

BORDEN TO TAKE DRASTIC ACTION

DETERMINED TO BE REAL LEADER OF PARTY

Old Time Members Must Make Room for New Lieutenants

Ottawa, April 2.—Mr. Borden has decided to house-clean his political nest. He has decided that the time is ripe for drastic treatment of some of his recalcitrant followers, and for a change in some of his lieutenants who have had their day and ceased to be.

The events of the present session have convinced him that moral suasion and a desire to please everybody in a party of conflicting elements and containing too many self-constituted tacticians are not compatible with real and effective leadership. Affairs in the party have lately reached a crisis, and as the only remedy for lack of party discipline and cohesion which has been so much in evidence during the past few months, Mr. Borden, after consultation with some of his closest friends among his followers, has determined, so to speak, to take the bit in his mouth.

The announcement of some radical changes in party organization in the House and in duty of recognized deputy leaders may be expected soon. It is understood that there will be new Ontario and Quebec first lieutenants, and a new list of whips.

Hon. George E. Foster, who has been quite seriously sick for the past few weeks suffering from a nervous breakdown following the mental strain of the liberal action against the Globe, will no longer act as Borden's first lieutenant. He will continue as a private member of the House for the balance of the present parliament, but will give up his post as opposition chief critic. After the dissolution of parliament he will probably retire to private life.

Mr. Monk also is slated for retirement as Borden's chief lieutenant in Quebec. Members of the opposition believe he has not played fair with his leader this session and a strong demand has been made for his deposition. Mr. Monk is also on the sick list at present and is recuperating in the south. He will probably be replaced by Mr. Doherty, member for St. Annes, Montreal.

Other changes in the opposition front row are also contemplated, the same being to affect a complete re-organization in which the younger and more vigorous and perhaps stronger element of the party will replace some of the old crowd, senior by right of survival from the old Tupper days. A new chief whip and probably some new provincial whips will also be chosen by Borden.

George Taylor, who has been chief whip for many years, is willing to rest on his laurels and his successor will be named shortly. There will also be a new chief whip for Quebec.

The result of action now contemplated by Borden will be a new order to make or break him. He undoubtedly has the support and confidence of a majority of his followers and these are among the best element of the men in his party. But critics of his too general leadership in the past are also numerous. He has undertaken a difficult task. It may precipitate a stronger revolt than ever or it may result in finally placing him in the assured and confident leadership of his party. The next few weeks will be decidedly interesting ones from a Conservative standpoint.

BALLINGER INVESTIGATION

Report That Former Registrar Was Offered Money to Give Evidence.

Washington, D. C., April 2.—A sensation was sprung in the Ballinger hearing to-day when former Special Agent Jones testified that John W. Dudley, formerly registrar of the Townshend office, told him that he had a representative of Collier's Weekly told Dudley it would be worth from \$5,000 to \$10,000 for Dudley to come and testify before the committee in Washington.

"So Dudley said Collier's offered him a bribe to testify here?" asked Representative Madison.

"No, sir; they said they would pay him," replied Jones.

"I don't want any of your fine distinctions," said Madison.

Madison demanded that Dudley be called to testify.

MINERS ON STRIKE

Winnipeg, April 2.—All miners at Frank, Alta., almost one thousand, in the employ of the Canadian-American Consolidated Company, a French corporation, went on strike to-day pending the signing of agreement for higher wages.

A MODERN MEDICINE FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

No sane mother would wish herself treated under the condition of medicine or surgery of half a century ago. Why then should she give her tender little child the old-fashioned medicines that have not changed in five or a century, and which more likely than not contain poisonous opiates that will not cure the child, but merely drug it into temporary insensibility? Baby's Own Tablets is a modern medicine prepared with all the care and skill of modern medical science. This medicine cures all stomach, bowel, teething and other ailments of childhood and babyhood. And the mother has the guarantee of a government analyst that it contains no opiate or poisonous drug. Sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

SEAMEN'S BROTHERHOOD.

Branch is Expected to Be Formed Here—J. S. Bailey is Seeking Members.

At the headquarters of the British and Foreign Sailors' Society, London, England, the first anniversary of the Seamen's Christian Brotherhood was held recently. The deputy president of the society, the Hon. Granville Walden, grave, had a very warm welcome back from India, where he had been stricken down with fever and almost lost his life. But when his doctor took a dark view he said to him, "I shall not die, but I live and declare the works of the Lord." This he now did in a very helpful, scriptural way, taking as his "Brotherhood" message, "Everyone said to his brother, he is of good courage," from Isa. 41: 6.

The Seamen's Christian Brotherhood an enlargement and extension of the Bethel Union Association of Christian Shipmasters, of whom some 1,200 have become members, flying their flags on all oceans. The brotherhood now embraces seamen, masters, officers and men.

The simple testimony of Capt. Leach, a Christian sailor, was full of encouragement. After a "Bethel Flag" had been presented to him he said, "My schooner is small, not quite 300 tons, but since I joined the Seamen's Christian Brotherhood I have made my vessel a veritable Bethel. I have held 135 meetings, attended by 1,395 men. In these gatherings thirty-five were converted. Now this flag will be hoisted on my schooner, I am sure God will bless it."

Missionary Aide, of the Lowestoft Bethel, has sent for twenty flags for the masters of that town to present to the skippers ere they sail, in a few days, on their fishing grounds.

Recently J. S. Bailey, the local port missionary, also received from the headquarters of the British and Foreign Sailors' Society a supply of flags, membership cards, books, etc., and hopes soon to be able to form a branch of the brotherhood here in the port of Victoria, B. C.

Christian friends of all denominations, ladies and gentlemen, interested in the spiritual welfare of seamen, are eligible as associate members, and Mr. Bailey will be glad to receive the names of any who may wish to join, and to furnish further information regarding the brotherhood.

Prayer is asked for this Christian seamen's brotherhood, with which it is hoped to link all the ports of the world.

The president is Rev. Edward W. Matthews, the Sailors' Palace, Commercial road, London, England.

MAN IS WEDGED IN BIG WATER WHEEL

Comrades Abandon Hope of Recovering Mill Employee Alive

Spokane, Wash., April 2.—Charles Neal, who has been the victim of an endless chain of troubles for months, is now wedged in the big water wheel at the sawmill at Phoenix, and all hopes of recovering him alive have been abandoned by those who have been working in the cold water for hours trying to check the rush of water that bars them from his rescue.

It was shortly before 9 o'clock this morning that Neal together with Earl Hay closed the water gate and went below to make some repair to the main wheel that propels the machinery of the mill. No sooner had they descended than the water gate gave way and a rush from the river came in upon them. Hay forced out a hole at the top to safety, but Neal is still there.

The victim has a wife and daughter. It was his first wife who told Neal was caught in the gears below the mill saw and only by one of the most wonderful operations in skin grafting that has ever been performed in this section of the country was his life spared.

GOLF MATCH AT MACAULEY LINKS

Lieutenant-Governor's Team Defeats Army and Navy Men

His Honor, Lieutenant-Governor Paterson made his first appearance Friday afternoon in a golf match, captaining a team of civilians against a navy and army team captained by Col. Peters. His honor's team left the Macauley point links winners of the match by 19 to 6.

The lieutenant-governor's team was entertained at lunch by the officers at the Work Point barracks, and the match was then commenced. Colonel Peters succumbed to the greater ability of Mr. Ricardo and all the other service men were defeated with the exception of Capt. Ellison and Capt. Tooley.

Capt. Tooley earned the honor of defeating the lieutenant-governor, the score being three to nil. The individual scores were:

Col. Peters, 6; Mr. Ricardo, 2; Capt. Ellison, 3; Mr. Cookson, 6; Capt. Macdonald, 0; Mr. Irving, 2; Major Bennett, 0; Mr. Roberts, 3; Lieut. Morrell, R. N., 0; Mr. Babcock, 3.

Tooley, 3; Lieut.-Governor Paterson, 0.

A new record in the delivery of mails from London, England, to Victoria has just been established. On March 20th the mails carried across the Atlantic on the Cunard line Lusitania were received at the Victoria postoffice in exactly 94 days. This remarkably quick delivery is due to the special facilities arranged by the postal department at Ottawa, and in particular to the efforts for improved service exerted by J. A. McLeod, superintendent of railway mail service.

OPTIMISM PREVAILS THROUGHOUT CANADA

Reports on Trade Conditions Continue to Be Very Encouraging

New York, April 2.—Dun's weekly review of trade says:

Reports from Canada continue very encouraging. The unusually warm, spring-like weather, together with an exceptionally early opening of navigation, have a tendency to stimulate the already noticeable feeling of optimism which prevails in many directions. Trade in the northwestern provinces promises to be very active, and numerous shipments of heavy merchandise from the leading centres by water are already under way. Failures in Canada this week number 21, against 17 last week, 28 in the preceding week and 32 last year.

Bank Clearings. Bradstreet's report on bank clearings for the past week:

Montreal, \$27,789,000; decrease, 49 per cent.

Winnipeg, \$11,718,000; increase, 7.01 per cent.

Ottawa, \$2,510,000; decrease, 14.5 per cent.

Calgary, \$1,938,000; increase, 25.3 per cent.

Hamilton, \$1,283,000; increase, 7.1 per cent.

Victoria, \$1,043,000; increase, 10.6 per cent.

Edmonton, \$970,000; increase, 21.2 per cent.

Toronto, \$28,191,000; increase, 4 per cent.

Vancouver, \$6,250,000; increase, 49.3 per cent.

Quebec, \$1,588,000; decrease, 12.6 per cent.

Halifax, \$1,240,000; decrease, 4.1 per cent.

St. John, N. B., \$1,057,000; decrease, 11.8 per cent.

London, \$1,018,000; increase, 5.4 per cent.

At the same time that the sale of Government bonds in the States takes place here, May 31st, there will be placed on the market the remaining ten or twelve government lots in the townsite of Soda Creek, where there is great interest.

The funeral of the late Richard Olivant took place Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the parlors of the Victoria Crematorium, where the services were conducted by Rev. Holling. There was a large number of friends present and many floral tributes covered the casket. The pallbearers were Messrs. J. R. Macdonald, J. R. Vernon and S. R. Fell.

The pretty home of Mrs. D. R. Harris on 808 Superior street has been disposed of to the Ladies' Aid of the Church of Our Lord for a tea on Wednesday afternoon next from 3 to 6. Doubtless many of the ladies will avail themselves of the opportunity of "meeting amidst such pleasant surroundings."

Work will commence immediately on the new pavement to be laid on Broad street from Johnson street to Cormorant street, and on Pandora avenue from Government street to Douglas street. The various laterals for this work have been installed, and gangs will start on Monday on the actual paving work.

At the Royal Jubilee hospital Friday the death occurred of Mrs. Alice Ellis, a resident of this city for the past three years. Deceased was 48 years of age and was born in Missouri, U. S. A. One son and two daughters, who reside in Vancouver, are left to mourn her loss.

Following the session of the streets committee on the 28th inst., a short session of the park committee was held, when it was decided to recommend to the council the appointment to the position of parks superintendent of Mr. J. H. Purdie, who will be appointed on probation, and if satisfactory will be given the permanent appointment.

Building permits to the value of \$4,322 were issued for the first day of April. They are to J. H. Emery, for a dwelling on Greenwood road, to cost \$200; to F. Chisholm, for additions to dwelling house on Carling street, to cost \$22; to J. Scott, for a house on Prior street, to cost \$1,950, and to Moore & Whittington for a dwelling on Davie street, to cost \$1,950.

There passed away on Saturday at the family residence, 1065 Richmond avenue, William Edward Wilson, at the age of 37 years. He was born in Louisville, Kentucky, and resided in this city for the past nine years. He was a timber dealer and bought and sold many tracts of land on his Island. Mr. Wilson had been ill for the past six months, and his demise was not wholly unexpected. A sorrowing widow and one child are left to mourn his loss.

The B. C. Electric Railway Company is expending a large amount of money just now in track improvements, preparatory to handling the big business expected in the summer. All the line is being ballasted and considerable new work is under way also. The company is now giving employment to more men in Victoria than at any time in its history.

A communication has been received by the Vancouver Island Development League from Miss Popelin, who represented Belgium at the convention of the International Council of Women held in this city last summer. In the letter she states that on her return to Belgium she gave many lectures on this province and all of them proved to be successful, the people there taking a great interest in the resources of British Columbia.

After an absence from home for two months, Mrs. (Rev.) D. Macrae, on her return, was very much delighted in securing the recovery of a very valuable gold watch which was stolen from her room last December, being one of the articles found in the possession of the Chinaman Kong, who was recently convicted of house robbing. The watch being a much prized heirloom greatly increased the satisfaction of its recovery.

The regular business meeting and election of officers of the Burnside Boys' Club in connection with the Burnside Baptist Sunday school, took place on Friday in the club rooms, Tennyson road. The following are the new officers: Hon. president, Robert Sanderson; president, Calvin Froese; vice-president, Ross Main; secretary, William Anderson; treasurer, Gerald Few; convener of committees, Finance, Ralph Sutnart; membership, Gustave Smith; social, Theo. Hill; programme, Ross Main. A baseball team is being organized and the boys are looking forward to a busy summer in the line of sports generally.

The police records for the month of March are as follows: Total cases dealt with, 174. Arrests 97, summons cases 29, convictions 118 and eight persons were discharged. One insane person was sent to the asylum and forty-seven individuals were taken in for safe-keeping. The offences were tabulated as follows: Breaching regulations, 4; entering, 3; carrying concealed weapons, 2; offences against city by-laws, 21; drunks 97; gambling, 26; inmates of bawdy house, 2; indecent exposure, 2; liquor traffic regulations, 4; obscene language, 1; stealing, 3; threatening language, 1; vagrancy, 3. During the month there was a total of 107 runs by the patrol wagon.

Mrs. Spofford will address the members of the Mothers' Club at their regular meeting on Wednesday next in the Spring Ridge school at 3 p.m. "The Mortgage on the Heart" is the subject of Mrs. Spofford's address, and as she is so well and favorably known as a public speaker, the meeting should be well attended. Among those who will assist with the programme are Mrs. Clyde, who will sing, and Miss M. Evans will recite.

Bristol has been a city and county of itself—entirely separate from and independent of Gloucestershire—since 1912.

LOCAL NEWS

Interment of the late Charles Martin was made in Ross Bay cemetery Friday afternoon. The funeral took place from the Victoria Undertaking Parlors. Rev. T. E. Holling conducted the services.

A contract has been awarded to W. P. Tierney & Co. for the construction of the first ten miles of the extension of the Kettle River Valley line up the north side of the river, from Lynch creek, which is twenty miles north of Grand Fork.

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KING'S POLICE MEDAL FOR GOOD SERVICE

Thirty of Them to Be Awarded Annually in Dominions Over-Seas

The King has instituted a decoration to be known as the King's Police Medal, to be awarded to members of police forces and fire brigades throughout the Empire in recognition of special and exceptional service, heroism, or devotion to duty.

The last issue of the B. C. Gazette contains a copy of the royal warrant instituting the medal and making regulations governing its award. The qualifications for the grant of the medal shall be as follows:

(a.) Conspicuous gallantry in saving life and property, or in preventing crime or arresting criminals; the risks incurred to be estimated with due regard to the obligations and duties of the officer concerned.

(b.) A specially distinguished record in administrative or detective service: (c.) Success in organizing police forces or fire brigades or departments, or in maintaining their organization under special difficulties.

(d.) Special services in dealing with serious or widespread outbreaks of crime or public disorder, or of fire: (e.) Valuable political and secret services.

(f.) Special services to royalty and heads of states.

(g.) Prolonged service; but only when distinguished by very exceptional ability and merit.

The medal is to be of silver, with His Majesty's effigy on the obverse and on the reverse a design emblematic of protection from danger, and on the rim the name of the person to whom it is awarded. It is to be worn on the left breast, suspended from a ribbon one inch and three-eighths wide, dark blue with a narrow silver stripe on either side. Additional acts of gallantry worthy of recognition may be recorded by bars.

The number of medals to be awarded in the Dominions beyond the seas is not to exceed thirty in any one year. There will be an annual award of the medal and any recommendations must reach the home office. The annual award will be of 120 medals—forty in the United Kingdom, Channel Islands and Isle of Man, thirty for the overseas dominions and fifty for India.

CHAMPIONSHIPS IN THE N. P. A. A. O. MEET

Seattle Has Best Average, Three Boxing and One Wrestling Events

The annual Pacific Northwest amateur boxing championships were concluded at Vancouver on Friday after a three-nights session. Vancouver secured only one championship, Morton of the V. A. C., getting the 135-pound class. The wrestling division was divided between Vancouver and Seattle, one going to each. Seattle got three boxing championships. The detailed results of the finals were:

Boxing—105 pounds—Hughes, Spokane, A. C., lost to O'Leary, Seattle, A. C., four rounds decision.

115 pounds—W. Dyer, Green Lake, A. C., beat P. Peterson, Vancouver, A. C., three rounds, decision.

125 pounds—F. Valse, Renton Fire Department, A. C., lost to T. Kelly, Spokane, A. C., three rounds, decision.

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Wrestling—145 pounds—W. Peacock, Vancouver, A. C., lost to Munroe, Seattle, A. C.

Heavyweight—D. Gillis, Vancouver, A. C., lost to McDonald, Vancouver.

MEMBERS PRESENTED WITH LIFE CERTIFICATES

Pleasing Ceremony on Friday at Gathering of Local Council of Women

To do honor to Mrs. Dunsmuir, Mrs. Day, Miss Crease and Mrs. Gordon Grant by presenting each with the highest mark in the gift of the council, a life certificate—a delightful afternoon was spent Friday by the local Council of Women and the friends who at the invitation of C. E. and Mrs. Cooper assembled at St. Saviour's rectory, their hospitable home.

The little ceremony of presentation was performed by Mrs. Paterson by request of the president. The recipients of the honor made grateful acknowledgments. Blanche Merrin thanked Mrs. Paterson for her presence and the kindly interest she had shown in the work of the council. He spoke of the valuable work the organization had already done and advocated a wider liberality and an extended sphere of action. There were present: Mrs. Paterson, wife of the Lieut.-Governor; Mrs. Dunsmuir, Bishop and Mrs. Perrin, Rev. Raugh Allen, Miss Crease, Mrs. Day, provincial vice-president; Mrs. Spofford, Mrs. Wm. Grant, Mrs. Hasell, Mrs. McMicking, Miss Mary R. Lawson, Mrs. Gordon Grant, Mrs. Williscroft, Mrs. Graves, Mrs. Savory, Mrs. McKicking, Mrs. Gould, Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. Hay, Mrs. Rathon, Miss Roberts, Miss Murton, Mrs. Helmecken, Mrs. Andrews, Mrs. Lawson, Mrs. Vey, Mrs. Packard, Mrs. J. R. Gordon, Mrs. Michener, Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. (Dr.) Denovan, Mrs. (Dr.) Ryan, Mrs. Jennings, Mrs. Powders and Mrs. Cook.

BROUGHT FROM JAIL TO GIVE EVIDENCE

Former President of Pittsburg Council Confesses to the Grand Jury

Pittsburg, Pa., April 2.—William Brand, formerly president of the common council, who was brought from the penitentiary to testify before the grand jury, contributed his full confession to help the grand jurors in tracing the "men higher up."

Brand's confession and that of Chas. Stewart leave but one more important witness to be heard, it is said.

More directors and employees of banks were before the jury, as were also two young women, Bessie Curry and Nellie Sherlock, telephone operators at the Farmers' National Deposit Bank.

Three more councilmen took the "immunity bath" by pleading no defence to charges of taking bribes. These were Samuel Postor, who admitted getting \$400 from Stewart for his vote on the bank ordinance; T. O. Atkinson, who confessed to taking bribes of \$100 from Dr. W. H. Weber for his vote on a street ordinance; and John McCarty, a former selectman, who said he got \$400 for his votes on both ordinances.

SPECIALISTS IN FIFTH REGIMENT

Orders Issued by Colonel Currie for Guidance of Corps

The regimental orders for the local militia corps for the week are as follows:

The following extract from M. O. 92, 1910, is published for general information:

"Leave of absence with permission to travel abroad has been granted as follows: Captain H. M. Robertson, M. O. Fifth Regiment, C. A., for six months from 6th instant."

At the tri-annual test for specialists held on the 19th inst., the following qualified:

Gun-wardens—Sergeants A. G. Morry, W. R. Smith, G. H. Swarbrick; Corporals W. B. Gordon, A. Richardson; Bdr. W. G. Eden.

D. R. P.—Sergeant W. J. Wilby, Corporals H. Mathews, W. H. Spofford; Gunners E. Logan, J. Price.

Telephonists—Corporals C. W. Birch, F. J. Fleury; Gunner J. Williams.

The gunlayers' badges for "1909" will be issued on Monday next. All badges of earlier date are hereby cancelled and must not be worn.

SPRING BLOOD IS BAD BLOOD

How to Get New Health and New Strength in the Spring.

Even the most robust find the winter months trying to their health. Confinement indoors in often overheated rooms—in the home, the office, the shops and the school—taxes the vitality of even the strongest. The blood becomes thin and watery, or clogged with impurities. Some people get up in the morning just as tired as when you went to bed. Some people have headaches and a feeling of languor; others are low spirited and nervous; still others have pimples and skin eruptions. These are all spring symptoms that the blood is out of order. Many people rush to purgative medicines in the spring. This is a mistake. You can't cure these troubles with a medicine which gallops through your system, and is sure to leave you weaker still. What you need to give you health and strength in the spring is a tonic medicine and the only always reliable tonic and blood builder is Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

These pills not only banish spring ill but guard you against the more serious ailments that follow, such as anaemia, nervous debility, indigestion, rheumatism, and other diseases due to bad blood. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills actually make new, rich blood, which strengthens every nerve, every organ and every part of the body. Try this medicine this spring and you will have strength and energy to resist the torrid heat of the coming summer.

Mr. Geo. W. Johnson, Hemford, N. S., says: "A couple of years ago when I came home from a lumbering camp where I had been employed my blood was in such condition that my whole body broke out in boils—some six and eight in a nest. These were so painful that I was confined to the house and for three months was treated by my family doctor. I got no better; in fact the sores began to eat into my flesh, and at times were so offensive that I refused to sit at the table with my family. A friend asked me one day why I did not give Dr. Williams' Pink Pills a trial and I decided to do so. I got six boxes and before they were all gone the sores began to disappear and my system was much strengthened. I continued using the pills until I had taken twelve boxes when every boil and sore had disappeared, and I have since enjoyed the very best of health."

Sold by all medicine dealers or by mail at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50 from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

ENTERS APPEAL

Toronto, April 2.—Acting for George E. Foster, M. P., Holling, Cattoch and Meredith have deposited \$200 as security for costs in his appeal to the Court of Appeals from the decision of Mr. Justice Macge, dismissing his action against J. A. Macdonald, to recover damages for alleged slander.

A meeting of the Ladies' Guild of the Seamen's Institute will be held on Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock at the Institute rooms, Bastion Square, Mrs. (Capt.) Trup will preside. All members are asked to attend as business of importance is to be discussed.

EXTENDING AID FOR DRYDOCKS

PROPOSED CHANGES IN SUBSIDY REGULATIONS

To Encourage Building of Docks Capable of Handling the Largest Warships

Ottawa, April 2.—In the House of Commons last night Hon. W. S. Fielding gave notice of an important resolution, on which a bill will be based providing for changes in the subsidy provisions for aid to authorized.

At present the act authorizes a subsidy of three per cent. per annum for twenty years on a maximum expenditure of \$1,500,000. The new act will provide for a considerable extension of this aid, with a view to encouraging the construction of the largest class of drydocks, capable of accommodating the largest warships of the British navy, as well as the largest ocean steamships. It is proposed to divide drydocks to be either constructed or enlarged into three classes, with a varying scale of subsidy.

In the first class will be drydocks for general purposes and on which subsidies will be paid at 3 1/2 per cent. per annum of the total cost of the work during a period of thirty-five years, up to a maximum expenditure of \$4,000,000. It is specified that these drydocks, other than floating drydocks, shall be of a clear length on the bottom of 900 feet, with an entrance width of 100 feet and a depth of 35 feet. In the case of floating drydocks, they must be able to accommodate vessels of a tonnage displacement of at least 25,000 tons. It is further specified that they must be capable of receiving and discharging the work during a period of twenty-five years.

Drydocks of the second class are specified as being those costing not more than two and a half million dollars and of a clear length on bottom of 650 feet, with an entrance width of 85 feet and a depth of 30 feet at high water if constructed on tidal waters. In the case of floating drydocks of this class they must be capable of accommodating vessels of a tonnage displacement of at least 350 tons. The subsidy provided is the same as that at present in force, namely, 3 per cent. per annum for twenty years.

It is further provided that the work of construction or enlargement shall be completed within a period of twenty years. For enlargement, the subsidy shall be 3 1/2 per cent. per annum on the cost of such enlargement or extension annually, for a period of twenty-five years. For enlargement, the subsidy shall be 3 per cent. per annum on the cost of such enlargement for a period of twenty years.

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There were no sports presented last night, made by the committee, who would be sports of some of the days of the Caledonia sports, which was held on Tuesday last night. The committee also held a meeting on Tuesday last night, at which the following were present: Messrs. E. Wallace, J. May, J. Wilson, T. Winsky, Rogerson, Hubner, Fullerton, Capt. McIntosh, J. North, chairmen; Rogerson, J. Wilson, Ald. Sargison, Rega, J. Dalgain, chairman; Messrs. J. W. Lortimer, chairman; J. W. Lortimer, secretary and E. C. treasurer.