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their assault was successful,
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League, refereed the game,
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ord.

TH WARD WON.

Ward and Central school
a junior league match at
on Saturday afternoon, the
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the North Ward team, al-
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old the Central boys down
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d down hill and had what
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al took place, but for a
n nothing, the Central full
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however, the ball found its
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Then came the tug-of-war,
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etorious. The game was re-
orily by James Dick.
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4	4	0	0	8
5	3	2	0	6
5	3	2	0	6
4	0	3	1	1
4	0	3	1	1

MEDIATE MATCH.

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excellent shooting, was a
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dropped just in front of
J. Philipson and headed
by Stephens, making the
the Capitals.
refereed by John Hanbury
ion of all concerned. F.
hton, Loveridge, Guy and
yed well for the Capitals.
est, Baker, Bishop, Okell
per played a good game.

ANDBALL.

M. A. TOURNEY.

ed attendance at the hand-
held in the F. Y. M. A.
ning. The results follow:
llins, R. E., and Mr. Jones
nd P. Winch, 21-14, 21-20;
and D. S. Mouat beat F.
Marconi, 21-18, 21-20;
Winch beat A. Kinsey
2, 21-20.
lins, R. E., beat P. Winch,
R. Peden beat D. Woods,
0.

E RENNEL.

UAL SHOW.

cided to open the annual
Victoria Kennel Club As-
l 1st, continuing until the
Mills, of McGill Uni-
n asked to act as judge.
y show will take place on
in February and will be
D. A. Upper will act as
ay as critic.

BIRTH.

on Jan. 13th, the wife of
a son.

RRIED.

ARD-JORDAN—At Kam-
n, 14th, by Rev. A. E.
Arthur B. Ward and
Fays, and Elma Ward and
dan.
YIN—At Vancouver, on
by Rev. G. A. Wilson,
derson and Miss E. J.

LLETON—At Nelson, on
Rev. J. Reid, Charles G.
Miss Pansy E. Shackleton.

DIED.

family residence, Esqui-
the 18th instant, Henry
a native of Isle of
5 years.
n, on Jan. 11th, Lina,
Nell, aged 23 years.
Moresby Island, on the
ratio John Robertson, in

ncouver, on Jan. 16th,
Weber, late of Ripley,
eventy-seventh year.
oops, on Jan. 15th, Edna
years.
ncouver, on Jan. 17th,
aged 62 years.
ith Vancouver, on Jan.
Brewer, of Truro, Corn-
aged 94 years.

THE CONQUERING WILL

BY SILAS K. HOCKING.

Author of "God's Outcast," "In Spite of Fate," "To Pay the Price," "For Such is Life" "The Heart of Man," "For Life and Liberty," "A Son of Reuben," etc.

CHAPTER XXVII.

Love and Pride.

If this were a novel with every chapter arranged for effect, instead of a simple story of everyday life, some thrilling adventure, or bloodcurdling accident, or exciting escapes should be narrated at this point. In a land of lake and mountain, of glacier and precipice, accidents may be arranged—especially in works of fiction—without difficulty and without any appearance of straining after effect. It would be so easy to arrange some excursion up some steep mountain side or across some dangerous ravine, or over some well-known glacier, and then describe how through the slipping of the foot or the falling of a rock, or the giving way of some ice particle, a terrible catastrophe was threatened, and only failed by a hair's breadth.

Or something more prosaic might have been arranged. In the lonely pine woods Dorothy might have been pounced upon by some robber or brigand, and in the moment of her greatest peril Basil might have come suddenly upon the scene and rescued her from the hands of the wretch who was overpowering her. Or Basil himself might have fallen ill of fever contracted while he dwelt in Venice, and Dorothy, in the goodness of her heart, might have hastened to his bedside and nursed him back to health and life, so winning his gratitude as she had already won his love.

Unfortunately, however, for the writer of this simple story, none of these things happened. Dorothy did not fall into danger, nor did Basil fall a victim to sickness. They went their several ways for nearly a week, each unconscious of the fact that the other was in the neighborhood.

Phil found considerable difficulty in keeping the secret from Basil, and no less difficulty in hiding the truth from Dorothy and her father.

Basil wanted to finish some of the sketches which he had brought with him from Venice, so one fine day while he stood over his easel Phil left him to his work and journeyed across to Pontresina to have another glimpse of Dorothy. He found the party just starting out on a little expedition to the foot of a neighboring glacier, so he joined them, only too thankful for a day's outing in such pleasant company.

During most of the day he had Dorothy to himself, and now and then she brought round the conversation to his friend. Had he heard from Basil lately? And was he well? And how long did he expect to remain in Venice? And was he painting some great picture there? with many other questions equally embarrassing.

Phil, however, had resolved to keep the secret to himself. If there were a Providence in the affairs of men that works surely and unerringly to a definite end, then it was not his place either to proffer aid or try to thwart. Let events work out their natural order and sequence. Nevertheless, he felt that some of his answers to Dorothy's questions were so evasive and unsatisfactory that he feared she would become suspicious and plant some direct question that he would not be able to avoid.

When they got back to Pontresina late in the afternoon everyone felt that the little excursion had been a perfect success. The weather had been so brilliantly fine, the color on the lower slopes of the mountains had been so glorious, and the distant view of snow-clad peaks gave them such a sense of the greatness and grandeur of nature that they felt as though they had taken a tonic and were almost unconscious of the weariness incident on such a journey; and yet Phil felt that all his music was set in a minor key, that the landscape was shadowed by a sense of loss, that his cup of pleasure had a very bitter drop at the bottom.

It was late when he returned to St. Moritz, and Basil was wondering what had become of him.

"I really thought you had got lost or met with some accident," Basil said.

"Oh, I have been having a little excursion with some friends," was the reply.

"Have you friends at Pretresina?"

"Yes. Quite a number of English people are staying there at the present time; and when I got there I found some people I knew just going on an excursion, so they asked me to join them, which I did."

"And have you been on the tramp all day?"

"Ever since I left this morning, and am about tired out."

"Well, you look it. I expect to-morrow you'll have to remain in bed."

This prophecy of Basil's came very nearly true.

Phil did not remain in bed the whole of the day, but he remained the greater part of it, and Basil was compelled to take his walks alone.

He came upon Doothry in the most casual and casual way possible. She had come out in the quiet of the afternoon for a walk in the pine woods on the other side of the river, and he, having moved in that direction, in turning a sharp corner in the path came suddenly face to face with her. With a half-suppressed cry she stepped suddenly, then paused and made as though she would slip off his guard, and hardly allow for the moment that it could be helped also. And yet, strangely enough, he saw the look of recognition in her eyes and the smile that followed on his heart hardened into ice or more correctly, perhaps, the wave of feeling surged up like a flood and drowned the better feelings in him. He recovered himself much more quickly than she did, and raising his hat in token of recognition he passed on and down the steep path to the river.

He had not gone far, however, before he sat down on one of the numerous seats dotted about and breathed hard. The appearance of Dorothy had been so sudden and unexpected, the sight of her face had touched his heart in such a strange and unaccountable fashion, that he felt he needed time to recover himself. He had acted upon the impulse of the moment, but whether he had acted as a wise man or as a fool, as a Christian or a brute, he hardly knew. He had been persuading himself for months past that Dorothy had completely slipped out of his life, that she was no more to him than any other woman, that he would be able to meet her without the least trepidation, without an extra flutter at his heart. Now every calculation had been falsified; his boasted victory over himself was no victory at all. He felt his nerves vibrating to the very tips of his fingers, his heart was beating at fever heat, his brain seemed in a whirl.

He rose suddenly to his feet and struck off into a by-path which led into the heart of the pine forest, and by which, taking a wide sweep, he could find his way back to St. Moritz.

"I expect she is staying at Pontresina," he said to himself. "The pine woods are a favorite hunting-ground for people on that side of the river. She will be returning, I expect, by the same path, so I had better keep out of her way if possible."

Getting into the deep shadows of the trees and screened from the passers to and fro by the thick undergrowth, he sat down on the stump of a tree and tried again to gather his scattered wits. The broad path so frequented by pedestrians was nearer to him than he thought. A footstep sounded almost close to his ears, and was it a little sigh soft as the breath of evening that fell indistinctly on his ears? He moved his head a little to one side, and through an opening in the undergrowth he saw Dorothy again, evidently returning from her walk. His first impulse was to rush out into the road and confront her, but a second time his pride came to his rescue. No, he would not humble himself before her, he would not acknowledge to himself that he cared for her in the least. Yet he had to admit that her beauty was even more bewitching than in the old days, her face was more perfect than anything that had ever come to him in his dreams.

He watched her with eager, burning eyes as she walked slowly past, watched her until she had turned a corner and disappeared; then springing to his feet he rushed into the road and made his way back to his lodgings with all the speed he could command.

He found Phil sitting out on a little balcony smoking. He tried his best not to appear excited, he pulled up a wicker chair opposite and lighted a cigar. For awhile the two men smoked in silence, gazing out over the deep green waters of the lake to the distant mountains beyond.

Phil was the first to speak.

"Enjoyed your walk, old man?"

"Pretty well. But I have had a little adventure."

"Indeed?"

"Yes. Did you know the Clevelands were in this neighborhood?"

"Yes; they have been here for a month past."

"But you never told me."

"No, I did not think it worth my while. It was not a subject that you cared to discuss."

"But you might have mentioned the fact that they were here."

"Yes, I might, of course; but I expected they would have gone again before you returned from Venice."

"Were you with them yesterday?"

"Yes."

"Then they knew I had got back?"

"No, I did not tell them. They had not the remotest idea but that you were still in Venice."

"Well, I came suddenly face to face with Dorothy this afternoon."

"Indeed?"

"I did, but whether I acted like a gentleman or a clown, I am not quite certain."

"You did not speak to her, then?"

"No, I did not."

"She passed you, I suppose, without recognition?"

"On the contrary, she stopped suddenly and a smile came to her lips and the light of recognition into her eyes. She meant to speak, and I think would have spoken, if I had given her the opportunity."

"Oh, I see. Your dignity was touched?"

"My dignity or my pride came to my rescue, so I simply bowed, raised my hat, and passed on."

"Now, I suppose, you regret it?"

"Well, I hardly know. The truth is I have not had time to sort out my emotions yet."

"You will keep out of her way for the future, of course?"

"Well, I hope so. I can assure you I have no desire for a repetition of past experiences."

"Well, Basil," Phil said after a long pause, pulling hard at his cigar, "it is no business of mine, but it does seem to me sometimes that a lot of people don't deserve happiness."

"Perhaps they don't," Basil said, thoughtfully, and then they relapsed again into silence.

During the night Basil courted sleep in vain. The face of Dorothy haunted him, her large, pathetic eyes seemed to look at him out of the darkness and to pierce his soul. Then the words of the pathetic, and never-to-be-forgotten letter which she wrote to him breaking off the engagement came back to him with all the freshness and vividness of a first perusal. He had burnt that letter with the rest, but he could not burn the impression from his heart. The paper had turned to ashes, the written words had vanished, but graven deep upon his heart was every sentence, and every blur made by her tears. He recalled again every expression of affection, every assurance of undying love. What a curious thing memory was; how safely it guarded all the past. Touched by some kindred circumstance, by some association or similarity of ideas the bolt was shot back, the door flung open, and the treasure-house of the past revealed its gathered store; everything labelled, everything in its place and all ready for immediate use.

The clock of a neighboring church struck one, and two, and three, and four, and still sleep refused to come. Basil was back again the past, gathering up all that had happened in that sad and eventful year during which he met and learnt to love Dorothy. Could it be that she had remained unchanged, that she was true to him still, that her heart continued loyal amid all the changes that had taken place? And, if so, should he go to her? Should he claim her as his own? Or should he let her go her way and live her life unmolested by him? Should they both dwell apart for ever?

He was conscious now that he loved her still. The sight of her face had awakened all his old passion into life; his heart yearned for her, his spirit cried out in the night. He would send a message if he could across the intervening space. He wondered if a soul could speak to soul through the darkness. And yet constantly his pride surged over him like a flood.

"No, I never will," he would say to himself; "it would be too humiliating."

So in his heart there raged a battle royal, and the combatants were Love and Pride. He tried to withdraw himself from himself and watch the battle merely as a spectator. He became interested in the duel. Which would win? Now Pride seemed to gain the mastery and now Love had the upper hand.

But to watch a battle without taking sides is almost impossible, and Basil found that he was taking sides with Love. Love seemed the nobler, the more heroic combatant. Pride looked a mean and sinister fellow, with a pinched face and ungenerous eyes. Pride did not fight the battle fairly, was ever taking a mean advantage of his opponent, continually struck below the belt. But Love was built in heroic mould; Love had an angel face and noble and generous eyes; and down in his soul he kept saying to himself:

"I hope Love will win."

Over breakfast next morning Phil asked him jocularly if he were going to Pontresina.

"No, I am not," was the brief reply.

"Then you have no wish to see Dorothy again?"

"I did not say so," was the answer.

"But you will not put yourself in the way of getting an interview."

"Why should I?"

"Why? Well, I'll tell you. You would scarcely give yourself time for breakfast, but would be hurrying through the pine woods as fast as your feet would carry you but for a little imp that holds you back.'

"What imp is that?" Basil questioned without looking up.

"The little imp of Pride. Now, don't try to deceive me, Basil, or to deceive yourself. Anybody can see with half an eye that you love Dorothy still.'

"My dear Phil, you are too clever by half," Basil said, with a mirthless laugh.

"No, I am not clever," Phil answered, quietly. "But if you are satisfied, my friend, if pride fills all your desires, then cherish your pride and feed on it and let it be your good angel. We are all of us free agents—at least, that is what I have been taught to believe—we all of us keep open house for angels good or bad——"

"But you would not expect a man to humble himself to a girl?" Basil said, suddenly looking up.

"My dear fellow, if pride is better than humility, and so-called dignity is a nobler passion than love, why, cherish your pride and dignity, and much good may they do you.'

Basil made no answer to this, and they finished their breakfast in silence.

(To be Continued.)

RESULTS OF ELECTIONS

Held on Saturday in Several Municipalities in the Province.

Elections were held in all the rural municipalities throughout the province on Saturday. Following are a number of the results:

North Vancouver.

For Reeve—W. H. May.

For Councillors—Ward I.—J. Balfour-Ker, 13; W. Erwin, 11. Ward II.—J. C. Gill, 21; G. Morgan, 18; spoilt, 2. Ward III.—A. E. Kealy, 35; A. E. Crickmay, 33. Ward IV.—P. Allen, 12; W. F. Emery, 8.

South Vancouver.

For Reeve—Geo. Rae.

For Councillors—Ward I.—James Rea, 36; T. Hardy, 25. Ward II.—H. G. Ballson, by acclamation. Ward III.—S. Taylor, 29; T. M. Hoskins, 4. Ward IV.—J. H. Hatch, by acclamation. Ward V.—F. McCleary, by acclamation.

Cumberland.

Robert Grant was elected mayor by 35 majority over W. Willard.

Armstrong.

Reeve—Thomas Leduc, by acclamation.

Councillors—Salmon Rover Ward—S. Gray, by acclamation. Pleasant Ward—B. Francis. Okanagan Ward—Thomas Clinton.

Delta.

Reeve Launer was re-elected over Mr. Kitson by 6 majority.

For Councillors—Mr. Burr defeated Mr. George McClusky in Ward III. by 9 votes. Messrs. J. McCallam, W. Artaur, T. E. Ladner and L. W. Embree were all returned by acclamation.

Burnaby.

In the contest for the representation of the new Central Park Ward, John Rumble obtained a majority of 27 over Smith Hamer. The reeve and other members were returned by acclamation.

Maple Ridge.

John Blaney was elected reeve by 13 majority over ex-Reeve Ferguson.

In Ward II. W. H. Ansell, the retiring reeve, was defeated by Councillor J. M. Webster by two votes, and in Ward III., Thomas Bosomworth defeated Councillor A. W. Spilsbury by five. Wm. Isaacs was elected in Ward IV. over Councillor Carter and A. Baillie by two votes. In Ward I. Alexander Gilchrist, and in Ward V., John Laity, were unopposed.

The Ward Cancellation By-Law was carried by the big majority of 47.

Matsqui.

Reeve—A. Hawkins, re-elected by acclamation.

Councillors—Ward I.—W. Lowler. Ward II.—Returns not received. Ward III., E. L. Downs. Ward IV., J. Hargett.

Mission.

Reeve—J. Wren.

Councillors—Ward I., J. B. Cade and J. Lawrence. Ward II., J. Menzer and F. Hughes.

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STEAMER SERVICES UNDER DISCUSSION

THE BOARD OF TRADE RECEIVE MINING MAN

Resolution Favoring the New Association for This Province Passed at Yesterday's Meeting.

At the meeting of the board of trade Friday afternoon the rules were suspended in order that a representative of the mining men now in the city might address the body.

A. C. Hirschfeld, of Atlin, addressed the board. He said he had been asked on behalf of the executive committee to speak, the committee being busily engaged in important work. On behalf of the Atlin Board of Trade he thanked the local board for the interest they had taken in them and the way communications from the North had been received by the Victoria board. He said that they might be surprised at the result from Atlin camps next year. Operations would begin earlier next season, and many of the companies would start on pay ground, the preliminary work having been done. Hydraulic mines had produced as much as $40,000 or $50,000 last season. This would be increased next year. The fact that there were no idle men in the camp had its detriments also to the mining interests. Mine owners had had difficulty in getting the work accomplished which they wanted to do in consequence of this.

He took occasion to contradict the letters of Sawyers in the News-Advertiser that there was trouble between the mine owners and the miners. Judge Henderson when he was sent up there found nothing to do. There were no troubles. It was an easy matter to get petitions of almost any kind signed. He hoped the Tourist Association would give attention to Atlin. There was plenty of big game. Eastern hunters could get all the hunting and fishing they wanted.

Agriculture was advancing. There were gardens now in that country. At Taku Arm wheat had been ripened, and was six or seven feet high. Cauliflowers 17 inches across had been grown. There was room for agriculture in the Atlin country. Quartz mining was beginning in the district. There were rich quartz mines, one of them within 15 minutes' walk of Atlin. Mr. Beevis had located this, and it promised well. They were simply beginning to develop the country.

Machinery was being constantly introduced and investments were being made looking to a permanent production from the mines of the country.

It was a difficult matter to find any man who wanted to sell out his stock in the claims there at the present time.

C. H. Lugrin introduced a resolution favoring the initiation of the Mining Association, D. R. Ker seconded the resolution, which was carried. It was as follows:

Resolved, That this board has heard with great satisfaction of the proposed organization of a provincial mining association.

That, in the opinion of this board, the fact that the movement towards the proposed organization has been initiated by representative mining men from various sections of the province commend it to public favor.

That the board urges it upon its members and the people of Victoria generally the desirability of giving the movement referred to their heartiest co-operation and support.

A. C. Hirschfeld expected the attendance at the convention in February would be at least 500 men. It was a business proposition, and the committee was prepared to make a very elaborate report in the evening. The mining men wanted the backing of the merchants, and the merchants the backing of the mining men, which was the principal at the back of this organization.

S. J. Pitts, reporting for the committee which waited upon the government in the matter of the proposal to have better quarters provided for the agent-general in London, said the government had given them to understand that after next session when provision might be made for it there might be a change made.

The question of devising means by which the board might be put on a paying basis was discussed. It was pointed out that many of the offices in the building were not occupied. Attention was called to the fact that Mr. Pitts had proposed to do away with the entrance fees for membership in order to have more join. Mr. Pitts thought that perhaps it would be unwise to abolish the fee, but it might be reduced. He gave notice that he would move in that direction at the next meeting.

J. J. Shallcross said that serious complaints were made of the connection between Victoria and the Gulf islands. The old residents of these islands lamented the fact that the steamboat communication was such as to force them to drop off a part of their trade with this city and transfer it to Vancouver. It was a vital question, and one which the board might well take into consideration. He would like to see this trade fostered.

T. W. Paterson, M. P. P., said he had inaugurated the steamboat from Sidney to the islands. A good service was given and was still given. It had, however, never been a paying one. That was a matter for which the people of Victoria was largely to blame. Mail had been carried to and from places among these islands twice a week without any remuneration. It was a considerable bother, yet it was done. There was a good service maintained. Residents of the islands told him that the reason why they traded with Vancouver was because they got more favorable terms there. Vancouver merchants were satisfied with one profit, but Victoria wanted not only a profit on the goods bought by the residents, but also upon the produce bought from them. He cited a case of lambs having been shipped to Victoria and then reshipped to Vancouver at a profit. The people who complained were those who had no reason for such. It was those who had been given favors free of cost. The steamer while he operated it had never paid for the service given.

J. J. Shallcross introduced the question of better steamboat facilities with the West Coast. They must consider the future trade and not only that of the present time only, both with respect to the West Coast and the Islands. It was something that needed fostering. The boat going up the West Coast had often been incapable of handling the trade. Discomforts were enforced upon travellers. It was to the interest of Victoria that a convenient way of reaching the claim, on the West Coast should be provided in order that capital might be attracted to them. He did not say that a company should run a boat on any service at a loss, but it was for the people of Victoria to see that the service did not suffer. He believed that Mr. Vincent had offered at one time that the C. P. N. Company would give that route up to the residents to run it. That might now be open, and a company might be formed to take this service.

Dr. Marshall alluded to the discomforts of the service and in a humorous way described some of the peculiarities attending the trips of the Queen City. He thought that a faster boat was required. Four or five days was too long to occupy in going 160 miles. He gave an instance of a mining man having refused to consider the West Coast as a feasible proposition owing to the disadvantages in connection with travel.

Henry Croft thought the government should be asked to subsidize a steamboat line to afford a good service, even by a grant of land if necessary. Such was done in the way of giving service to inland places where there was such a showing as the West Coast.

F. W. Vincent said that the business of the route did not pay. The boat always came back empty. Not 300 tons of ore had been brought out since the Hayes mine closed down. The business was not such as to warrant a better service. He said that he never made an offer to transfer the route to a local company. He did not think that such had been made.

Dr. Marshall held that copper propositions were slow to develop. He said that it was impossible to get men to go in there and become interested in those properties without a better service.

J. J. Shallcross called attention to the fact that one company had made a contract to ship about 5,000 tons a month. He did not think that the C. P. N. should expect to provide only for routes where a lucrative service existed such as that between Vancouver and Victoria. He favored the matter being taken up and an attempt being made to obtain that route for a local company to be organized. He moved that the West Coast steamboat service be referred to the council.

F. W. Vincent called attention to the fact that the carrying of ore would not assist in this matter. It would not be practical to call at all points with ore on board.

C. H. Lugrin said that he could not see that anything could be accomplished by referring this matter to the council. This was a matter of business. If a company was prepared to enter into that trade the field was clear. There were doubtless disabilities which were but the common lot of pioneers. They could hardly ask for a subsidy for steamboat service to the same points which they asked for a subsidy for a railway.

D. R. Ker said that the subject had been approached. A grant of $1,200 had been obtained for improved service. If this was not sufficient they might endeavor to get another increase in the subsidy.

J. A. Mara proposed that a committee should confer with the officials of the C. P. N. Company, Senator Templeman and George Riley, M.P. The matter might then be fully gone into. It was possible in such a way to ascertain what subsidy would be required, and then it would be further possible to find whether there was a likelihood of getting such. It was further suggested that Senator Macdonald and Thos. Earle, M.P., should be included in the conference.

Thos. Earle, M.P., lamented that the representative of the Federal government did not attend the meetings of the board of trade. He suggested that as Premier Prior and Attorney-General Eberts were going to Ottawa that this might be referred to them.

J. A. Mara thought this was a matter which might be better dealt with by the board. The delegation to Ottawa would have larger matters to deal with.

It was decided to appoint a committee to confer with the C. P. N. Company and the members of the Dominion Senate and House of Commons.

A committee consisting of J. J. Shallcross, S. J. Pitts and Simon Leiser, with power to add to their number, was selected.

Upon the question of the Cowichan Valley Railway, the president said that the president of the Cowichan Lumber Company had called his attention to the fact that this subject should receive attention in view of the fact that D. Harris, C.E., would soon be making his report.

C. H. Lugrin stated that Engineer Harris was likely to report that the route was a feasible one.

It was decided to ask the government for a report upon this matter as soon as possible.

J. W. Aubery was proposed as a member. The meeting then adjourned.

MANDAMUS MOTION WAS DISMISSED

MR. JUSTICE MARTIN DELIVERS JUDGMENT

His Reason For Refusing Application in Connection With the West Yale Vacancy.

The motion for a writ of mandamus in connection with the West Yale election came up in Chambers on Friday before Mr. Justice Martin, but was adjourned for consideration of some preliminary points. The deputy attorney-general objected that sufficient material to support the application had not been filed, but A. E. McPhillips, K. C., pointed out that the affidavit covering the points referred to had been filed before the motion came up on the 14th, although no copy of same had been served on Mr. McLean. An argument ensued as to whether this affidavit could be read. His Worship, being obliged to take his place in the Full court at 11 o'clock, adjourned the application, but stated that he would continue the hearing this afternoon if he should be at liberty from the Full court sittings.

Other matters in Chambers on Friday morning were as follows:

Vernon vs. Cargill—R. H. Pooley for plaintiff obtained a final decree for foreclosure.

Re McNab Lumber Co.—A. D. Crease applied by petition to amend the company's memorandum of association. The application was adjourned for filing of further material.

Full Court.

Argument was concluded of the appeal in Oppenheimer vs. Sperling on Friday morning, and the appeal dismissed without costs.

Ah Tam vs Robertson was next on the list, but was stood over as Mr. Justice Martin declined to sit on this appeal. It will be heard when Mr. Justice Walkem is present to complete the quorum.

Jackson vs. Cannon is now being argued. This is an action by the liquidator of the Vancouver Coast Line Steamship Company seeking to have an alleged assignment of a mail contract set aside, and was dismissed at the trial with costs against the liquidator personally, from which judgment he now appeals. Sir C. H. Tupper, K. C., and F. Peters, K. C., appear for Jackson, Jos. Martin, K. C., being opposed to them.

The application for a mandamus to compel the deputy provincial secretary to deliver the election writ for West Yale to the returning officer, to enable the latter to proceed with the election, was argued before Mr. Justice Martin Friday afternoon by L. P. Duff, K. C., and A. E. McPhillips, K. C., representing William Moore, of Agassiz, in whose name the proceedings are taken, and by Deputy Attorney-General McLean on behalf of the government. His Lordship took the matter under consideration, and on Saturday refused the application.

The election writ was issued on the 25th November last, and J. W. Burr, of Ashcroft, was appointed returning officer for the riding on the same date. In answer to the material filed in support of this application, an affidavit by A. Campbell Reddie, the deputy provincial secretary, was put in, which states that he delivered the writ to Hon. Denis Murphy on the day it was issued, and has not had it since then, and that the writ was cancelled on the 14th inst., and a new one issued, also that Burr's appointment was cancelled at the same time, and D. W. Rowlands appointed returning officer for the purpose of holding the election under the new writ only, which is returnable on March 2nd.

In speaking to the motion Mr. Duff admitted that the court had no power to mandamus an officer of the crown, but under the statute the deputy provincial secretary was designated to carry out certain duties, and the court could, therefore, compel him to perform these duties. He characterized the recent conduct of the government, in attempting to balk these proceedings, as nothing short of indecent. The motion was set for hearing on the 14th, but counsel for the government asked for an adjournment till Friday for the purpose of preparing his argument, instead of which the government proceeds to cancel the writ and attempt to render the arm of the law powerless. He argued that the Lieut.-Governor-in-Council had absolutely no power of cancelling writs when issued; if they could assume such power, where did the power cease; why couldn't they go further, and cancel the election return, if they wished? They had power to revoke the returning officer's appointment, but not without appointing some one in his place, according to his view of the act. And in appointing the new official, they attempt to limit his powers to one particular writ, which is clearly illegal. When once the machinery of an election is set in motion, it is utterly beyond the power of the government to put a stop to it, and this attempt to deprive the electors of their rights under the original writ, he again asserted, could be called nothing less than indecent, and he pressed strongly for an order to compel the delivery up of the writ.

Mr. McLean's contention was that the conduct of elections is wholly under the control of the provincial secretary, and Mr. Reddie having signed the writ and handed it over, as stated, his duty was fulfilled and nothing further could be compelled. Proceedings of this nature had no precedent in Canada, simply because every government was given the control of election proceedings.

In giving judgment Mr. Justice Martin stated that there was no necessity for him to decide upon the points raised in argument, but he gave his decision on the ground that, even if an order could be granted, it would be impossible to carry it out, since there was no longer any one to whom the writ could be delivered, and who would be competent to put it into effect. The course the government had chosen to follow was no concern of his, in these proceedings. Whether the appointment of Rowlands as returning officer with limited powers was illegal or not, did not affect this question. The main fact was that Burr's appointment had been revoked and no one appointed in his place, and therefore it would be a waste of time to make any order, and the motion must be dismissed without costs.

A ZINC CONCENTRATOR

Will Be Built in the Slocan for the Ores for Iola, Kansas.

A zinc concentrator will shortly be erected in the Slocan, so the mine owners says. T. Jones, representing Iola, Kas., smelter, who has been in the Slocan a great deal of the time for the past two months, investigating the zinc product of the camp, and seeking to make contracts with the different mines, will, it is said, recommend to the Iola smelter officials that they construct a plant in the Slocan. If these people do not consider the plan favorably, a plant will undoubtedly be built by the mine owners themselves. Byron N. White is behind the project.

The plant will separate the iron from the ore and raise the zinc to a high percentage, so that it will stand shipment. The railroad rates are too high at the present to permit a good margin of profit unless the percentage of zinc is stiff. At present the rate from the Slocan to Belgium is $16, and to Iola 11. At the same time many of the Colorado mines are shipping their product to Belgium, going by rail to Galveston, and there being transferred to steamers, and the rate for the entire distance is only $7 a ton.—Rossland World.

WHOLESALE MARKETS

The following quotations are Victoria wholesale prices paid for farm produce this week:

Potatoes (new), per ton	$ 8.00@12.00
Carrots, per 100 lbs.	60
Turnips, per 100 lbs.	50
Parsnips, per 100 lbs.	1.25
Cabbage, per 100 lbs.	1.50
Butter (creamery), per lb.	28
Butter (dairy), per lb.	20
Eggs (ranch), per doz.	30
Chickens, per doz.	3.50@ 6.00
Hay, per ton	12.00
Oats, per ton	22.50
Barley, per ton	26.00
Wheat, per ton	31.00
Beef, per lb.	8@ 9
Mutton, per lb.	9@ 10
Pork, per lb.	9
Veal, per lb.	10@ 11

France pays Britain about £100,000 a year in cable rent.