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VERNON ASSESSMENT.  
on, June 7.—Vernon's assessment  
this year shows an increase of  
over that of last year, accord-  
Messrs. Orchard and Johnson,  
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## MILLIONS CLAIMED IN A SENSATIONAL SUIT

### Coal Lands Near Nanaimo Are Subject to a Legal Action in Which Many Prominent People Are Involved

(From Monday's Daily.)  
Probably the heaviest damages ever  
sought in a British Columbia court are  
those sought by Henry Croft and others  
from Hon. James Dunsmuir, C. S. Whit-  
ting and eight other defendants in an  
action based upon an alleged consen-  
sary concerning an option on lands  
in the E. & N. railway belt. The plain-  
tiffs will make an application in Cham-  
bers to-morrow to amend their state-  
ment of claim, increasing the amount  
of damages from \$500,000 as originally  
asked, to \$4,000,000, and the action,  
which comes to trial on June 22nd,  
promises to be one of the biggest and  
most sensational legal battles ever  
fought in the province.

The plaintiffs are Henry Croft, Gavin  
E. Burns, E. Quennell, Thomas D.  
Gregor, Louis Hill, John Hill, Charles  
Dennis and Joseph E. Dorr. The de-  
fendants are C. S. Whitting, B. J. Perry,  
William Haslam, Alexander Stewart,  
Samuel Jones, Mary Jane Raines  
and Catherine Haslam.

The defendants are owners of lands  
in the Cranberry, Cedar and Oyster  
districts. It is alleged that they, for  
the purpose of effecting a sale of these  
lands, gave to the plaintiffs the joint  
option of purchasing all the coal and  
petroleum in the property upon certain  
terms contained in the option. The  
plaintiffs, according to their story, had  
entered into possession of the land and  
had negotiated a sale of their rights  
subject to making title to the land  
when defendants Haslam, Stewart and  
Cassidy, on June 7th, 1909, gave an option  
on their lands to defendant Whitting,  
who, it is alleged, was acting as an  
agent for the other defendants. Whitting,  
the plaintiff claim, then ap-  
plied to register this second option which

the object of clouding the original op-  
tion.

The statement of claim by the plain-  
tiffs alleges in respect to this second  
option that the defendants, James  
Dunsmuir, B. J. Perry and C. S. Whit-  
ting, well knowing of the existence of  
the first option and that the holders  
thereof were in possession of the  
premises referred to, and of the fact  
that the first option holders were  
not any wise in default in respect  
thereof, and that the first option hold-  
ers had not yet then registered the said  
first option, but that they had a right  
to register the option and were negoti-  
ating for a sale under the rights it  
gave them, and also knowing that the  
property was in course of development  
as a coal mine, had induced the de-  
fendant owners Haslam, Cassidy and  
Stewart to break their contract with  
the plaintiffs.

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## BIG GROWTH IN WHEAT ACREAGE

### REPORT OF DOMINION STATISTICAL OFFICE

#### Area Increased by Over One and a Half Million Acres Since Last Year

Ottawa, June 12.—The area of field  
crops in Canada is reported by the  
statistical office at 30,554,200 acres,  
which is 2,339,000 acres more than last  
year, and 4,851,000 acres more than in  
1908.

The largest increase has taken place  
in wheat, which has now reached 9,-  
234,800 acres. In 1909 it was 7,750,400  
acres, and in 1908, it was 6,610,300 acres,  
which is a gain in two years of 2,624,500  
acres, or more than 40 per cent.

The provinces of Manitoba, Saskat-  
chewan and Alberta increased their  
area in wheat from 2,495,466 acres in  
1909 to 5,234,000 acres in 1908, and to  
8,255,400 acres in 1910. In Saskat-  
chewan alone, the increase of this year  
over last year is 1,163,000 acres.

The bureau further reports that the  
effects of late frosts have been felt in  
many places, and injury has been done  
to fruits and tender vegetables prevail-  
ing low temperatures of April and May  
have strengthened field crops and have  
left them better able to withstand the  
attacks of light frosts and re-seeding  
and re-planting have been less neces-  
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A POLITICAL ECLIPSE.

## AUTO PLUNGES FROM BRIDGE

### MAN AND WOMAN ARE DROWNED IN SLOUGH

#### Car While Travelling Over Sixty Miles an Hour Crashes Through Guard Rail

(Times Leased Wire.)  
Portland, Ore., June 13.—It is con-  
sidered almost a certainty to-day that  
William "Prisco" Day, a chauffeur, and  
Mabel Monte, the divorced wife of a  
Portland fireman, were the only per-  
sons in the seven passenger touring car  
when it crashed through the rail on  
the bridge spanning Oregon slough,  
while travelling 60 miles an hour and  
fell into 70 feet of water.

When the loss of the machine was  
discovered it was believed that five  
persons occupied it, but subsequently  
it was learned that the two men and a  
woman, who were passengers, had left  
the machine before the trip to Van-  
couver was resumed.

The automobile, a twisted mass of  
wreckage, was hauled from the slimy  
bottom of the slough yesterday by a  
dredge. A diver descended previously  
and searched in the vicinity of the ma-  
chine, but found no body.

The speedometer, locked at 60, in-  
dicated that the automobile was travel-  
ling at between 60 and 65 miles an hour  
when it struck the curve and smashed  
through the guard rail. The clock at-  
tached had stopped at 11.30.

It is believed that the man and wo-  
man were hurled from the seat when  
the car struck and rail, and that their  
bodies will be found later in the Col-  
umbia river, into which the slough  
empties.

According to Patrolmen Fortwood,  
who had talked to the couple a few  
minutes before they started for Van-  
couver, Day was under the influence of  
"liquor."

## COL. ROOSEVELT WILL TAKE REST

### Has No Intention of Participating in the Coming Congressional Campaign

(Times Leased Wire.)  
New York, June 12.—That Colonel  
Roosevelt will not take part in the  
coming congressional campaign is the  
statement made by several men who  
have returned from abroad and who  
have recently talked with the former  
president. Roosevelt's programme, they  
say, will include a rest at Oyster Bay  
until August. He will not during that  
time make any political speeches, it is  
declared.

Roosevelt has not indicated whether  
he will help Governor Hughes in his  
effort to secure an adequate primary  
election law for New York, declare his  
friends. They also say that he will  
probably not allow his choice for gov-  
ernor of New York to become known.

That he will not enter the senatorial  
race and become a candidate to suc-  
ceed Dewey, and that he will announce  
that he will not be a candidate is also  
predicted by those who have talked to  
him while abroad.

Y. M. C. A. WORK IN CANADA.  
Liverpool, June 13.—At the Y. M. C.  
A. conference here Mr. William Jen-  
nings Bryan paid an eloquent tribute  
to the Y. M. C. A. in Canada as a rival  
of the United States in development  
and organization.

## THIRTEEN KILLED BY LIGHTNING

### NEARLY HUNDRED OTHERS ARE INJURED

#### Lightning Strikes Building in Which Picnic Party Had Taken Refuge

(Times Leased Wire.)  
Berlin, June 13.—Six persons are dead  
to-day, 17 are seriously injured and 30  
slightly hurt as a result of being struck  
by lightning near here last night. The  
people were returning from a picnic  
and took refuge from the storm in an  
iron fenced building.

At Breslau seven persons were killed  
by lightning.

## A FREE HAND FOR THE CITY ENGINEER

### Introduces By-Law To-night Plac- ing All Employees Under His Immediate Control

At this evening's meeting of the city  
council Ald. Mills will introduce a by-  
law re-defining the duties of the city  
engineer, in respect to that official's  
jurisdiction over all employees in his  
department. The aim of the measure is  
to give the engineer a larger measure  
of liberty, and it is hoped that it will  
settle the various little frictions which  
have been cropping up from time to  
time in respect to defining the duties  
of the employees of the public works  
department.

The immediate cause of the introduc-  
tion of the by-law is the question of  
fixing the duties of the street superin-  
tendent, J. H. Warwick. Angus Smith,  
the engineer, made a report to the  
board a few days ago that in his opin-  
ion it would be wise to place Mr. War-  
wick in another position, explaining  
that much of the work he was now  
expected to perform was being done  
by foremen. Then the question arose  
as to the power of the city engineer  
to place Mr. Warwick in another po-  
sition, he having been appointed by the  
council.

Thus the "duties of officers by-law"  
will be so outlined that all offi-  
cials under him, whether appointed by  
the council or himself, will be under his  
full control. The by-law will pass  
unanimously, all members of the board  
being agreed as to its being necessary  
at this juncture.

## ONLY BRITISH LABOR IN ROYAL KITCHEN

### Queen Mary Reported to Have Dismissed French Chef Who Has Ruled for Years

(Special to the Times.)  
London, June 13.—The new queen is  
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she is reported to have dismissed King  
Edward's French chef, Monsieur Mon-  
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said to have decided to employ only  
British labor wherever possible.

## MORE JEWS EXPELLED

Kiev, June 12.—Forty-five Jewish  
families were Saturday expelled from  
Kiev. Of this number, twenty-nine  
families were forced to leave without  
preparation. The others had been  
given three days to arrange for their  
departure.

## CONDUCTOR KILLED

(Special to the Times.)  
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mer, of the Dominion Iron and Steel  
Company, said to-day that the pro-  
posed new wire and nail mills will be  
erected either at Sydney, N. S., or in  
western Canada.

## MANN TELLS OF WORK IN WEST

### ISLAND LINE TO BE COMPLETED AT ONCE

#### Vice-President of the Canadian Northern on Plans for the Present Year

(Special to the Times.)  
Winnipeg, June 13.—The Canadian  
Northern railway will erect a great  
hotel in Winnipeg for the world's fair,  
possibly on the site of the old Mani-  
toba hotel. The eighty-pound steel is  
to be laid from Portage la Prairie to  
Port Arthur before the moving of the  
crop. The much discussed line from  
Victoria to Barkley Sound is to be com-  
pleted at once. Six hundred miles of  
new line is to be finished in the West  
this year.

These were among the interesting and  
important announcements concerning  
the development of the great transcon-  
tinental over which he holds away made  
by D. D. Mann, the vice-president of  
the C. N. R. last night.

"I have been in British Columbia  
superintending the detailed work of the  
line through to the coast. The survey-  
ing for the track has, of course, all  
been completed and the work that we  
have been doing was merely a revision  
of details," said Mr. Mann. "We in-  
tend to keep our contract with the  
British Columbia government and the  
line through from Edmonton to the  
ocean will be completed inside four  
years. The sixty miles from New West-  
minster to Chilliwack will be completed  
in the course of a year and tenders for  
the whole of the work on the island  
and in the mountain section are to be  
let by the fifteenth of the month. From  
Victoria a line is to be constructed  
westward a hundred miles to the great  
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## REV. J. C. HERDMAN DEAD

Calgary, June 12.—Rev. J. C. Herd-  
man, formerly pastor of Knox church,  
and latterly superintendent of Presby-  
terian missions, died here aged fifty-  
four years. He is survived by Mrs.  
Herdman and a family of two sons and  
a daughter. The late Mr. Herdman  
was born in Picton, N. S., and his edu-  
cational course was varied and bril-  
liant. He came to Calgary as pastor  
of Knox church in 1885.

## MUST PAY DAMAGES

Quebec, June 12.—The jury in the  
case of Daniel Haley, against the  
Phoenix Bridge Company, claiming  
\$25,000 damages for injuries sustained  
in the fall of the Quebec bridge in 1907,  
rendered a unanimous verdict in favor  
of the plaintiff, granting him the sum  
of \$20,000. Haley attended the court  
throughout the trial, and was present  
seated in an invalid's chair.

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## MANY LIVES LOST IN MONTREAL FIRE

### Office of Herald Newspaper is Destroyed—Death Roll May Total Fifty—Property Loss Estimated at Half Million Dollars

(Special to the Times.)  
Montreal, June 13.—Many lives are  
believed to have been lost in a fire  
which destroyed the Herald newspaper  
office this morning.

The disaster was caused by the col-  
lapse of a water tank on the roof which  
crashed through the floor. The fall of  
the tank broke the gas pipes and soon  
the whole of the fifth floor was a mass  
of flames.

A number of girls engaged in the  
binding room on this floor escaped,  
some being rescued by firemen with  
extension ladders.

While it is believed all escaped,  
Phyllis Guindon, who was saved, de-  
clares a number were cut off.

J. S. Brierley, managing director of  
the Herald, says the loss will be \$500,-  
000. He thinks the earlier reports of  
loss of life were exaggerated, and be-  
lieves ten will cover all.

Others, however, take a different  
view. Sixty girls working in the bind-  
ery department on the top floor are not  
accounted for, they declare.

It is impossible to secure a list of  
dead.

The Herald will publish an eight-  
page paper to-night in the Gazette  
building.

Another Report.

Montreal, June 13.—Fourteen persons  
were killed and fifteen injured in an  
explosion and fire which destroyed the  
Herald building here to-day.

It is definitely known that fourteen  
are dead, and the authorities admit

that the loss of life may reach a total  
of 50.

William Taylor, foreman of the com-  
posing room, says he believes that fully  
50 people lost their lives.

Many of the victims were girls who  
worked in the bindery department, it  
is declared.

The accident was caused by the col-  
lapse of a tank on the roof which  
crashed through the floor. The tank fell  
three stories, forcing the walls outward.  
Gas pipes were broken and an explosion  
followed.

A second later the whole building  
was a mass of flames.

The falling tank carried several per-  
sons from the top floor to the ground.  
Heavy machinery was carried down  
with them and crashed through the  
other floors.

Sixty-eight employees were at work  
on the top floor when the accident oc-  
curred. The bindery department was  
on this floor and it is believed that  
among the employees there the heaviest  
loss of life occurred.

The tank crashing down through the  
building wrecked the job printing de-  
partment, the art rooms and the editor-  
ial room. The bindery machine fell  
with the tank, and it is thought  
crushed some of the employees work-  
ing on the lower floors.

One hundred and thirty-eight per-  
sons were employed in the job depart-  
ment. In the editorial rooms 20 men  
and two women were at work.

The loss, according to the managing  
editor of the Herald, will total \$500,000.

## VICTORIANS IN BIG BUSINESS

### REORGANIZATION OF FOLEY BROS. CO.

#### W. L. Challoner and A. H. Mitchell Are Among Those Who Will Head New Concern

(Special to the Times.)  
Winnipeg, Man., June 13.—A one  
million dollar company was formed  
here Saturday to buy out Foley Bros.  
& Larson, wholesale grocers and man-  
ufacturers, the largest in the city. The  
Mooney, Sibley & Co. Controversary Man-  
ufacturing Co., of Stratford, Ont.; W. J.  
Georgeson, wholesale grocer, of Cal-  
gary, formerly of Winnipeg, and Chal-  
loner & Mitchell, of Victoria, are the  
shareholders.

Foley Bros., in partnership with  
Lock Bros., established this business  
five years ago, but owing to difficulties  
with Lock Bros., the latter retired, and  
the deaths of Peter Larson and one of  
the Foley brothers during the last two  
years decided Foley Bros. to return to  
St. Paul, where they have immense in-  
terests.

A meeting of the members of the new  
company is being held here this week  
to complete arrangements and to de-  
cide on the location of branches in the  
west.

W. L. Challoner and Albert H.  
Mitchell left for the east on Saturday  
afternoon. They have just turned over  
their interests in their large jewellery  
business here to a joint stock com-  
pany.

## WILL NOT GO TO THE MEDITERRANEAN

### Field Marshal Announces He Does Not Desire Any Appointment at Present

(Times Leased Wire.)  
London, June 12.—The resignation of  
Lord Kitchener as inspector-in-general  
of the Mediterranean forces was ac-  
cepted to-day. Lord Kitchener announced  
that he did not desire to be assigned to any  
post.

The resignation of Kitchener came at  
the time when changes are being made  
in India's governing officials.

Earl Minto has resigned, and Sir  
Charles Hardinge, permanent under  
secretary of state for foreign affairs,  
was appointed vicerey of India to suc-  
ceed him. A formal announcement of  
Sir Charles' appointment was made on  
June 10th.

The appointment of Sir Charles  
came as a surprise to those who have  
followed the affairs in India, as it was  
firmly believed that Lord Kitchener  
would receive this appointment upon  
his return from a tour of the world  
which he has just completed.

## GIGANTIC MERGER PROPOSED IN GERMANY

(Special to the Times.)  
Berlin, June 12.—Negotiations are go-  
ing on in Germany for the formation  
of a trust with capital of some \$150,-  
000,000. It is proposed to merge into  
one combination commercial, indus-  
trial and financial enterprises controlled  
by three members of German nobil-  
ity, the Emperor's friends, Prince Max  
Egon Fuensterberg, Prince Christian  
Hohenlohe and Prince Donnersmarck,  
together with the Deutsche bank as  
their active ally. The trust will em-  
brace mines and factories, breweries  
and agricultural estates, hotels, the-  
atres and shops, banks and steamship  
lines and many other business con-  
cerns.

## DEATH OF REV. J. PEARSON

(Special to the Times.)  
Toronto, June 12.—Rev. John Pearson,  
rector of Holy Trinity church, died  
this morning of paralysis. He was 81  
years of age and had been rector of  
the same church for thirty-five years.