

## A FRUITLESS QUEST FOR MISSING RICHES

Brother-in-Law of Man Who Dropped Dead on Vancouver Street Comes Here in Search of Fortune

Sad is the story underlying the search for the missing riches of James Dickinson, who, in British Columbia, passed by the man of Hagermy, and who some months ago died suddenly in Vancouver.

The quest is made by a brother-in-law, Robert Stratford, who comes from the old home in Iowa, called thither by a telegram despatched to the relatives by the Vancouver police authorities.

Some weeks ago Dickinson dropped dead in Vancouver of heart failure. There was not a cent in his pockets and his tattered shoes covered sockless feet but for wealth which will place the balance of the family back in Iowa in the ranks of the plutocrats, that family looks to the estate of the dead man, an estate which has taken wings or which never existed.

Years ago Dickinson left home to seek fortune in the West. From time to time letters straggled back, now from one place, now from another, and lately from British Columbia, telling of the success with which he was meeting. He sent no material evidence of that fortune, but his relatives never doubted but that off in British Columbia, a country of the richness of which they had heard, James was piling up wealth and achieving a position.

Then came news of the death of the brother and the only one of the family who could leave was the brother-in-law, Stratford. To his astonishment, he failed to find that James had been domiciled in any mansion in the Terminal City and as his last letter home had borne tidings that on that very day he had paid the provincial government \$26,000 dues upon timber which he held, the brother-in-law came to Victoria.

He visited the government buildings and he visited the registry offices, presenting the dry scrap of paper upon which the last of the dead man's home was penned, but failed to find any confirmation of the statements which that letter contained. As one of the older letters contained word that James had been working four donkey engines upon Thurlow Island, the brother-in-law has returned to Vancouver to see if R. J. Skinner, the provincial timber inspector, can assist him in his work.

But those who saw him here and read the letters, written on scraps of paper, do not believe that he will be successful in his quest for the millions of the stricken stranger who died suddenly and alone upon a Vancouver street.

## PROGRAMME FOR CONVENTION READY

More Than a Thousand Teachers From All Parts of Canada Will Assemble in Victoria July 13 and 16

The final program for the convention of the Dominion Educational Association, which takes place in this city, July 13, 14, 15 and 16 next, will be prepared by the end of the present week. The provisional program was issued the first of February and a number of changes have been made in it.

Upon the dates mentioned over a thousand teachers from various parts of Canada will be in the city, and included in their ranks will be many prominent educationalists. Amongst others who will attend are Professor J. W. Robertson, principal of the Macdonald College, St. Anne's, Quebec, who has superintended the "gifts to education" of Sir William Macdonald, of Montreal; Adam Smith, M. A., chairman of the Civil Service Commission, Ottawa, and former Professor of Political Economy at Queen's University; Hon. L. D. Harvey, president of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, New York; Professor Dale, of McGill; Professor Lang, of Toronto, and many other of the leaders in educational circles in both Canada and the United States.

Special arrangements have been made for the accommodation of the visiting teachers and a central bureau where they will register and where lists of boarding houses may be obtained will be established. The rates obtained over the railways will be the same as the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition rates and will probably be less than single fare for return travel. Efforts will be made to entertain the visitors extensively and on the afternoon of the last day of the convention, one of the C. P. R. steamers will be chartered and a visit to the fish traps will be made. The local committee will co-operate with the Vancouver Island Development Executive in its arrangements.

The general meetings of the convention will be held in the skating rink, Fort street, while the different sections will meet in the High School, the South Park School and the Pemberton gymnasium.

A large number of interesting papers will be delivered, amongst others a discussion of "What is aimed at as an Elementary Education in our Common Public Schools." It is a presentation of the views of each province by representative educationalists will be made. Amongst those taking part are: Nova Scotia—Dr. H. McKay, superintendent of education; New Brunswick—Dr. J. R. Inch, superintendent of education; Quebec—Mr. G. Parnasse, superintendent of education; Ontario—R. H. Cowley, M. A., inspector of continuation classes; Saskatchewan—Hon. J. Calder, minister of education.

## OWNERS SHOULD QUOTE FULL PRICE

Judge Lampman Says That Trouble Arises From Owners of Property Quoting a Net Instead of the Full Price

"The trouble in this case, as in so many others, arises from owners of property quoting a net price for their property. If the property had only quoted the full price out of which they are able to pay a proper commission, there would be less trouble in real estate matters."

So said Judge Lampman this morning in giving judgment for the plaintiff in the case of *Leah vs. Sharpe*. The plaintiff had put through a deal for \$1,300 and had testified that the property was quoted to him at \$1,250 net. The defendant on the other hand insisted that he had quoted \$1,300 net, and that therefore Mr. Sharpe was not entitled to the \$50 commission he claimed.

His Honor stated that he had found considerable difficulty in coming to a conclusion. It was practically a case of one man's word against another, the stories were diametrically opposite on material points, and there was nothing to choose between the depositions of either in the box. The plaintiff, however, had written a letter to the defendant announcing that he had put the deal through on his behalf, which led him to believe that he was the defendant's agent. He thought it reasonable to suppose that he was acting for a remuneration and would give judgment for the plaintiff.

St. C. Lowe appeared for the plaintiff and J. P. Mann for the defendant.

## FOUND BONES OF MEN LONG DEAD

Well-Known Scout Finds Petrified Remains of French Prospector

San Bernardino, April 28.—Bud Phelps, a well known scout, arrived here with news of the finding of two petrified skeletons midway between Peach and Hedge, near Chocoma Mountain. The finding of the two skeletons is believed to have solved the mysterious disappearance of Jack Dryden and M. Franco, two French prospectors, who were lost in the mountains 30 years ago.

According to Phelps, and was made by Deputy Sheriff Carter, a well known mining man of the territory. The bones are in perfect preservation and were found within a few feet of each other. Several trinkets were found in the vicinity, including a silver watch and an old knife.

## THE BRITISH UTTER A STRONG PROTEST

Sir Claude Macdonald Demands That Directors of Japan Sugar Manufacturing Company Be Punished

Japanese newspapers received by the steamer Shinano Maru have much to say of the scandals regarding the Japan Sugar Manufacturing Company, as a result of which many officials were arrested, and the Yokohama Advertiser publishes the following protest, made by the British Ambassador.

Sir Claude Macdonald, British Ambassador, as well as other members of the Embassy, who are shareholders of the Japan Sugar Manufacturing Company, recently presented the following protest to Premier Katsura.

We, British subjects, do not expect to be indemnified for the great losses which we have suffered as shareholders in the Japan Sugar Manufacturing Company on account of the dishonesty of the directors. British subjects are entitled to the same protection as shareholders in any other company, and we demand that the directors be punished.

But to release the implicated directors without subjecting them to any restraints either legal or social, will not only obstruct development in economic circles in Japan, but will also fail to ensure the maintenance of a "Japanese credit" (sic) in foreign markets.

When some years ago an attack similar to that of the Japan Sugar Manufacturing Company occurred in England, the responsible persons were subjected to twenty-five years imprisonment with hard labor.

Governor Draper Welcomes Them. Boston, April 28.—The annual meeting of the National Cotton Manufacturers Association was held in the city today. Textile manufacturers from all sections of the United States were present. Governor Draper made an address welcoming the delegates to the state, and Franklin W. Hobbs spoke in response.

Tug Queen on Rocks. Union Bay, April 28.—The tug Queen ran ashore on the Ragged Islands yesterday while engaged in towing logs. The tug was pulled by the tug Sea Lion. The Queen belongs to the Greer, Courtney & Skene Co. of Victoria. The tug was taken to the port to undergo repairs. The damage is not heavy.

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## WHALERS BUSY ON WEST COAST

Orion Now Taking an Average of Three a Day—Sealing Schooner Jessie Puts Into Kyquoot After Hunters

The whalers at Sechart and Kyquoot have started to take a large number of whales a day since the weather set in finer, according to advices brought by the steamer Tees which has returned from Quatsino and way ports with a good complement of passengers and a cargo including 135 tons of whale oil which is being unloaded at the Outer Wharf for shipment to Glasgow by the steamer Bellerophon.

The Kyquoot steamer, the St. Lawrence, had brought in 15 whales up to the time the Tees left, and the Orion had taken 30 to Sechart. She brought in three the day previous to the sailing of the Tees and for the few days prior to that time had been taking an average of three daily.

The sealing schooner Jessie of this city was seen at Kyquoot when the Tees south bound. Capt. Murray had put in to follow a boat's crew which took one of the schooner's boats and attempted to desert when the schooner was hunting near Kyquoot, the runaway hunters were captured and returned on board.

Other passengers were Mr. Sutton, of Ucluelet, Hansen and wife from Sidney Inlet and A. E. Waterhouse, of Alberni.

The steamer will sail again for coast ports on Saturday night.

INSURANCE AGAINST RAISING TAXATION. London, April 28.—The trend of public opinion regarding the sources that Chancellor of the Exchequer Lloyd George is likely to keep to secure the increased revenues necessary to balance the budget is evidenced in the business being done today at Lloyd's.

Enormous amounts of insurance are being taken against increasing the taxation on sugar and tea at premiums respectively of 5 and 40 guineas. Insurance against increasing the taxation of tobacco, cigars and coal is being done on a large scale at premiums of from 30 to 35 guineas. The budget will be presented in the House of Commons tomorrow.

ADAMS PROMISES ABUNDANCE OF WATER. Victoria Will Have Ample Supply for Domestic Purposes Despite Lowness of Elk Lake

Victoria will have an ample supply of water for domestic purposes, despite the phenomenal lowness of Elk Lake at the present moment, according to assurances given the City Council last evening by Arthur L. Adams, the city water expert.

The Council held a special session behind closed doors and the entire water question was under review. Fears have been expressed by various citizens that the heavy drain upon Elk Lake by reason of the larger pipes installed would result in some pull during the summer a water famine, and the city fathers required reassurance.

Mr. Adams supplied the needed assurance. He it is understood, told the Aldermen that with the new distribution system, the larger main from Elk Lake and the Smith's Hill reservoir installed the citizens will get all the water they need this year. He expressed satisfaction at the progress made with the undertaking and believes that the system will be completed upon schedule time.

Nothing definite was done with regard to a future source of supply. The various schemes, together with the cost of each, were discussed, but no conclusion was reached, nor course of action mapped out.

Mr. Hutchinson, the city electrical engineer, was also consulted with regard to extensions to the lighting system.

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4—The cruise of the property has shown approximately 1,500,000,000 feet of timber, consisting of spruce, hemlock, larch, balsam and cedar.

5—We are now erecting the first unit of the big plant at Quatsino Sound and are confident of having it in operation by December 1 of this year, with a capacity of 100 tons of wood pulp per week.

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9—At present there is a universal shortage of wood pulp and paper in 1908. Great Britain imported principally from Norway, Sweden and Eastern Canada \$35,000,000 of pulp and paper. The United States imported \$10,000,000. China, Japan, Australia and New Zealand over \$12,000,000.

10—At \$3 to \$5 per ton freight rate can be secured to China, Japan, Australia and New Zealand from British Columbia, and owing to our geographical position every dollar of the vast trade of the Orient rightly and properly belongs to this province.

11—In addition to the great foreign markets the home market is an important factor. At present all the paper used in Western Canada has to be secured from the Eastern mills. The six Victoria and Vancouver papers alone consume approximately 200 carloads per year. Why should we import this tremendous amount of goods, when we can manufacture it more cheaply at home.

12—At present there are six great mills on the Pacific coast located at Everett, Washington, Camas, Washington; Antioch, California; Floriston, California; and Oregon City, Oregon, giving employment to hundreds of people and representing millions of capital. Is it not time that the people of British Columbia also settled down to the development of this great industry? What others have done we also can do.

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