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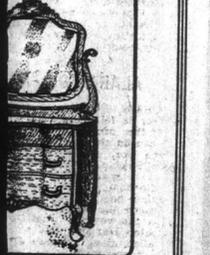
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COMMISSION ON FIRE INSURANCE

Provincial Government Names the Body to Consider the Entire Question as it Affects This Province.

At a special meeting of the executive of the Provincial government yesterday morning the appointment was decided upon of Messrs R. S. Lennie of Nelson, D. H. MacDowall of Victoria, and A. B. Breakey of Vancouver, to constitute a special commission on fire insurance matters, of which Mr. Lennie will act as chairman, one of his fellow-commissioners, in all probability assuming also secretarial duties.

The scope and instruction of the commission is to inquire generally into the business of fire insurance carried on in the province of British Columbia, including the placing of insurance in British Columbia with companies or associations in the United States, and other jurisdictions, and to report upon the results of such investigation, and especially as to the advisability and best method of government supervision of the operations and the financial standing of all associations carrying on the business of fire insurance in this province, and as to compelling them to obtain licenses from the province authorizing the transaction of such business and to furnish adequate security to British Columbia policy holders that all valid claims which they may have against such companies or associations will be promptly paid.

P. E. Island Service.

OTTAWA, Jan. 24.—Marine Department officials believe that the new mail service between Victoria, British Columbia, and Prince Edward Island all this winter. This has not been possible before with any of the other ice-breakers.

PROPOSES BRINGING SETTLERS TO ISLAND

Commissioner Coombe, of Salvation Army, Arrived Yesterday and Tells of Project for Populating This Island.

In the course of a special tour of inspection of the different Canadian stations and for the purpose of making a special investigation into several colonization schemes the Salvation Army has under consideration of settling British Columbia, Vancouver Island in particular, Commissioner Coombe, officiating in the Dominion with headquarters at Toronto, accompanied by a staff of officials, arrived last evening at Victoria, in a steamer, to remain several days before an address tonight on "The Making of Canada" at St. Andrew's Presbyterian church.

For some months Commissioner Coombe has had under consideration a project for the direction of a large number of British settlers to the island, his idea being to place them on the lands being cleared by the E. & N. railway company along its line. Already an undertaking of this nature has reached with the railway management and, while the commissioner would make no definite statement of just what the effect of the agreement between the two parties to the contract was when approached by the Colonist yesterday he did not deny that his visit to this section at the present time is accounted for to an extent by those here in his company, he will make a tour of the road in order to ascertain the progress being made in the clearing of lands.

"Our object," he said "is to direct a stream of emigrants to these parts. The amount of land we can secure is practically unlimited, and the Salvation Army will have no difficulty in obtaining almost any number of suitable settlers. For the most part the newcomers will be from Great Britain but the scope of our work is such, and its thoroughness is so generally recognized that we are inundated with inquiries from the four corners of the world. Tillers of the land of excellent character in Canada, not only from the British Isles but from other parts of Europe and even from parts of the United States, here from the fact that they assure ourselves that the land we send them to is suitable for profitable cultivation.

ALARM FOR FARALLON

SEWARD, Jan. 24.—Considerable fear is felt here regarding the safety of the steamer Farallon, which has been on the wrecked good ship at the Dora while the latter vessel was in Seattle for repairs. The Portland which reached here from Kodiak this afternoon, brings word that the Farallon has not yet touched at Kodiak, where she was due January 8 or 7, on the voyage west from here to Dutch Harbor. Severe storms prevailed about that date, and shipping men are inclined to believe that the Farallon was driven ashore in one of the gales. The officers of the Portland concur in this belief. The latter vessel had a tempestuous voyage, reaching here from Kodiak two days overdue, on account of blinding snow-storms.

The Alaska Steamship company, of Seattle, states that it is not alarmed for the Farallon, which left Kodiak January 2 and was not due back until January 20.

SIR THOMAS TALKS

C.P.R. President's View of United States Tariff Action—Railways in Maritime Provinces.

LONDON, Jan. 24.—Interviewed as to the reported refusal of the United States to grant the minimum-tariff of Canada, Sir Thomas Shaughnessy said that the McKinley tariff had advanced Canada twenty years, both industrially and agriculturally.

"Apparently," said he, "our neighbors wish to give us another advantage of the same character. I look for a similar result in the case of this new tariff. It should provide us an additional impetus to our manufacturers toward pushing the policy of making the most of our natural resources and raw material."

Those who ought to know see an interesting sidelight on the changing relations between the Canadian government and the Canadian Pacific railway in the following statement made by Sir Thomas Shaughnessy to the Times representative before sailing on Saturday for Seattle.

Sir Thomas said: "The Canadian Pacific will probably build 400 miles of new railway this year in the west. There is no likelihood of Canadian Pacific development in the Maritime all the railway accommodation they need at the present time."

"It would be wiser, I think, to build fewer miles of railway in these provinces, and make greater use of the possibilities afforded by the Intercontinental."

Cobalt Ore Production.

Toronto, Jan. 24.—Cobalt ore shipments last week were over 700 tons.

Toronto and Street Railway.

TORONTO, Jan. 24.—Toronto city council by a vote of 18 to 4 decided to seek legislation to enable the Corporation to take the city to expropriate the Toronto street railway.

Labor Leaders' Appeal.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—The appeal of the officers of the American Federation of Labor to the supreme court of the United States, growing out of the suit of the Back Stove and Range Co., against them in the District of Columbia, were today ordered consolidated by the court and set for hearing on the first Tuesday in the term beginning next October.

Edward Cutler will have to exercise caution in future as to the manner of his actions he having been bound over in \$1,000 yesterday to keep the peace towards all of his majesty's subjects and more particularly against one

Cutler and Gent are well known residents of the Sooke district and when their story was told in provincial police court yesterday before Magistrate Jay, it developed that on January 21 a quarrel between the two men on the road when Cutler suddenly edged that he possessed the earth and Gent of the road. Gent refused to go and Cutler then raised a shovel over his head and threatened to throw it at Gent. This falling Cutler declared he would get a gun and blow Gent's brains out. Then Gent yelled "Police!"

Cutler on the stand yesterday denied Gent's story in toto and Mrs. Cutler who said she had overheard the conversation between the two men could not recall having heard any such story. However, Gent's story was confirmed by several witnesses, and the court decided in his favor.

Accordingly Cutler was bound over in \$1,000, himself to put up \$500 and two sureties of \$250 each in default of this he to serve for six months in prison. Cutler produced the bonds and was discharged.

ANTILOCHUS REPORTS SINKING OF TARGET

Coastly Armor-Plated Steel Target for U. S. Navy was Quickly Sunk Off Philippine Port

The story was brought from Manila that an unbreakable \$15,000 armor-plated steel chambered, double rifled, reinforced steel target, lies at the bottom of the sea near Manila, and the whole United States navy department is scratching its official head and wondering how it happened. And at that the answer is simple. Uncle Sam's tars took to firing at the nonbreakable affair. It was a case of "foot-loot. Good bye!"

The squadron of the Pacific fleet, stationed at and around Manila bay, eight cruisers in all, took to practicing, and the new steel target sent from the Brooklyn navy yard, shipped to the Philippines in sections and put together there, was hauled out to the firing line for the initial trial. The usual wooden targets got full of holes and went to the bottom and the navy department sent out this new fangled affair because it was air chambered, and among other things, the navy department fondly believed it would never sink.

First of all the cruiser Charleston swung up into position, carrying a sone in her teeth and the boys in the turret took a good squint at the patient target. Then they spat on their hands and, as the wardog circled and steamed back along its course, turned loose with the port six inch gun. It was a jolly broadside and the target was noted to become restless and shake itself as the shots came out.

Next came the starboard six inch battery, and the target just naturally gave up. Men piled into the launch and steamed toward the steel affair, but the launch could not travel fast enough. When the boat was still several hundred yards away there was a gurgle and snap, and the \$15,000 target just naturally started for the bottom of the sea. The Charleston had punctured each of its air chambers.

Mr. and Mrs. James Prentice, of New Westminster, are visitors in the city.

VICTORIA MECCA FOR YACHTSMEN

Annual International Regatta in July Will Find Every Outside Club Fully Represented Here—Collecting Funds.

The assurance that the yachting element of Seattle, Vancouver, and other outside points will be fully represented at the annual international regatta, which takes place in Victoria during the first week in July, has been received from the cities indicated by the local club's secretary. He says that the preparation for the regatta, which is arranged for that affair, apart from the Alexandra cup race which this year will be stimulated, are well in hand while already splendid progress has been made in the collection of the thousand or more dollars which it is calculated, will be needed to suitably entertain the large contingents of outsiders that will be attracted here on that occasion.

According to a letter from Seattle officials the long distance motor boat race which takes place in connection with the regatta will have a larger number of entries than any similar event ever held in America. Word has been received from practically every sea-port of importance in the Pacific northwest of the intention of some boating enthusiasts to participate. In the contest will be represented, craft of every size, equipped with a bewildering variety of types of engines, and modeled in many different styles. The task of the handicapping committee, it is predicted, will be no simple one. They will be confronted with a problem sufficiently intricate to cause a veritable modern Baedeker to quail. The route of the race will be from Seattle to Vancouver via Victoria.

That a local contractor stands an equal chance with an outside contractor for the award of the contract to build the big new addition to the Empress hotel was stated yesterday by W. S. Palmer, general architect of the Vancouver hotel, who with Hartley Reed, superintendent of C.P.R. hotels and G. Curtis, of Honeywell & Curtis, of Vancouver, resident architects of the system, arrived in the city on Sunday.

The result of the consideration of the bids will be made known in the course of two or three days, Mr. Palmer declared. Five bids were put in and of these two were by a local contractor.

Work on the addition which is to be placed over the kitchen wing of the hotel, will be commenced as soon as the award is made and according to the terms of the contract, the construction is to cost \$125,000. There will be six floors in giving, additional 88 bedrooms and 48 bathrooms. It is stipulated that three floors are to be done by July 1. This will allow 98 rooms and 27 bathrooms for use during next summer's tourist rush. The entire addition is to be

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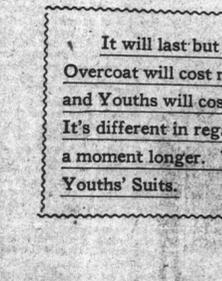
Superintendent of C. P. R. Hotels and Architect of the System Is in the City on Important Business.

BRITISH SOCCERITES MAY VISIT COAST

VANCOUVER, Jan. 24.—One of the Vancouverites may be a glimpse of two of the finest soccer teams of the old country in competition here for a handsome trophy. President Con Jones of the Vancouver and District Football association has given authority to Mr. Will Ellis, the former secretary of that body, who left for a vacation in England yesterday, to enter into negotiations with the Glasgow Celtic and Manchester United teams to play in Vancouver next summer.

THE DAYS OF OUR GREAT CLOTHING SALE ARE NUMBERED

It will last but little longer. This week ends it. Then back we go to old prices. Father's Suit will cost more, his Overcoat will cost more. A Suit or Overcoat for Brother will cost more. Everything in Clothing for Men, Young Men and Youths will cost more when this sale ends. It doesn't pay to chase a street car for another will be along directly. It's different in regard to this Sale. Another opportunity like this will not come along for a whole year, so do not wait a moment longer. We have reduced to the limit our prices on all Lonely Suits, Overcoats and Raincoats, and Boys' and Youths' Suits.



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These two old country teams who are the leaders respectively of the Scottish and English leagues, have arranged to visit the eastern United States and Canada this year, but the itinerary of their tour does not extend west of Chicago. Mr. Jones has commissioned Mr. Ellis to endeavor to get them to extend their tour to Vancouver in order to give residents of the coast an opportunity to see soccer as it really is, and not the imitation article which passes here. It will cost quite a chunk of money to get the two teams to come in Vancouver, but Mr. Jones is confident that the venture would more than pay for itself. At any rate Mr. Ellis is empowered to go pretty strong on the proposition and if there is any chance at all he should land them.

The Eypport Mutiny.

The circumstances under which the crew of the British steamer Eypport mutinied off Vladivostok before that vessel was burned, have just been revealed. The Eypport was loaded with lumber and was proceeding from Imperatorsky port to Vladivostok. It appears that when a few miles out of Imperatorsky, the engineering hands and expressed the opinion that the coal in the bunkers had caught fire in which case it was dangerous to proceed on the voyage. The captain, it is alleged paid no attention to the representations of the men and continued the passage. Meantime, the heat increased until it was almost impossible for the stokers to work. Under these conditions the Eypport continued for eighty miles until the captain refused to listen to their advice. The crew then, lost patience and forcibly removing the captain from the bridge placed the vessel in charge of the mate and ordered him to steam back to Imperatorsky. The vessel was accordingly turned around and brought back. By this time there was no doubt that the vessel was on fire as smoke was issuing from the coal holds. On the arrival of the Eypport at Imperatorsky, an attempt was made to open the sea-cocks in order to sink the ship, but they were found to be stopped up. The vessel burned for ten days before she was entered suit against the captain.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. O'Brien and the Misses O'Brien, are over from Chilliwack. The Misses O'Brien will attend school here.

YOUR LAST CHANCE

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