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### Dominion News Notes

#### Mayor of Ottawa Institutes Suit for Libel Against Ex-Alderman.

#### Lord Strathcona Again Takes Up Question of Trouble With Preston.

#### Campaign of Instruction in Seed Grain Commences at Brandon.

OTTAWA, Jan. 8.—Mayor Ellis has filed a suit in the high court of justice against Ex-Alderman W. G. Black for certain alleged libelous statements made against him during the mayoralty campaign. He claims \$5,000 damages. Mr. Black's solicitors have accepted service of the writ and will defend the action vigorously. Meanwhile they ask that a public investigation be ordered by the city council as to whether the mayor has been guilty of a breach of trust or other misconduct in connection with the acquisition of the property of the Consumers Company, and state that Mr. Black will pay all the expenses of such an investigation.

Lord Strathcona was in town today seeing the government again in connection with the trouble which has arisen between W. B. Preston and Mr. Griffith, secretary to the high commissioner's office.

#### Preference to South Africa.

Negotiations are in progress with a view to securing a wider preference on Canadian goods in South Africa. At present the preference only applies to articles on which ad valorem duties are charged, and Canadian articles are to apply to articles on which specific duties are imposed.

During the past year not a single Chinese paid the poll tax of \$100. In two cases transportation companies had to pay this amount for permitting two Chinese whom they were carrying in bonds to escape from their custody. Sixty-four Chinese entered Canada last year, either as merchants or as laborers.

#### A Thief Electrocutted.

Montreal, Jan. 8.—A thief named Lamarche was found lying dead at the foot of an electric pole in Lafontaine park this evening. Alongside the body was found a pair of diamond earrings, the handles covered with blood. His hands had been badly burned. The police, supposing him to be a burglar, took him to the hospital, where he died. It was learned that he had been killed while stealing wire from a box on the line that 4,000 feet were missing, evidently having been carried away by his confederates.

#### Killed by Electric Car.

Toronto, Jan. 8.—Jas. Bond, license inspector of New York, was struck and killed by an electric car Saturday. He was 63 years of age.

#### Defunct Elgin Loan Company.

London, Jan. 8.—Western Trust Company, liquidators for Elgin Loan Company, have issued a statement showing the value of the assets received to be \$370,000. Of this \$305,000 has been realized and paid to depositors. The present value of the remaining assets is \$65,000 and the liabilities to depositors are \$27,000. The balance will go to the shareholders.

#### Winnipeg Warnings.

Winnipeg, Jan. 8.—Hon. W. H. Cushing, minister of public works, is here this evening. He states that the first session of the legislature of Alberta will be convened about March 1st.

The drug store of Finch Bros. was destroyed by fire today. The loss will total nearly \$35,000, with only \$2,000 insurance. The fire caught in some afternoon way from a box store, although promptly extinguished.

#### Home Stealer Drops Dead.

Saskatoon, Sask., Jan. 8.—J. E. Jones, an aged homesteader, falling from a Kansas dropped dead yesterday.

#### To Select a Candidate.

Prince Albert, Jan. 8.—The Liberals of the federal constituency of Saskatchewan will meet here tomorrow to select a candidate for the bye-election following the resignation of Hon. J. H. Lamont.

#### Union Plumbers Strike.

Calgary, Jan. 8.—Union plumbers went on strike here today to enforce their schedule of 45 cents per hour.

#### Campaign of Instruction.

Brandon, Jan. 8.—A campaign of seed grain instruction which is to cover the entire Northwest was inaugurated here today under the auspices of the Dominion government and the railways. Lecturers with exhibits will travel in special trains from point to point discussing the question with farmers. The movement had a most auspicious beginning.

#### Mountain Lumbermen Meet.

Nelson, Jan. 8.—The Mountain Lumbermen's Association held its fifth annual meeting here today, with a large and representative attendance from all over the interior. The delegates from Vancouver were also present. Reports show that the industry is in a flourishing condition. Stock at the mills and in the Northwest provinces is low and the demand for lumber will warrant a rise in prices. The price scale will be altered but little at the present meeting. F. W. Jones of Golden was elected president. J. A. Dewar of Nanaimo vice president and J. P. Wells of Nelson permanent secretary. Business transacted outside of arranging prizes was of a routine character. A banquet at the Strathcona was held this evening.

#### Fatal Row at Dance.

Brantford, Ont., Jan. 6.—Alex. Green, an Indian, who was shot on Christmas Eve at Fairfield Plains by John Hill,

### Pacific Coast Happenings

#### Spokane Capitalist's Handsome Donation to Cathedral for Seattle.

#### Seventeen-Year Old Seattle Lad Is Condemned to Be Hanged.

#### Discontent Among Seilers Results in Attack on Captain.

SEATTLE, Jan. 8.—Charles Sweeney, a Spokane capitalist, presented Bishop Odeus with a check for \$30,000 last Thursday to be used in constructing the Catholic cathedral now being built in Seattle.

#### The Death Penalty.

William H. ("Kid") White was this morning ordered by Judge Griffin to be hanged at the state prison on January 26. The crime for which the 17-year-old lad must pay the death penalty was the killing of Matthew Murphy a year ago in September as a result of an attempt by White and another man to hold up a saloon in this city. Hildebrand, the other partner, is serving a life sentence.

#### Storms in Alaska.

Severe storms are sweeping over all parts of Alaska, according to information received at the United States cable office. In Sitka over six inches of snow have fallen. All southeastern Alaska towns report heavy snows and severe storms. The interior is being visited by the worst storm of the season. The wires between St. Michael and Fairbanks are down. Traffic on the trails is practically at a standstill, especially on the new Valdez-Fairbanks road. Stages are running with more or less frequency, although there is no attempt to adhere to a schedule.

#### Wrecked Steamer Portland.

For the past 17 days the steamship Portland has been grinding away on the rocks of Spire Island, on the coast of southeastern Alaska. Capt. Omar Humphrey, representing the Alaska Commercial Company, returned to Seattle this morning from the wrecked steamer. The steamer was broken and at high tide is almost submerged. Capt. Humphrey stated that the Portland cannot be saved except at great cost. It has not yet been decided what will be done with the Portland. Capt. Humphrey and four men are staying by the Portland. The running gear has been taken out and moved to Ketchikan, the men taking the supplies from the steamer and on a small boat. At low tide considerable ore is in sight, and about 300 tons will be saved.

#### Port Engineer Arrested.

William Walsh, port engineer of the Northwestern Steamship Company, was arrested yesterday afternoon. No formal charge has been placed against him. The arrest is the result of a dispute between a contractor for steamship work and Walsh, by which it is said Walsh gained \$390. The arrest was made at the headquarters of the Northwestern Steamship Company. Walsh had power to award contracts for repairs on the company's boats which are in port. Walsh is intended to pay back to the company. He is one of the best known steamship men on the coast. He was released on \$500 bond.

#### Outrage on Ship.

Portland, Jan. 6.—Discontent among sailors of the French ship Bretagne, which has anchored for some time on account of alleged ill treatment accorded them by the first and second mates of the vessel, culminated today in an attack on and the injury of the captain, J. Henry, who was knocked down and severely injured about the body. The Bretagne is a French tug and was alongside preparing to take her to sea when the crew was ordered to make fast the lifeboats. They refused to do so, and Captain Henry himself endeavored to do the work, when he was attacked and beaten. He was rescued from the water by other crew members. Arrests will be made later in the day, the sailing of the Bretagne being postponed to permit of action by the French consul here.

#### Accused Counterfeiter Suicides.

San Francisco, Jan. 8.—Thomas G. Anderson of Seattle, arrested on December 15 for passing fraudulent checks, committed suicide in his room this morning with gas. He was a son of Alex. Anderson, state grain inspector. He left a note telling the reason for taking his life.

#### Stuenenbergs Assassination.

Baker City, Ore., Jan. 8.—Attorney James J. Sullivan, who visited Thomas Hogan, alias Harry Orchard, accused of the murder of ex-Governor Steuenberger, today arrived here today en route to the state prison, where he is in jail at Caldwell, was in the insurance business at Denver.

#### Five Years for Fraud.

Salem, Ore., Jan. 8.—A. T. Keilher of Chicago, convicted of forgery in connection with land frauds, was today sentenced to five years in the penitentiary.

#### An Investigation Fizzles.

Tacoma, Jan. 8.—Within ten minutes after it was assembled, grand jury was dismissed by Judge Smith today. It had been called to investigate municipal affairs. County Attorney Bates said he had no evidence to present. The citizens' committee, which has been gathering evidence, refused to present it unless a special prosecutor was appointed.

#### Report Denied.

San Diego, Jan. 8.—It is reported that the American Hawaiian Steamship company would hereafter eliminate this port from scheduling practically named by officials of company.

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#### THE FRENCH SENATE.

#### Most of Old Members Returned in Triennial Elections.

Paris, Jan. 8.—The triennial election for one-third of the members of the senate has resulted in the return of most of the former senators. The supporters of the government received in many cases increased majorities.