THE METHODISTS AND POLITICS

THEY ARE URGED TO ELECTORAL ACTION

Christian People to Attend Primaries and Take Definite Interest in Public Affairs.

Vernon, May 21.—Many of the delegates to the Methodist conference expect business will be completed tomorrow, but there is still a good deal of work to be done. This morning Rev. R. Hughes, who has been in England for a year, arrived and was warmly welcomed.

Last night a stirring meeting was held, when forcible speeches were made on the subject of temperance and moral reform by Rev. Dr. White, Rev. J. P. Hicks and Mayor Bell, of Enderby.

A keen discussion took place this morning in which a large number of ministers and laymen took part. Rev. R. N. Powell, seconded by V. Odlum, Nelson, introduced the subject by a lengthy resolution, expressing the conviction that Christian people should take more definite interest in public affairs and especially in selecting and electing good men, irrespective of party, as candidates for parliament and municipal offices. Methodists were urged to attend the primaries and political meetings and to canvass for men of principle and to give them unmistakable moral support when elected as an offset to the pressure often brought from other than righteous sources.

No debate in the conference has aroused so much enthusiasm and the motion was at length carried unanimously.

Dr. Wittington then sought to carry the conference a step further by moving that they appoint an electoral council or league, which shall exercise direct church influence in nominating and electing men for the legislature and executive public positions. There was a strong feeling in favor of the motion, but many thought the present machinery virtually provided for this, and on vote it was lost by 36 to 38.

Mayor Bell, of Enderby, was elected this morning as lay representative on the general board of missions for three years.

Mrs. J. F. Betts was introduced to present the greetings of the Women's Missionary Society, which she did in a graceful manner.

CANADIAN FARMERS ARE PROGRESSIVE

Dr. Saunders Says Dominion Will Become Greatest Food Exporting Country in the World.

"Canadian farmers are the most progressive on earth, and Canada will soon become the greatest food-exporting country in the world." These were the emphatic words uttered by Dr. Saunders before the meeting at Ottawa of the Royal Society of Canada during his presidential address on "Agricultural Progress."

"In old Bible history," said Dr. Saunders in opening his address, "mention is made of Israel, the land rich in corn." The ancient Hebrews and Egyptians were the most proficient tillers of the soil in those distant ages, and the latter race was the first to raise domestic cattle. Amongst the Romans, agriculture was highly esteemed, and when luxury brought demoralization, the noblest minds reverted to farming. "The earth," said one of these old Romans, "gives back what it receives with usury, and nothing can be more profitable or beautiful than a well-kept farm."

During the middle ages, only the wealthy ate wheaten food; the poorer classes used rye, barley and oats. But in the 16th century Raleigh introduced the potato into Ireland. However, when the Queen of England wanted a salad for luncheon, she had still to dispatch a messenger to Holland.

Up to the 18th century land was sown until exhausted. By that time farmers had learned the alternate crop plan of conserving the strength of the soil; and at the opening of the 19th century they understood the value of manure as a fertilizer.

Nitrogen, potash and phorphorus are three ingregients essential for good soil; and the soil of Western Canada is nearly three times as rich in these substances as the soil of Western Europe. Nature is often lavish, but she is always economical. The waste matter in plants is exhaled into the air and is sucked up eagerly by the earth as a nourishing food. For when soils are exposed to the air they absorb the nutritous nitrogen from the atmosphere, thus enriching the earth. If the soil does not take in enough nitrogen naturally, that chemical can now be supplied to it artificially, in the shape of sulphate ammonia and nitrate of soda. Norway has solved the problem of making the production of fertilizers a financial success, and the manufacturing plant in that country now turns out 30,000 pounds per day. Thus the ingenuity of man saves the soil from depletion.

Potash is found in all the fertile soils, but when this ingredient is exhausted the soil can be restored by wood ashes or manure. Phorphorus was formerly obtained from bones, but now it can be taken from minerals which abound in Ontario and Quebec. Phosphate of lime is now produced in the manufacture of iron; and the "slag" is now used extensively as a fertilizer throughout England, Germany and Belgium: "It is highly probable," declared Dr. Saunders, "that the plant-life will always supply enough food for mankind, and the supposition sometimes advanced that the rapidly increasing population will not find sufficient nourishment seems far remote from probability."

Twenty-three years ago farming was in a very depressed condition in Canada. In 1884 a select committee of the House of Commons investigated the couses of this depression, and found it was due, not to poor soil or idleness, but to a lack of knowledge and skill in the farmers; and the committee recommended the establishment of experimental farms to promote agriculture and instruct the farmers. Accordingly, in 1886 a central farm was started near Ottawa, with four other branch farms in other parts of Canada. In agriculture Canada is now pre-eminent among the nations, and even Egypt, the ancient farming land, is asking for samples of Canadian products that she may emulate this country in the pursuit of the farming industry.

COLLAPSE OF LIGHTHOUSE.

Bordeaux, France, May 22.—A lighthouse on Point de Lacoubre, at the entrance of Caronne, which was 180 feet high and had a light which was among the most powerful in France, was so undermined by the sea that it fell yesterday. No one was hurt.

THE WORK OF TRAIN WRECKERS

SEVERAL COACHES THROWN FROM TRACK

One Person Killed and a Score Injured, Two of Them Fatally.

Los Angeles, May 22.—With devilish ingenuity some one removed the fish plates and bolts over the Arroyo Seco trestle, near West Glendale, Cal., late last night, fastened the strands of heavy wire to the ends of each rail, then hid on the hillside and as the southbound flying Coaster from San Francisco approached early this morning, jerked the wire.

The engine travelled nearly one hundred yards over the ties, while the tender, diner, two pullmans, buffet, mail and baggage cars went over the trestle, falling sixteen feet. The express car and one pullman turned upside down, and the remaining cars toppled on their sides.

T. J. Mahon, of Santa Barbara, an electrician, was killed and Frank Nahlor, Santa Barbara, aged 15, was fatally injured.

The injured include C. H. Robbine, Mrs. Shidler, William McClure and W. S. Stitt, all of Los Angeles; P. S. Aker, Portland; Miss Fern Opdyke, Pittsburg, Pa.; A. G. Young, Marshal Moss, T.L. Young, Ben Dixon, Ed. Wilcox and R. Redwood, all of Oakland, Cal, and all dining car men; N. E. Jacobs, Los Angeles; F. H. Shanley, dining car conductor, San Francisco; Mrs. Rosefetterman, Cleveland, Ohio; W. E. Miller and others.

The pullman porter, William Love, will probably die also.

FINDS A REASON FOR COLD WEATHER

Steamer Captain Believes it Is Due to Gulf Streams Running Far North.

New York, May 22.—Capt. L. Lunsdane, of the Anchor Liner Astoria, from Glasgow, has found a reason for the cold weather. He says the Gulf Stream, which ordinarily has a range between 46 and 55 degrees north latitude, is away to the north and he found for the Atlantic a high barometer with a southerly wind which is unusual.

"I don't say that the Gulf Stream is out of its margin," said the captain, "but it is to the northward of its normal course. This accounts for our winter weather at home in Scotland, where we have been having storms every other day. We don't have the seasons we used to have."

When the Astoria was about 100 miles east of Sandy Hook on Saturday, she passed a field of twenty icebergs. They were all medium sized and were scattered over a wide area.

FATALITY IN MINE.

Rope Rider Killed in Slope at Michel.

Fernie, B. C., May 20.—A fatal accident occurred in No. 5 mine, Michel, yesterday, the victim being Ernest Delucca, an Italian. Delucca, who was employed as a rope rider on the main slipe, and was standing at the bottom of the incline making up his trip when two cars loaded with timber broke away from the hoist and struck him. The unfortunate man was carried to the hospital, where he died in a very short time. He was a young man and leaves no family or relatives in this country.

ALLEGED DEFAULTER.

Banker Brought Back to New York in Irons.

New York, May 21.—Shackled in irons and closely guarded by detectives, Joseph Deutch, the Perth, Amboy, N. Y., banker, who is alleged to have defaulted with $170,000 belonging to his clients eight weeks ago, was brought back to the United States to-day on board the Holland-American steamer New Amsterdam.

INVESTING IN THIS PROVINCE

T. MEREDITH GIVES VICTORIA PRAISE

Former Resident of Winnipeg Says City Is Most Attractive on Continent.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

Thos. Meredith, of Winnipeg, prominently identified with the lumber industry in Manitoba, is in the city at present. In company with R. W. Gibson, also of Winnipeg, Mr. Meredith came west a few weeks ago to look into the conditions here. The result has been that they have invested about $175,000 on the coast and are likely to make still further investments.

Mr. Meredith has purchased a residence in New Westminster and also bought one in Victoria on the Dallas road. Mr. Gibson has bought the residence at Oak Bay formerly occupied by E. G. Russell.

Mr. Meredith says he has traveled all over the continent and Victoria is easily the best place to live. He has bought two business blocks, one on the corner of Government and Cormorant streets and the other on the corner of Store and Cormorant streets

Messrs. Meredith and Gibson are lumber men however, and have not been slow to see the opportunities in that line of business on the island. Accordingly they purchased the Woods mills at Alberni and have acquired limits tributary to these.

The mills will be enlarged and other timber lands will be acquired so that the business will be extended to a very great extent at the Barkley Sound Lumber Company. Mr. Gibson is president of the Beaver Lake Lumber Company of Winnipeg.

When they left Winnipeg for the Pacific coast, Mr. Meredith had no intention of investing to the extent he has done. The opportunities of the province, however, have become so impressed upon both him and his partner that they have made a number of investments in various parts.

LACROSSE ON EMPIRE DAY.

Vancouver Intermediates Will Travel to the City and Meet Local Team.

The Vancouver intermediate lacrosse team will play a match against Victoria on Empire Day. To-day the Terminal City signified its willingness to send over a team, and the match will take place at Oak Bay at 1.30 p.m. on Friday.

The Victoria players will be of a representative character. The team will be selected from the Victoria Wests and the Centrals, the two clubs of the city. It will be a strong aggregation which will represent the Capital. Considerable zest has been infused into the practice games recently, and there are great hopes that the season will open in an auspicious manner.

To-night the Victoria West players will hold their last practice game before Friday's match. This will take place at Oak Bay, and the players are requested to catch the 6 o'clock car from Government street.

BARON KUROKI.

Leaves New York To-Day For Boston —Distributes Presents Among Hotel Employees.

New York, May 20.—Gen. Baron Tamemoto Kuroki at 1 o'clock to-day will take departure for Boston. His suite was engaged early to-day in the task of packing baggage for the baron. Various souvenirs of New York city which they have gathered in their stay make large packages in themselves. Gen. Kuroki and his party to-morrow will visit Harvard university.

Gen. Kuroki distributed presents among Hotel Astor servants yesterday. Each bell boy, waiter, clerk or other employee who contributed to his comfort received some money, the total amounting to nearly $500. To Wm. C. Moschenheim, the proprietor, he gave a gold cigarette case encrusted with dragons, and similar cases of silver to other hotel officials.

C. P. R. COASTING VESSELS.

Both Charmer and Princess Victoria to Run to Vancouver—Triangular Route Postponed.

After getting together a sufficient number of firemen to run between Vancouver and this port the steamer Princess Victoria left the Terminal City for this port at 1 p. m. to-day. To-morrow she will leave here for Vancouver at 7.30 a. m., but it will be some days before she goes on the triangular run.

Under the new schedule the C. P. R. will run both the Charmer and the Princess Victoria on the Vancouver route. The former vessel will leave for Vancouver to-morrow at 1 a. m., and on Friday at 12 midnight. She is leaving on Friday at that hour to accommodate the many excursionists who are expected to visit Victoria for the Empire Day celebrations. The Princess Victoria, until she goes on the triangular route, will continue to sail for Vancouver each morning at 7.30 a. m., and, returning, will leave the Terminal City at 1 p. m. Captain Troup who has been engaged in getting together some firemen in Vancouver is returning on the Princess to-night.

SOLD COAL LANDS.

Montreal, May 21.—An announcement is made that the Maritime Coal, Railway and Power Company has acquired the entire property of the Canada Coal and Railway Company, consisting of over seventeen miles of coal-bearing lands and twelve miles of railway, with full equipment, locomotives, freight and passenger cars, terminals, etc. The line extends from the town of Maccon, through the company's lands to their coal dock on the Bay of Fundy, where they hold a submarine area of large extent under lease from the government.

ESCAPE CUT OFF.

Four Men Lost Their Lives in Mine in Colorado.

Trinidad, Colo., May 21.—Four miners, including Superintendent Alex. Jacobs, were burned or suffocated Monday night at the Engleville mine at Engleville, Colorado. The bodies have been recovered. The men went to work Monday night and when they did not come out yesterday an investigation was started. It was discovered that a fire, which broke out in the mine a year ago suddenly spread and swept across the incline tunnel, preventing the men from reaching the outside. The point where the flames crossed the tunnel is three miles from the opening, and it was necessary to dig a temporary tunnel around to reach the dead bodies.

LICENSE DISALLOWED.

Toronto, Ont., May 20.—The license granted by the commissioners has been disallowed at Port Arthur, because it was located near a sawmill, where three or four hundred men were employed. The government is considering disallowing another in the residential district of the Baby City.

MARGHERITA CLUBS' CONCERT A SUCCESS

Large Attendance at Institute Hall Last Night—Entertainment Given by Local Musicians.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

A large concourse of the music lovers of Victoria assembled at the Institute hall on View street last night to hear the third annual concert of the Margherita Mandolin Club.

A very marked improvement on the performances of the past two years was observable, noticeably in the general cohesion of the orchestra, which was far superior to that of former concerts, and the evident sympathy which existed between conductor and the players. This excellent result was the natural outcome of hard work, regular attendance and a keen desire to prove that, given an enthusiastic and energetic conductor, Victoria can produce as good an amateur mandolin company as any city on the Coast. That this happy result was reached was the verdict of those who were fortunate enough to listen to the splendid aggregation of musical items which was afforded last night.

The concert was opened by the full orchestra, who rendered "Under the Double Eagle," by Wagner, in good form, perhaps the most noticeable feature being the violin playing of Miss Brooker. This was followed by a song given by Miss Jennie Bishop, who was loudly encored and was the first recipient of a bouquet. In fact one of the features of the evening was the number of bouquets and of encores. In the first part alone, out of six items five were encored, the only one not receiving this honor being the first. Miss Bishop has a clear, sweet voice, with remarkable clearness in the top register, while in her second song she showed a very genuine feeling in the expression she put into it.

"The Spanish Serenade," which followed, was performed by the orchestra in perfect time, and with excellent taste. The arrangement for this particular type of instrumentalists was the work of Signor Claudio himself, being adapted from the original of Ch. Acton. Mr. Arthur Gore is too well known in Victoria to need any praise; needless to say he also received an encore. One of the features of the evening was the trio played by Signor Claudio (violin), Mr. B. Foote (cello) and Mrs. Harry Young (piano). The effect was good, and at its conclusion Mrs. Young was presented with a bouquet, which was more than well deserved, for her accompaniments throughout the evening were of the highest type. Mr. Foote then concluded the first part with a cello solo, and by the request of the audience contributed a second, which was noticeable for its pathos.

Part II. called forth Miss Brooker in a violin solo with orchestra accompaniment, and there the third meed of victory was awarded in a beautiful spray of flowers, and a call to reappear. Miss Brooker plays with skill, and also with what is of quite as much importance, feeling. The ever popular melody in F, by Rubenstein, was then rendered by Mr. Henry Griffiths, in the form of a song entitled "Voices of the Woods," a most appropriate selection for this time of the year, and one which well suited his enunciation; being called on for another, he sang a pretty love ballad, which well displayed the remarkable compass of his voice. Then came the great event of the evening when Signor Claudio played Sarasate's "Egyptian Dance." The effect was evident at the close; with one voice he was recalled, and this time gave a solo without piano accompaniment. The signor has a perfect gift in handling the numerous chromatic scales which assailed him at all points.

The concert closed with two more orchestral pieces, which were well up to the average, and after the National Anthem the audience dispersed, quite enthusiastic about the music they had heard. Every praise is due to Signor Claudio for the trouble he has taken to produce such an excellent result.

UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS.

Toronto, May 21.—The senate and governors of MacMaster University made the following appointments: P. Bishop Tingle, Ph.D., professor of chemistry and mineralogy; F. H. Kirkpatrick, Ph.B., lecturer on public reading and speaker for the session of 1907-8. To Woodstock College, C. E. Burke, B. A., teacher in science.

TO OPERATE MINE.

Edmonton, Alberta, May 21.—A company capitalized at $1,000,000 has been organized in Edmonton, and a charter has been applied for. American capital is interested, three Minneapolis men being the shareholders. The company will operate a mine up the Saskatchewan river some 50 miles from Edmonton, and 88 miles due west from the C. P. R. at Leduc.

BAD CHARACTER FROM JAPAN

BROUGHT WOMEN TO AMERICA IN BOXES

Deported With His Prey to the Orient by Dr. Milne, Immigration Inspector.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

"For ways that are dark, and tricks that are vain," the Japanese would seem in some respects to surpass the Chinese. The being whose striking physiognomy is appended recently arrived at this port bringing under his care as strange a consignment of goods as have ever been landed at this port, as previously referred to in the Times. Keijiro Takatori (Suzuki) is his name; his goods consisted of five diminutive Japanese women dressed in the robes of the Orient.

Huddled up in small boxes, sitting hugging their knees, day after day of the long trans-Pacific voyage they came deep down in the hold of the Blue Funnel liner Oanfa. The tortures which they endured must have been terrible. Meantime Suzuki, who was bringing them to this country, promenaded the deck enjoying the full fragrance of the Pacific breezes. A bag of rice and some water formed the nutriment of the unfortunate little women on the voyage.

It was only accident which prevented them from reaching the American shore and debarking in safety. Smallpox broke out on the Oanfa. When she

SUZUKI, THE DEPORTED JAP.

reached William Head fumigation became necessary. It was then when the fumes of formaldehyde were about to be applied, and the boxes had to be shifted to give it free play, that some friends of the tiny women told them what was in progress. Human nature could hold out no longer, and the five shrill voices came in a protesting chorus from the cages which were only sufficiently ventilated to allow the ingress of air enough to sustain life.

The women were released from the boxes and forwarded to the care of Dr. Milne, the medical inspector of immigration. Suzuki was also taken into custody and sent with them. They were placed under as strict a watch as the accommodation would permit, there as yet being no proper detention hospital. On Saturday last the guard was relaxed for a short time, and almost in the twinkling of an eye, Suzuki and his five females were missing. Their suspicion had been aroused as they knew they would leave on the steamer Indianapolis for Port Townsend at 4.30 p. m. The aid of the police was called in. Some of the resident Japanese who knew something of the characters offered their assistance and the man and his women were eventually found hiding in a house in the city. They were captured again, placed under guard, and sent to Port Townsend. From there they were placed on board the Oanfa and the vessel is now carrying them back to Japan, where it is understood that Suzuki will be arrested on his arrival.

Keijiro Takatori is a bad character, and Dr. Milne had been advised of his coming to these shores. He has served a term of imprisonment in Japan and was at one time arrested in California on the charge of murdering a Chinaman. He was subsequently arrested for shooting at, and seriously wounding a Japanese. On this occasion his offence is that of a procurer and the women and he were deported as not being suitable immigrants to land in Canada.

Dr. Milne is constantly in communication with K. Morikawa, the Imperial Japanese consul in Vancouver, who keeps him advised of the nature of intending immigrants. K. Morikawa had previously furnished Dr. Milne of the full character and record of the procurer, who, with his prey, have now been deported from these shores.

TEN INDICTMENTS

Charging Perjury and Forgery Returned Against President of Life Insurance Company.

New York, May 21.—Ten indictments, three charging perjury and seven forgery, were found by the grand jury to-day against John R. Hegeman, president of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, of this city. The charges grew out of the year-end statements of the company, in which it is alleged that items were improperly charged off. Mr. Hegeman did not appear in court to answer the indictments, but is expected to appear to-morrow.

Frank Mellor has just returned from a four months' pleasure trip to England, where he visited his old home. He was accompanied by his wife and family. Mr. Mellor intends resuming his occupation as a painter, decorator and paper hanger in the near future.

POLICE STOOD IDLY BY.

Made No Attempt to Stop Attacks on Jews at Odessa—Over Hundred Injured.

Odessa, May 21.—Fifty-three people were taken to the hospital suffering from broken heads or limbs or otherwise dangerously injured as a result of the outbreak of the Black Hundred here yesterday. In addition about a hundred persons were more or less seriously injured. The injured included women, children and students. Hebrews were brutally beaten in the streets and many houses in the Hebrew quarter were looted and their occupants terribly beaten.

The disorder lasted for several hours, the police making no attempt to suppress it.

ATTACKS ON JEWS.

The Black Hundred Renew Outrages in Odessa.

Odessa, May 21.—The Black Hundred took advantage of the funeral to-day of the three police officials assassinated yesterday to renew their attacks on the Jews. The whole Jewish population became terror-stricken, all the stores were closed and the streets were almost deserted.

IRISH BILL MAY BE WITHDRAWN

AS RESULT OF THE DUBLIN CONVENTION

Measures Dealing With Evicted Tenants and University Question to Be Submitted.

London, May 22.—It is the opinion of all the London morning papers that Mr. Birrell's Irish bill already is dead, and government organs bitterly lament the misfortune of the Irish secretary in seeing two important government measures, the education bill and the Irish council bill miscarrying in his hands.

The rejection of the measure by the Nationalist convention in Dublin solves for the government a difficulty that was beginning to oppress ministers, namely, how to deal with the overloaded programme for this session of parliament, but nevertheless there is keen disappointment felt at the discredit thus thrown upon the government, especially as John E. Redmond, the National leader, himself moved the rejection of the bill and as the Liberal papers remark, "thus closing the door upon any future half-way measure to Home Rule."

It is believed that Premier Campbell-Bannerman will withdraw the bill and substitute measures dealing with evicted tenants and the Irish University question, but nothing is likely to be settled until the cabinet meets and discusses the situation.

HURRYING HOME.

Queen Alexandra and Princess Victoria Curtail Trip Owing to Ill-Health of Latter.

Rome, May 22.—Queen Alexandra and Princess Victoria arrived here to-day from Naples, where they landed from the British royal yacht Victoria and Albert. They are going to Paris and London owing to the ill-health of the Princess, who is reported to be suffering from anemia, and wishes to consult some noted physicians.

SIX MEN KILLED—SEVERAL INJURED

Freight Cars Collided With Train on Which Men Were Returning From Work.

Chattanooga, Tenn., May 22.—A special to the Times from Dayton, Tenn., says:

"While returning from the mines of the Dayton Coal & Iron Co., six white miners met death yesterday afternoon, and several others were injured.

"Two heavily loaded freight cars plunged into a train carrying the miners.

"The dead are: John Teels, Daly Green, James Tower, Elijah Huff, Tom Jarmen and Bert Best."

TURKS KILLED PRISONERS.

Stronghold of Bulgarian Bands Captured By Turkish Forces.

Berlin, May 22.—A dispatch to the Frankfurter Zeitung from Salonica, Turkey, says a detachment of Turkish troops succeeded in capturing the stronghold of the Bulgarian bands of the Yenidja Lake region. The Bulgarians lost fifty men, owing, it is alleged, to the fact that the Turks killed their prisoners. The Turkish loss was seven men killed. The Bulgarians are threatening to destroy all Greek and Turkish villages in the Yenidja district.

"FATHER OF THE HOUSE."

Death of G. H. Finch, Who Represented Rutland in Commons For Forty Years.

London, May 22.—Geo. Henry Finch, known as "Father of the House of Commons," having represented Rutland in the House for forty years, died at his residence, Burley-on-Hill, Oakham, Rutland, this morning. He was born in 1825, and in politics was a Conservative. He was in favor of the removal of all burdens on agriculture.

FIVE MEN MET HORRIBLE DEATH

CREMATED AT STEEL WORKS AT PITTSBURG

Four Other Employees Were Severely Burned By the Explosion of Furnace.

Pittsburg, May 22.—Two Americans, well known mill-men, and three foreigners were cremated, and four foreigners were seriously burned last night when an explosion occurred at the Eliza furnace, No. 1, of the Jones & Laughlin Steel Co. Of the crew of ten men at the furnace when the accident happened, only one foreigner escaped uninjured.

The dead are: E. B. Williard, assistant furnace superintendent; John A. West, head blower, and three unknown foreigners. The names of the four foreigners who were injured are not known. They were hurried to the hospital horribly burned.

The accident occurred without a moment's warning. The ten men were about ready to draw out the molted metal when the hoist, slipped falling to the bottom of the furnace. The heavy weight of ore forced the gas with terrific pressure through the first dust catcher which was unable to stand the strain and therefore burst. A tremendous roar accompanied the breaking of the dust catcher and before the men could escape they were caught by the flames.

Williard, West and the three foreigners were directly in front of the furnace. The others of them were several yards back. For fully ten minutes the flames shot out of the furnace for a great distance and when finally the gas was turned off, only a few bones of the five men were found.

The injured men were caught by the first flash and severely burned, but were able to escape before they fell to the ground writhing in agony.

The uninjured foreigner says that Williard's head was blown off by the force of the explosion.

Williard and West are said to be two of the most prominent furnace men in the country.

The explosion was similar to the one at the Eliza furnace, No. 2, last January, when fifteen men were burned to death and many injured.

TWO HUNDRED LIVES REPORTED LOST

Caroline Islands Swept by Hurricane and Tidal Wave—Great Damage to Property.

New York, May 22.—A dispatch from Sydney, N. S. W. says:

"It is reported that a hurricane and tidal wave swept over the Caroline islands on April 30th.

"Two hundred persons are said to have been killed and immense damage done to property."

HOSPITAL AT MARBLE BAY.

Will Be Formally Opened By Bishop Perrin on June 4th.

On June 4th His Lordship Bishop Perrin will formally open the hospital at Marble Bay, Texada Island, which has been erected by the Tacoma Steel Company, operating the Marble Bay mines, and presented to the community by the company. It is possible that Lieutenant-Governor Dunsmuir will be present at the opening ceremonies. He has expressed a desire to take part on the occasion, but he intimated that he may possibly be prevented from doing so by business engagements.

The hospital is already opened, and there are several nurses now on the ground. They are supplied by the Anglican mission, which maintains the hospital ship Columbia on the northern coast among the loggers and miners. The mission will have charge of the hospital and administer its affairs.

Situated as it is in the centre of a comparatively thickly populated logging and mining district, the new hospital will serve the requirements of an appreciative field. This mission already maintains a hospital for miners, loggers and others at Rock Bay, further up the coast, and at it much suffering has been relieved in the cases of men suffering from broken limbs, sustained in accidents in the woods and in the mines. The Rock Bay hospital is, however, too far away to serve the needs of the district surrounding Van Anda, and largely because of this fact the Tacoma Steel Company very generously built the structure at Marble Bay.

FORGER AT WORK.

Guelph, May 21.—Five local banks here have been done up to the tune of about $1,400 by an unknown man, who forged the name of John Gillies, a well-known farmer. On February 28th the forger interviewed G. B. Morris, manager of the Royal bank, representing himself as John Gillies, and stating that he required money to buy some horses at an auction sale. Gillies' rating was all right. Morris thought the price the man proposed to pay for the horses rather high, but on being assured on this point, he agreed to advance the money on a note, and if it were not used and returned at once to charge little or nothing for the loan. A similar scheme was worked on the Metropolitan Traders, Montreal and Commerce banks, but the Dominion refused a loan. The man is missing and Gillies repudiates the notes.