in its present form as sufficiently practical to warrant the purchase of some 50 machines, the training of about 100 airmen, and the establishment of flying schools or depots at Versailles, Rheims, Chalons-sur-Marne, and Vincennes.

On November 30 last the French army possessed 32 aeroplanes of the Bleriot Henri Farman, Maurice Farman, Breguet, Wright, Antionette, and Sommer types. Since then numerous purchases have been made, including six more biplanes of the Henry Farman and Maurice Farman patterns, half a dozen Nieuport racing monoplanes, some Hanriot machines, and one Koechlin.

Although no official figures are available of France's actual strength in the air it is certain that there are not fewer than 100 army airmen either accomplished pilots or in training, while there are now half a dozen naval airmen learning to fly at the government's expense.

The French government is resolved to continue its experiments along these lines, and those who have not yet awakened to the value of the aeroplane in its present form in modern warfare will doubtless be thoroughly aroused if they attend the next French grand army manoeuvres. The French war office has offered a constructor's prize of $10,000 this year.

Will be Given Trial

WASHINGTON, March 14. — R. Doran, a citizen of Arizona who is held prisoner by the Mexican federal forces at Hermosillo, is in no danger of violence and is assured a fair trial, according to a telegram received today by the State department from American Consul Hostetter at Hermosillo. The consul says that Doran will be tried before a federal judge at Nogales, Mexico.

U.S. Trade in February

WASHINGTON, March 14.—Breaking all records for February, last month's exports were valued at $175,996,467, while the imports, larger than in any earlier February except in 1910 and 1907, were valued at $121,766,284. These figures, announced today in a report from the Bureau of Statistics, embrace $62,458,938 of imports entered free of duty.

Street Car Strike Ended.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., March 14.—Street car service, which has been interrupted here for eight days as a result of a strike, was resumed this afternoon by agreement. There was no rioting.

Seattle Indictments.

SEATTLE, March 14.—William S. Smythe, William McLane and A. B. Nickerson were arrested yesterday on indictments returned by the grand jury that is investigating alleged graft conditions in Seattle. Smythe and McLane are charged with fraudently voting. Nickerson, a bathhouse proprietor, is accused of attempting to bribe a policeman. He was unable to furnish $5000 bail and was committed to jail.

Finds Refuge in River.

DAYTON, O., March 14.—A searching party is engaged tonight in trying to locate the body of an unidentified man who ran into the river at Miamisburg this afternoon to escape a crowd of schoolboys. The stranger was misbehaving himself in front of a schoolhouse at Miamisburg and the boys set upon him. He ran into a nearby house, secured a shotgun and attempted to fire upon them. The gun was not loaded. He then ran toward the river, pursued by the boys. He plunged into the stream and was lost to view. He was well-dressed, about six feet tall, and was possibly 45 years old.

NEW DRYGOODS STORE FOR YATES STREET

Messrs. Gault Bros., of Montreal Purchase Site and Will Erect Four Storey Building Here

Messrs. Gault Brothers Ltd. of Montreal, the largest wholesale drygoods store in Canada, has decided to open a branch in Victoria and with this end in view a piece of property on Yates street, measuring 50x120 feet, situated immediately west of the old Bishop's Palace site, has been purchased by the company for a sum in the neighborhood of $60,000. Mr. T. Hooper, a local architect is now engaged in drawing up plans for a four-story building to be erected on this site at a cost of probably $50,000.

The building will be constructed on thoroughly up-to-date lines, and its erection will be commenced within the next few months. A representative of Messrs. Gault Brothers is now on his way to the coast. The deal whereby the company acquired the Yates street site was negotiated by Messrs. Heisterman and Forman.

Must Fortify Canal

DALLAS, Tex., March 14.—Failure to fortify the Panama Canal would be an act of criminal folly, declared Theodore Roosevelt tonight at the Dallas Chamber of Commerce. He said that only two treaties relative to the canal existed, those with England and Panama, and hence any other nation would be at liberty to destroy it in case of war.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., March 14.—The city council Socialist majority tonight decided to buy a stretch of 500 acres along three miles of the upper river front for a public park at a cost of $1,000,000, to be paid in 20 annual instalments. The Republican and Democratic minority fought the proposition on the ground that the city had already reached its bonded debt limit.

Zbyszko Defeats Roller

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., March 15.—Stanislaus Zbyszko, the Polish wrestler, won in straight falls here tonight, in a finish bout with Dr. B. F. Roller, of Seattle. The first fall came in 1 hour 6 minutes and the second in 12 minutes.

Father Murders Son

LOS ANGELES, March 14.—In the presence of his mother, brother and sister, Charles J. Menge, an engineer, 22 years old, was killed by his father, Charles F. Menge, today. During a dispute over money matters, father and son grappled for the possession of a rifle and it is claimed that when the father secured it, he fired, and the son was wounded. Young Menge was hurried to a hospital, where he died. The father is under arrest on a charge of murder.

Veteran Minister Dead

SEATTLE, March 14.—Rev. Samuel M. Freeland, 72 years old, pastor of the Brighton Beach Congregational church, died at the home of his daughter here tonight, after a three weeks' illness, of stomach trouble. Rev. Mr. Freeland had been a Congregational minister fifty years, and for the last 21 years was on the Pacific coast, having supplied charges in nearly every city from Los Angles to Port Townsend. Before coming west he held important charges in Detroit, Chicago and other eastern cities. He was graduated from Yale with the class of '57, finishing third on the roll of scholastic honor.

The Ladysmith Board of Trade is urging the establishment of a daily steamer service to Vancouver, and it is expected that the Selma will go on this run shortly.

HERALD THE NEWS OF ISLAND FAIR

Victoria's 1911 Exhibition Already Being Mapped Out by Agricultural Officials — Expenditure Estimated

The British Columbia Agricultural Association has an energetic and an enthusiastic board of directors. The preliminary arrangements for the exhibition of 1911 already are mapped out, President Dr. Tolmie and Secretary George Sangster having called a meeting this week, at which there was outlined in a general way the programme for the event. It is estimated that about $30,000 will be expended in prizes of one kind and another, and in certain improvements which are necessary to the buildings and grounds. With the fair falling considerably earlier than usual, namely, on September 5th, and continuing until the 9th, it is felt that fine weather is practically assured, and that, plenty of exhibitors being guaranteed, and lots of entertainment provided, it should be a bigger success than ever before.

As the Victoria and the Vancouver exhibitions run close together, the mainland show coming immediately before that of the island, from August 28 to September 4, they are working hand in hand in their arrangements. Throughout the prairies and the eastern provinces are being scattered huge and striking posters telling of these two exhibitions, informing the readers of the cheap transportation rates to be introduced to enable them to pay a visit to the West, and at the same time to take in the two greatest agricultural and industrial fairs British Columbia has ever been able to boast. These attractions, it is believed, will be sufficient to stimulate the farmers of the middlewest and the residents of the farther east in their desire to set eyes on the beauties of the Pacific coast. More visitors, therefore, are confidently expected than in past years.

The horse show, of course, is going to be one of the features of the Victoria exhibition. It always has been since that branch was inaugurated. The interest has been growing from year to year, and its merit has been developing in the same ratio. This is one of the pet hobbies of the president and the secretary, although the former has another which occupies even a more prominent part in his mind, namely, the bronco busting which, by-the-way, will be better than ever this year. The horse show programme already has been drawn up in general terms, and if it isn't a credit to the island and to the province as a whole, it will not be because of lack of thought or energy on the part of the officials.

ENDS IN DISASTER

Trip of San Diego Newspaper Party Through Disturbed Country in Lower California

SAN DIEGO, March 14.—Fainting from hunger and exposure, and with a raging fever, editor W. D. Van Blarcom, of the San Diego Tribune, staggered into Ensenada, Mexico, with two of his companions early today, and is under the care of a physician at that place. H. C. Eller, a reporter, and Bert Phillips, a draughtsman, who were members of the party, are en route to San Diego on a fishing smack.

The telegraph line was in working order this afternoon, and Eller, the only one of the three who was able to be out, told a tale of suffering and privation that pursued the party from Sunday morning until today, when they arrived on foot at Ensenada. The party under Van Blarcom attempted to penetrate the country between the international line south of San Diego, and Ensenada, a distance of 110 miles, in a motor car. Forty miles south of the line the motor car began to break down, and twenty-five miles from Ensenada it was finally abandoned, and the men started to walk. They had nothing to eat from Sunday morning until Monday evening when a rancher gave them some bacon, bread and fresh honey.

Van Blarcom and his companions lost their way in the darkness of Monday night, and the extreme cold and hunger so exhausted them that the help of a peon was all that enabled them to continue to their destination.

Van Blarcom, according to Eller, is in a serious condition. Assistance has been sent him, and if possible he will be brought here on a steamer Thursday night.

Suicide For Loss of Money

PORTLAND, Ore., March 14.—Despondent at the loss of $500 caused by inability to cash three year old post-office money orders aggregating $1,000, John Basque shot and killed himself here late today. Basque during the financial flurry in 1907 bought money orders with his available money. A month or six weeks ago he paid $500 deposit on the purchase price of a hotel, the balance to be paid in 30 days. The man then went to the post-office with the money orders to get the remainder. He found that because of ignorance of a regulation requiring the renewal of the orders every 12 months it would take a month to go through the necessary governmental red tape to secure his money. When the month was up on March 3, Basque returned and was told nothing had been heard about the matter. Brooding over the loss of the $500, and laboring under the belief he was destined to lose the other $1,000, appeared to have caused his self-destruction.

Rev. Father Vullinghs, who has been undergoing hospital treatment here, has sufficiently recovered to return to his home in Ladysmith.