Rearranging Departments

Emerson's Office Shorn of Many of Its Works For the Benefit of Prefontaine.

Hyman Added to List of Cabinet Ornaments By His Excellency.

Action For Libel Threatened Against Officers of Trades and Labor Council.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Feb. 5.—Sir James Grant and Mr. Belcourt, M. P., waited on Premier Laurier this morning and asked for a Dominion grant for the Ottawa University. The Premier replied that it was a provincial matter, and he could not, therefore, recommend it.

Mr. Hyman was sworn in a member of the cabinet today without portfolio. The swearing-in ceremony took place at the office of the Governor-General in the eastern block.

At a conference today between Premier Laurier, Hon. Mr. Prefontaine and Hon. Mr. Sutherland, it was decided to transfer to Mr. Prefontaine the control and the charge of all canals, now in Mr. Emerson's department; while from the public works department Mr. Prefontaine gets the St. Lawrence ship channel, the ship yard at Sorel and the supervision of the harbor boards of Montreal, Three Rivers and Quebec.

The Eddy Company threaten to bring an action for libel against the officers of the Trades and Labor Council for injurious statements published in connection with the existing strike at the Eddy mills.

Several citizens of Ottawa have received presents of English pheasants from Lord Strathcona.

Dr. Bryce has assumed the duties of his new position as medical inspector of immigration. He will also have the medical care of Indians.

KISHINEFF TRIALS.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 4.—The second trial of prisoners connected with the Kishineff massacres has not yet begun and the date of resumption is not known.

THE FRIARS' LANDS.

Washington, Feb. 4.—The greater part of the seven and one-quarter millions which the Philippine government has undertaken to pay for the Friars' lands will, after all, remain in the archipelago, to the great benefit of the Philippines. This outcome of a stubborn struggle between the Vatican and the religious orders is now disclosed by the announcement at the United States war department that the money is to be paid over to the church authorities to be applied for the benefit of the church in the Philippines.

VICTORIA DISTRICT.

Meeting at Cedar Hill Last Evening—Appoints Committee to Investigate.

Last evening at the Cedar Hill Temperance Hall a well-attended meeting was held to discuss the advisability of forming a municipality, comprising what is known as Victoria district.

On motion Mr. George Dean was elected chairman and called the meeting to order. Frank Sears then gave some statistics of the expenditure, etc., in the district for the past few years, which Mr. Tyson said he scarcely thought were reliable. After considerable discussion, on motion of Munro Miller, a committee composed of A. Strachan, F. Sears and the mover, was appointed and authorized to look into the matter and report to a meeting which will be held at the same hall on March 2nd next.

HAPPENINGS IN TORONTO.

Deputy Returning Officer and Poll Clerk Committed.

Toronto, Feb. 4. — (Special) — W. A. H. Gianelli and son Louis, deputy and poll clerk respectively, were committed for trial in the civic ballot cases this evening.

The first division took place in the legislature this evening, the debate on the address being closed and the address passed. The government majority was three in a straight party vote, with Barber, Liberal, and Carscallen, Conservative, absent. The figures were 47 to 44.

Returns received by the meteorological service show that the snowfall for the month of January in Ontario was one of the heaviest on record.

FIRE CHIEF REINSTATED.

New York, Feb. 5.—The appellate division of the Supreme court today handed down a decision ordering the reinstatement of Edward Croker as chief of the fire department. Mr. Croker was relieved from office early in the Low administration. He is a nephew of Richard Croker. The chief who succeeded Mr. Croker, retired in December.

Boils were so painful could not sleep at night.

APPEARED ON NECK, LEGS AND ARMS.

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Mr. Willard Thompson, McNeill's Mills, P.E.I., writes us as follows: "I wish to state to you what Burdock Blood Bitters has done for me. Some time ago my blood got out of order and many boils appeared on my neck, legs and arms. They were so painful that I could not sleep at night. After having tried many different remedies without any success, I finally decided, on the advice of a friend, to use Burdock Blood Bitters. Before I had quite used two bottles the boils had completely disappeared, and I wish to emphasize the fact that I think Burdock Blood Bitters the best blood purifier on the market to-day."

Central Farmers Institute Meets

Important Resolutions Passed at the Session Held Yesterday.

Anxious That a College Should Be Endowed Without Delay.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

A large amount of business was completed at the afternoon session on Tuesday of the Central Farmers' Institute. Before getting down to business Mr. Dilworth explained that as they still had a large amount of business to deal with that it would be advisable to put a time limit on the discussion, as a number had been given a great deal of latitude in that line. Acting on this gentleman's suggestion a time limit was accordingly put on each address.

Y. D. Curry, seconded by Donald Matheson, moved the following resolution:

That this meeting of the Central Farmers Institute earnestly request the government to appoint a competent engineer to ascertain the amount of land available in the dry belt and the source and the probable cost of storing water to irrigate it.

This passed without any dissension.

In a few appropriate remarks Mr. Dilworth paid a tribute to the services of R. M. Palmer as freight rate commissioner during the past year. He moved as follows:

That this Central Farmers' Institute beg to take this opportunity of expressing its appreciation of the services of R. M. Palmer, freight rates commissioner, in the interests of farmers generally, and request the government to continue his services.

It was carried unanimously.

W. F. Stewart, seconded by J. T. Collins, moved, which carried:

That this Central Farmers' Institute appreciates and endorses the work being done by the British Columbia Fruit Growers' Association.

G. B. Armstrong pointed out that Nicola was a most important part of the province. He thought it would be advisable that the Nicola institute district be made distinct from Lillooet. He therefore moved that hereafter it be known as "Nicola." The motion carried.

The question of amendments to the game act was next discussed. There was considerable diversity of opinion on this matter. It was finally moved by G. Adams:

That no amendment be made to the present Game Act or Trespass Act without first being submitted to the Central Institute for consideration.

It carried unanimously.

The secretary and others at this juncture spoke of Sunday shooting. They contended that this custom was becoming too general. Residents of the country were bothered while at church on Sunday by the small armies of hunters who invaded their homesteads. Farmers, as a general rule, did not shoot on Sunday and could spare little time with the gun on week days.

It was finally decided unanimously to add to the former resolution the appendix:

And further, be it resolved, that Sunday be declared a close season.

There was next some discussion on the road work in the different districts, the matter being brought befo e the convention by Mr. Curry's resolution to the effect that the various districts have road work done by either contract or by the day.

The majority of those present were in favor of the resolution, and on being put it was carried.

The question of transportation was introduced by a motion by Mr. Armstrong. This aroused a warm discussion, the meeting expressing itself in unmistakable terms in favor of increasing the transportation facilities of the province as much as possible. The resolution, which was carried, read as follows:

Whereas, it is in the interests of agriculture that the country be developed by railways:

Be it resolved, that this convention strongly urge the governments of the day to grant aid to the Nicola, Kamloops & Similkameen railway, which is proposed to be constructed between Spence's Bridge and the coal mines in the Nicola; and also to assist the Vernon & Midway and Coast-Kootenay roads.

The agricultural college was again brought up by Mr. W. J. Brandrith recommending that Dominion and provincial governments be requested to set aside an area of land to endow a British Columbia agricultural college. He dwelt at some length on the advantages showing what a grand chance it would be for sons of farmers and others to instruct themselves thoroughly in the different kinds of agricultural work. Mr. Colline seconded the motion.

The resolution, which follows in full, was then put and carried:

That, in view of the increasing importance of the agricultural industry in this province, and the great expense involved in sending our sons to Ontario or foreign colleges to acquire the necessary knowledge to successfully carry on the industry, we respectfully request the Dominion and provincial governments to set aside sufficient areas of land to endow an agricultural college in this province;

And, further, that the British Columbia representatives in the Dominion House and representatives of agricultural interests in the provincial House be respectfully requested to forward the objects of this resolution.

Mr. Curry expressed the opinion that the matter of the experimental farm and the industrial college should have been dealt with together and not separately. They were closely connected, both being intended to advance education along agricultural lines. The experimental farm was the project first mooted and the college was merely suggested as a secondary consideration. It was now evident "that the tail was wagging the dog."

George Dean moved, seconded by John Evans, that the agricultural department recommend that the Royal Agricultural and Industrial Society (New Westminster) and the British Columbia Agricultural Association have two judges appointed hereafter, one from the mainland and the other from the island, to judge district exhibits. It was the general opinion that the method suggested would be the most satisfactory and the motion passed.

An important motion was next introduced by a committee consisting of Messrs. Brandrith, H. Evans and A. Venables. It follows:

Whereas a large percentage of the jams and jellies labeled "genuine or

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ARMY REFORM.

London, Feb. 5.—In pursuance of the army reforms, all the heads of the departments of the War Office today received letters of dismissal, and were notified that they would be employed elsewhere. Lord Roberts, commander-in-chief of the forces; Lieutenant-General Lord Grenfell, commanding the fourth army corps, and Sir William Butler, commanding the west district, have been invited to join the new army council.

TOWN DESTROYED.

Lake Village, Ark., Feb. 4.—This town was almost totally destroyed by fire today. Twenty-two business houses, sixty dwellings, the postoffice, Masonic temple and many outbuildings were destroyed. The loss is estimated at $250,000.

YOUNG CORBETT AND SULLIVAN

San Francisco, Feb. 4.—"Young Corbett" has signed articles to meet Dave Sullivan February 29th before the Yosemite Club of this city. Sullivan is now on his way to San Francisco. Corbett is also matched to meet Jimmy Britt of this city March 15th before a local club.

WARNED BY CHICAGO.

New York, Feb. 4.—Mayor McClellan has ordered President Darlington of the Board of Health and Police Commissioner McAdoo to close the following theatres: Grand Opera House, Madison Square Theatre, Princess Theatre, Vaudeville Theatre, Hurtig & Seamans and the theatre part of Huber's Museum. Last week Mayor McClellan served notice on nineteen theatres that unless certain alterations for safety were made by midnight Tuesday he would order them closed.

British News By the Cable

Liberals Satisfied That Rejecting Fiscal Policy Would Not Alarm Canada.

Kind Edward Approves Scheme For Proposed Colonial Exhibition.

London, Feb. 4.—(Special.)—Messrs. Montague and Herbert, Liberal candidates in the next general election, who have recently returned from a visit to Canada, said today that during their tour of the Dominion they had threshed out the fiscal question there with representatives of all classes. They found the Canadians realize so clearly that Britain's fiscal policy is Britain's own affair that the rejection of Mr. Chamberlain's proposals on the ground that there is danger to British prosperity or the general prosperity of the world, could not cause any serious dissatisfaction in Canada.

King Edward has consented to be patron, and the Prince of Wales the president, of the colonial exhibition. A sketch of the scheme, as unanimously approved by the exhibition committee of the British Empire League, has been accorded the warm approval of the King.

ARCHBISHOP FARLEY.

New York, Feb. 4.—Archbishop Farley of New York sailed today on the steamer Prinz Adelbert for Naples on his way to Rome. He may visit Paris. He will return in time to hold the Easter service in the cathedral. Archbishop Farley was asked whether it was true that he intended to represent to the Pope that the banishment of women from church choirs, in accordance with a recent edict of the Vatican, would work great hardship in this country. The archbishop said that he did not propose to say anything to his holiness about the matter.

STILL BUCKING SNOW DRIFTS.

Detroit, Feb. 4.—Although snowplows worked all day, they had not succeeded in opening the Pere Marquette road tonight.

CHINAMEN OFFER LIBERAL REWARD

Anxious to Aid In Capture of Murderers of Chinese Theatre Manager.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, Feb. 4.—Harry Bilkes was found guilty by Judge Henderson today of assaulting Mrs. Perry. Bilkes called at plaintiff's house to collect bottles, when the assault took place. He will be sentenced tomorrow.

Vancouver Chinamen have posted notices in Chinatown offering $800 reward for information leading to the arrest of the four escaped murderers of Man Quon, or $150 for any one of them. Man Quon's friends have formed themselves into a committee and solicited subscriptions to a fund to enable them to bring the murderers to justice. When asked why a similar course has not been taken in the Charlie Sing case, it was stated that Man Quon was esteemed a highly respected among the better class of Chinamen, while Charlie Sing was not a serious loss to the Chinese community.

Geo. Howell was committed for trial in the Police court today for obtaining goods under false pretences while acting as manager of the British Columbia Supply Company. This case arose out of a recent conspiracy case against J. G. Hutchinson, former manager of the same company.

The delegation to have gone to Victoria today to ask the government for a land grant for the extension of the W., V. & Y. railway to the Yukon, have postponed their departure until Sunday.

At a meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of the hospital board, Lady Tupper was elected hon. president; Mrs. Wm. Murray treasurer, and Mrs. Stewart Livingston secretary.

The Vancouver Ice & Cold Storage Company has declared a ten per cent. dividend.

J. G. Woods, who has returned from a trip East, says that it is no bluff of the C. P. R. that they will build lumber mills in the Northwest, that he has been assured such mills will be built.

FUEL AND PROVISIONS ARE RUNNING SHORT

Continued Snow Blockades Renders Question of Supplies Very Serious.

Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 3.—The railroads in northern Indiana have for 24 hours been blockaded by deep snowstorms, and passengers have had some trying experiences on stranded trains. On the Lake Erie and Western one train was snowbound for nine hours until fifty laborers and passengers dug it out.

On the Vandalia road three trains were released by section men. Passengers have had to abandon some of the stranded trains of the northern roads and seek shelter and food at farmhouses. Many trains have been ten or twelve hours late.

Detroit, Feb. 3.—With a renewal of the snow blockade the question of fuel and provisions has grown more serious then ever in the region lying between Saginaw bay and the lower end of Lake Huron. Harbor Beach has had only one train since January 16. Today the Pere Marquette line between Saginaw and Port Huron, was also blocked. The Michigan Central had to abandon two trains on its Bay City division. Trains from the east are late. No trains have moved today on the Lake Shore route between Grand Rapids and Elkhart, Ind.

Hyman In Privy Council

Member for London Sworn In Without Portfolio at Ottawa Yesterday.

Sir Richard Cartwright's Son to Be Provided For in the Militia.

Lord Dundonald Issues Some New Regulations Regarding Officers Training.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Feb. 4.—Inspector Cartwright, son of Sir Richard Cartwright, who is resigning from the Mounted Police is to get a better job in connection with the permanent militia.

C. S. Hyman, M. P. for London, tomorrow will be sworn in a member of the privy council without portfolio. Hyman is in town and had a lengthy interview today with Sir Wilfrid, who invited him to become one of His Excellency's advisors. Of course he consented, it is understood, as chances were given Hyman that a portfolio would be his in the near future. Hyman will take the oath of privy councillor before the Governor-General at noon tomorrow.

The Ottawa and New York Railway, which extends from Ottawa to Cornwall, and then on to Tupper Lake N. Y., is to be converted into an electric railway.

Mrs. Drummond, whose husband, Major Drummond, was military secretary to Lord Aberdeen, is expected here tomorrow as a guest of Their Excellencies. Her object in coming to Canada is to establish branches of the Victoria League, recently organized in England, with the object of uniting the motherland and the colonies of the Empire in closer ties.

Lord Dundonald has prepared a new manual of cavalry drill, which will shortly be issued. New regulations regarding the training and education of militia officers will shortly be issued if the minister of militia approves.

The Mounted Police is to be augmented by one hundred men. At present the police number 800, of whom 500 are in the Northwest Territories and 300 in the Yukon.

A curious case will shortly come before the High court here. A young man in the civil service, C. M. Pope, is asking for an injunction to stop two brothers exhibiting a contortionist mandolin, on the ground that the music grates on his nerves and those of his friends.

MANY THOUSANDS ASSUAGE SUFFERINGS

Forty-Five Thousand Dollars Paid to Man Who Had 4500 Pieces Skin Grafted.

New York, Feb. 4.—Wilson Frederick, of Danelon, N. J., who for three years probably saved his life by contributing 4,500 pieces of cuticle to be grafted on his scalded body, after he had been hurt in a wreck nearly a year ago, at Westfield, when many people were killed, is stated to have received $45,000 from the railway company as compensation for his injuries. Although he was the holder of a pass which simplified the claim, the company was to be exempt from damages in the event of his receiving injuries, it was contended that the contract would not be considered valid in the court. The case did not reach the courts, however.

Frederick was chief clerk in the New York office of an express company, and was taking on an employees pass. The skin grafting operations were successful, but he has only recently been able to leave the hospital, and is still confined to his house.

MORGAN IN MONTREAL.

Montreal, Feb. 3.— J. P. Morgan and his party spent the morning driving around the city. They were the guests of Andrew Allan at luncheon, and in the afternoon tramped out to the Hunt Club on snowshoes. Mr. Allan was also the host at a dinner served at the Hunt Club, at which a number of prominent Montrealers were also guests. Mr. Morgan leaves for home tomorrow.

STABBING AFFRAY AT WESTMINSTER

Supposed Attempt at Robbery May Result in Death—Fatal Accident.

From Our Own Correspondent.

New Westminster, Feb. 3.—As a result of a stabbing affray in the lower part of town tonight, Edward Wilcox is in the Royal Columbia hospital with a big knife wound in his abdomen and the police are looking for Frank Costello, alias "Texas." Wilcox, who is not unknown in police circles, and some companions had been drinking in the Merchant's hotel and Wilcox and Costello went outside. Just after that Wilcox ran into the saloon crying out that he had been stabbed. He was hurried off to the doctor's, but at 10 o'clock tonight they are unable to say whether or not the wound is serious. Wilcox was not anxious to say anything about the matter, but stated that he had no warning of Costello's intentions. From street talk it is gathered that Costello had some money and many believe that Wilcox was trying to "lift" this when Costello stabbed him. Costello jit out after the affray and has not yet been apprehended. Wilcox has been mixed up in stabbing affrays before this.

A fatal accident occurred at the V. W. & Y. docks here tonight, when Chester Wells, a laborer was killed. A freighter was unloading coal and Wells was assisting. In some manner the heavy bucket attached to the crane broke and fell on Wells, who died soon after.

"PUCK'S" EDITOR DEAD.

New York, Feb. 4.—Adolph Schwartzmann, one of the founders, and editor-in-chief of the Puck, died today. He was born in Germany in 1838.

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TEAMSTERS' STRIKE.

St. Louis, Feb. 4.—The Teamsters' Union has decided to call out all the union teamsters in the city unless the drivers' strike is settled within two weeks.

BUSINESS BLOCKS SINKING.

Chicago, Feb. 4.—Divers were expected today to explore the big water tunnel that crosses the corner of the business district of Chicago sixty feet below the surface. The purpose of the exploration is to discover, if possible, the cause of the dangerous settling of a business block in Fifth avenue. Portions of the foundations are said to have sunk six feet.

N. Y. PRODUCE EXCHANGE.

New York, Feb. 4—Announcement has been made by President Burgess of the New York Produce Exchange that trading in New York-Buffalo contracts for future delivery of grain may now take place, and actual deliveries on such contracts may be made beginning August 1st. This movement is the result of efforts on the part of the Produce Exchange to broaden the grain market here, lack of storage facilities having in recent times caused considerable contraction in the trade.

Water Famines In Monrteal

Owing to Breakage of Steam Pump Reservoir Is Running Low.

Microscopic Examination Reveals Suspicious Microbe in City Water.

Montreal, Feb. 4.—Montrealers are threatened with a water famine owing to the breakage of the principal steam pump at the main pumping station and low water in the aqueduct. Water in the reservoir is falling at the rate of four feet a day. The superintendent of the waterworks has appealed to the citizens to stop the practice of allowing their taps to run during the cold weather in order to prevent the pipes freezing. This is estimated that it causes the waste of between two and three million gallons of water a day.

Dr. J. G. Adams, professor of pathology McGill University, consulting bacteriologist to the city board of health; Dr. Jules A. Chopin, assistant chemist and bacteriologist to the provincial board of health, after an analysis, have filed a report to the effect that the water of the Montreal Water Power Company, which is supplied to surrounding municipalities, in which there has been a large number of cases of typhoid fever, is contaminated; that the analysis reveals a micro-organism not hitherto discovered. It has a suspicious appearance and must have been accustomed to live in the human organism.

J. P. Morgan and party left for Quebec this evening on a special train over the Canadian Pacific railway. Their stay there will depend largely on the manner in which Mr. Morgan enjoys himself.

The C. P. R. have placed another large order with the local shops for passenger equipment. The order includes five dining cars, fifteen standard sleepers and twenty-five tourist cars, and the aggregate cost will be over four hundred thousand dollars. The cars will be ready to go into commission during the summer, and will be distributed all over the line. This is the second large order of this kind within a year.

ENRICHING POSTERITY BY A PHONOGRAPH

Samples of Emperor William's Voice to form First of New Archives.

Berlin, Feb. 4.—A phonographic record of Emperor William's voice on metal matrices will be the first deposit made in the phonetic archives that are to be kept at Harvard University, the Congressional Library and the National Museum at Washington. The Emperor, upon application of Dr. Edward Scripture of Yale University, through the United States ambassador, has given two examples of his voice for permanent presentation. Dr. Scripture, describing the meaning of his requests, said: "The phonetic archives are to include records for such persons as will presumably live permanent historical interest for America. The importance of the undertaking can be estimated by considering what would have been the priceless value of voice records of Demosthenes, Shakespeare, or Emperor William the Great. An advisory committee of eminent Americans has prepared a list of ten living Americans of the first historical importance, whose voices will be preserved. I wish to record His Majesty's voice as the first European record deposited in the archives."

To Adorn Bastion Square.—It will be recalled that a few days ago the Colonist's Ottawa despatches contained the information that the federal government had arranged to obtain from the British War Office six cannon captured from the Boers during the South African campaign. The suggestion is now put forward—and is being unanimously endorsed—that it would be a good idea to make application to the government for one of the guns, the same to be placed in one of the boulevard pieces in Bastion Square. The idea is an exceedingly happy one and the Tourist Association will make every effort to secure the interesting memento.

MINOR HAPPENINGS OF THE MAINLAND

Burglar's Attempted Escape—Highbinder Coming to Victoria.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, Feb. 3.—Mullin and Hunter, committed for trial on a charge of housebreaking in Vancouver, attempted to escape as they entered the jail gate at Westminster today. Both were captured after a short chase.

The Province says Wong Sai Yow, ex-convict of the State of Oregon and head of the Wong family, went to Victoria today, ostensibly to conduct the defence in the Mah Quan murder case. Wong Sai Yow is said to be high in the councils of the highbinders.

Mrs. Pyche, who was badly injured in an Intercolonial railway accident, was on her way home to Vancouver after visiting her mother at Ship Harbor, N. S. Her husband is in the restaurant business here.

Tisdall's gun store was broken into last night and $250 worth of revolvers and cutlery taken. The place was entered by prying open the back window. There is no clue to the thieves.

"Please, mother says, can you let her have a 'arf ounce of this ere radium she have read so much about in the paper?"—Punch.

Lecture On The Salmon Hatcheries

Professor Babcock Delights a Large Gathering of Board of Trade Members.

Lecturer Aided By Splendid Limelight Views Gave History of Industry.

(From Friday's Daily.)

One of the most instructive and interesting lectures ever heard in Victoria was delivered by Professor Babcock, provincial superintendent of the new salmon hatchery at Seton Lake, near Lillooet, last evening at the Board of Trade rooms. The lecture was profusely illustrated with limelight views, and the subject that of the history of salmon fishing and canning on the Pacific for the past thirty years and the growth of the hatchery idea was most timely in view of the importance of the industry to British Columbia.

Mr. Babcock was introduced by the president, Mr. C. F. Todd, and began by showing a map of the Sacramento river and its tributaries, on which, he said, he had laboured for many years for the non-political fishery commission of the California state government. He told of the beginning of the salmon packing industry on that river in 1864, and of its growth since, and had a splendid chart view thrown on the screen which outlined the pack of salmon from 1873 to 1900, and the gradual increase to 1883, when 200,000 cases were packed, and decrease to 1901, when scarcely 1,000 cases were packed. From then on, thanks to the hatcheries, the pack has gradually increased, and for the past three years the pack has exceeded, by a considerable amount, the average for the past thirty years. He fully went into the natural history of the Sacramento river salmon, which, he said, was what British Columbia fishermen called the spring salmon, and gave a most lucid and interesting account of the breeding habits of that fish.

Continuing, the lecturer showed the improvement which came about with the adoption of the modern hatchery, and a full series of views were thrown on the screen, showing the development of the fertilized salmon egg from birth up to the hatching of the fish, and from then on to the time when the young salmon was released into the river.

The lecturer told of the successful propagation of Eastern fish in Pacific Coast waters, and instanced the carp, which, from about 240 fish imported in the eighties, had increased to such an extent that it was for sale daily in San Francisco at about one cent per pound, and had been caught as far north as the Stickeen river.

The industry in British Columbia was then taken up, and some really artistic views of Lake Seton and the hatchery there shown. Views of the Dominion government hatcheries on the Skeena and on Shuswap Lake were also given.

Mr. Babcock, in concluding his lecture, which lasted for nearly two hours, likened salmon hatcheries to wheat sowing. The less a man sowed, the less he would reap, and he said the very life of the salmon industry depends on the care taken in the hatching of the salmon spawn. With the experience of the past thirty years, it is now possible to successfully hatch 95 per cent. of the eggs collected, and as an ordinary female salmon has about 10,000 eggs, it can be readily seen that it does not take an enormous number to propagate where the run of fish.

The lecture was largely attended, and the lecturer was the recipient of a very hearty vote of thanks at the conclusion.

Mr. Babcock has consented to repeat his lecture before the Vancouver board in the near future.

POET'S LONELY DEATH.

Shelton, Conn., Feb. 4.—Joseph Wheeler, locally known as the "Poet of the Monroe," was found dead in a lightning where he had lived alone. Death was due to exposure and he had been dead several days. Both hands and feet had been gnawed by pet squirrels, which, for the past three years, had been his only companions. Wheeler was a well-to-do man and a stockholder in the Birmingham National Bank.

OUTBREAK IN GERMAN AFRICA.

Berlin, Feb. 3.—A cablegram has been received here from the commander of the gunboat Habicht, last reported at Swakopmund, German Southwest Africa, saying that the Hereros tribesmen have abandoned the siege of Otjembinwe. Three hundred settlers have been killed in German Southwest Africa since the outbreak there.

CHARGE OF FRAUD MADE.

Chicago, Feb. 3.—Investigation into the finances and business method of the Central Asphalt & Refining Company, a $2,000,000 oil concern of Beaumont, Texas, was begun today by Commissioner King. The inquiry is being hampered by the death of James A. Fullenwider, attorney for the concern, who was mysteriously murdered recently. Stockholders assert his testimony would have been most pertinent. Charges of fraud and conspiracy have been made in the case because of the foreclosure proceedings brought previously to the filing of an bankruptcy petition in the Federal courts of Texas. The foreclosure suit was started by General S. T. Carnes, a millionaire oil well promoter of Memphis, Tenn., and others.

LADYSMITH NOTES.

Ladysmith, Feb. 2.—A fire broke out at a small residence on High street this evening. It is thought that the outbreak was caused by sparks falling on the shingled roof from the chimney. With the assistance of several neighbors the fire was speedily extinguished, very little damage being done.

Another cargo of ore has recently been brought from Van Anda mines by the Selkirk for the Tyee smelter.

The spinsters of Ladysmith are today sending out invitations for a leap year dance, to be held in Oddfellows' hall on Wednesday next. An enjoyable evening will doubtless be spent.

The funeral of the late Mr. W. K. Thompson, which took place yesterday, was the largest ever witnessed in Ladysmith. The high esteem in which deceased was held in this town was testified to by the large number of sorrowing friends who followed the remains to their last resting place. The attendance of the silver cornet band, playing appropriate selections of music, helped to make the mournful procession and service more impressive. A large number of very beautiful wreaths were carried by the mourners.

The Ven. Archdeacon Scriven has been in Ladysmith today, visiting several of his old friends.

Bounty on Wheat

London, Feb. 4.—The Standard this morning says it understands that the government and Joseph Chamberlain are considering a suggestion which has been made that, instead of a duty on foreign wheat, a bounty should be given on wheat grown in Great Britain and the colonies, as a proposal less objectionable than a protective tax.

Arbitration Committee

Another Lengthy Session Held Yesterday Mr. Hooper on the Stand.

Mr. McLean Apologized For Calling Mr. Hooper a Coward on Day Previous.

Witness Was Cross-Examined By L. P. Duff K. C. Counsel For Rattenbury.

(From Friday's Daily.)

The investigation committee in regard to the Government house contract assembled again for business at 10 o'clock yesterday morning and a most interesting and somewhat warm session ensued. Mr. Clifford took the chair, there being present besides all the members of the committee L. P. Duff, K. C., acting for Mr. Rattenbury, Mr. Solomon acting for Mr. Muir, and H. Dallas Helmcken, K. C., acting for Mr. Drake, all the gentlemen thus represented being also present.

Mr. Hooper's examination was continued. Mr. McLean produced certain plans and asked if they were different from the other specifications, and asked Mr. Hooper if he would or could identify them.

Mr. Hooper stated that these were not the original plans, saying that there were several pieces pasted on these plans which did not show upon the original tracings. Mr. Hooper also stated that certain plans were in the possession of Mr. Phillips, who on being asked produced the said plans.

Mr. McLean asked Mr. Hooper if he could identify them.

Mr. Hooper then addressed the chairman and said that before he intended to answer any more questions, he must demand an apology from Mr. McLean for calling him a coward during yesterday's proceedings.

The chairman ruled in his favor, and Mr. McLean said that he, of course, must bow to the chairman, who had so much experience in parliamentary matters, and that although he thought Mr. Hooper's language to him was very rude he would withdraw his statement and apologize.

Going on with the question of plans, Mr. McLean tried to prove that those now produced were the originals, but Mr. Hooper insisted they were not, saying they were only copies or blue prints of the original tracings, and he refused to accept them as originals. He said: "If I am to settle a dispute I want to see the originals and not those that have little pieces stuck all over, which certainly indicate that alterations were made after the original tracings were drawn and accepted."

Mr. Hooper explained that he had tried many times to get the original documents and asked Mr. Gamble of the Lands and Works department personally for them, who replied he had neither the original drawings nor the tracings. On being asked by Mr. McLean what the additions he referred to as being stuck on the plan represented, Mr. Hooper replied that although Mr. Rattenbury said he knew nothing about them, they show that additional alterations were put on to the building of at least from $600 to $700.

The point was then brought up that all goods paid and certified to by the government were not to be found in the building and news of the Dominion government hatcheries in connection with the purchase thereof. It was also stated that goods which were purchased and should have been used for ensilage contractor were paid for by the government, ordered by Mr. Rattenbury in some cases and 10 per cent commission paid; several articles were included in this, such as bath, marble, hardware, ventilators, bedsteads, etc. As an instance Mr. Hooper showed how the marble was ordered by Mr. Rattenbury and paid for by the government. This marble was in some manner ordered through Mellor Bros. and paid for by Hinton & Co.

Mr. Hooper here protested at the absurd questions being put to him, as he could not readily remember from 600 to 700 pages of evidence.

The question of changes being made by Mr. Rattenbury without an order from the lands and works department was then brought up, which related to the following clause: "The party of the first part agrees to waive the provision in said contract that no changes or alterations shall be made or no extra work whatever shall be done without the written authority of the department."

Mr. Hooper said that Mr. Rattenbury seemed to have absolute control of everything around the department. He could produce plans, etc., when no one else around the place could get any trace of them. Another thing was the department painted copies of the specifications which he considered irregular.

Mr. Duff here asked Mr. Hooper if he ever had any government contracts.

Mr. Hooper replied that he had a number, the plans of which were down stairs on file. On being questioned Mr. Hooper said it was usual to pay the architect 5 per cent of the contract price for the drawings and specifications.

Mr. Hooper here asked Mr. McLean if he paid Mr. Rattenbury for building his house.

Mr. McLean replied that he had paid the usual 5 per cent and was very well satisfied with the work done.

Mr. Hooper referred to the letter written by Messrs. Rattenbury and Maclue to Hon. R. McBride, which he said, was an example of how letters were apt to mislead one. The letter read as if

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Annual Meeting Of Dairymen

Dairymen and Live Stock Association Elects Officers and Transact Business.

Dr. Tolmie and Others Give Instructive Addresses on Farming.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

The annual meeting of the Dairymen and Live Stock Association met in the department of agriculture at 2.30 p.m. yesterday, President A. C. Wells being in the chair. The other members present were: Deputy Minister Anderson, Messrs. Raymour, Kirkland, Harris, Nelson, Patterson, Ladner, Shannon King, Trapp, John Dilworth and others.

The president opened the meeting with a few well-chosen remarks on the dairy and live stock industry, after which the minutes of the last general meeting were read, and, on motion, adopted. The secretary then read the auditor's report, together with a letter from the auditor regarding the profit and loss account. He also read the annual report, which was received, adopted and ordered printed. The following officers for the coming year were then elected: Hon. patron, Sir Henri Joly de Lotbiniere; hon. president, Hon. R. G. Tatlow; president, A. C. Wells (elected by acclamation); vice-president, A. Urquhart, Comox; secretary, L. W. Paisley (re-elected); first director, Deputy Minister Anderson.

Directors:—First district, lower Mainland—T. J. Trapp, New Westminster; P. H. Wilson, Chilliwhack; G. Shannon, Cloverdale; Sam. Smith, Dewdney; H. Kirkland, Ladners; W. H. Ladner, Ladners; A. D. Patterson, Ladners.

Vancouver Island—W. P. Janes, Duncans; F. Turgoose, S. Saanich; J. T. Collins, Duncans; George Sangster, S. Saanich; C. R. King, Cedar Hill, and J. C. Cornfield, Cowichan.

Upper Mainland—Donald Matheson, Armstrong; Y. D. Curry, Kamloops; John Dilworth, Kelowna; D. Graham, Armstrong; H. W. Raymond, Kelowna; W. Palmer, Salmon Arm, and Mr. Middleton, Vernon.

It was moved by Mr. Smith, and seconded by Mr. Jaynes, that F. Elworthy be auditor for the coming year, and that he be paid $25.00 for it. Carried.

Moved and carried that the minister of agriculture be invited to be present at the evening meeting.

Moved and carried that the auditor's report be laid over till this morning at 10 o'clock.

Moved, seconded and carried that the meeting adjourn until 8 p.m.

During the morning session Mr. Ladner spoke at some length on the "Live Stock Industry." He protested against the government bringing out live stock for the purpose of selling them unless specially ordered by private parties; he explained that it interfered with private enterprise, and that, besides, the stock brought out was of a very inferior grade. Messrs. Harris and Patterson also took part in the discussion.

Mr. Urquhart, vice-president, took the chair at 8 p.m., and called on President Wells to address the meeting on the subject of ensilage. Mr. Wells said that he thought perhaps a few words on making ensilage might be useful to some of the gentlemen present. Ensilage is made from green feed, such as is generally fed to stock, and is really to preserve green food for stock while it is scarce during the winter. He explained that the cheapest kind of silo to put ensilage into was a big, round tub. Most of them were now being made out of cement.

Mr. Wells went on at some length, giving a very interesting address on the various kinds of ensilage. He considered clover was the cheapest kind of feed that could be grown for ensilage in this province, most parts of the province being able to produce three crops a year. In his part of the country they had been very successful with corn, "long fallow" being the best species.

Dr. Tolmie, veterinary surgeon, gave a most instructive and interesting talk on the horse, dealing with that animal from its birth up. He explained in detail the proper treatment of mare and colt, going into the detail of feeding and nourishing the mare, and the training and bringing up of the foal, besides explaining at some length the doctoring, feeding, stabling, working, breeding, breaking and care of horses in general. Dr. Tolmie also explained to those present that he had known of many cases where the stock raiser or farmer had in many cases sold some of his poorer or wild animals to horse men, who took it a very cheap price these animals, trained them, fed them up and after watching them carefully for some months, sold them to some city man at perhaps more than $75 over the price paid for it, and he strongly urged the farmer to watch this kind of animal, feed him up or, train him as the case may be, and reap the benefit of the extra $60 or $70 himself, as the city man had no time to train animals and was always prepared to pay a better price for a horse he could depend on.

It was then moved and seconded that a hearty vote of thanks be tendered to Messrs. Tolmie and Wells for their interesting and clever lectures. The motion was unanimously adopted. Mr. Ladner remarked that "we didn't have to send away for them either." Both gentlemen replied in a fitting manner.

Police Rewards.—John M. Langley, chief of police, gives notice in this issue of the Colonist that the reward of $1,000 offered for information which would lead to the finding of David Ferguson, dead or alive, has been withdrawn; also that a reward of $150 each will be paid to any person or persons furnishing information which will lead to the arrest of Wong Lam Yuen, Wong Hung, Wong Sam and Wong Suen, who are charged with the murder of Wan Quon on the morning of the 31st of January.

A CURIOUS CASE.

Murderer Confesses Crimes and Appeals Against Judgment.

Ossing, N. Y., Feb. 5.—Warden Johnson, of Sing Sing prison, today received word that an appeal had been taken in the case of Frank Henry Burness, who was to have been put to death in the electric chair next Monday, and the execution is, therefore, stayed. Burness shot and killed Captain George B. Townsend on the latter's schooner at Brooklyn on November 10 last. At his trial he admitted his guilt, acknowledged that he had committed other murders and asked that the death sentence be quickly carried out.

CHAMBERLAIN NEEDS REST.

London, Feb. 4.—Joseph Chamberlain will start February 11 on a two months' holiday.