

Raid on Branch of Royal Bank Carried Out With Remarkable Boldness by Two Unmasked Men.

VANCOUVER, Jan. 26 .- For sheer nerve, the hold-up and robbery this morning of the Hillcrest branch of the Royal Bank of Canada, at the corner of Main street and Seventh avenue, must be awarded the palm in compe tition with all the hold-ups which have taken place in Vancouver during the last few years. The robbery took place in broad daylight, at 11 a. m. and was, accomplished by two unmasked men. Fortunately for the bank only \$1,999 was taken.

Hold-up men appear to have a par tiality for the Royal Bank, as this is the fourth Vancouver branch they have robbed within the space of two years.

On the authority of one of the leading officials in the bank, what happened was as follows:

Two unmasked men entered the bank at 11 o'clock, no customers being present. The first man to enter a once levelled a revolver at the head of Manager Steeves. The manager was very close to his opponent, and there was nothing else for him to do so he raised his hands. Meanwhile the other robber levelled a revolver at the heads of Ledgerkeeper Harrison and Teller Richmond, calling upon them to hold up their hands. Both men were some distance from their assailant, and Richmond, instead of complying at once with the command, backed out of his cage quickly and threw his keys into a box inside, at the same time pulling the door to. As he stepped out the door spring locked with the keys inside, a manoeuvre which compelled the robbers afterwards to tear off one of the trays and find a poker, which they used to reach through for the keys, thus causing a certain amount of delay in the execution of their project.

The hold-up men then, still covering the officials with their revolvers decided to lock them in the vault. There is little air capacity in these vaults and Harrison demurred, upon which one of the men said to his com panion: "Let's shoot him."

His companion, however, took a different view of the case, and before Harrison-who is quite a youngstercould do anything, the man struck him over the head with the butt end of his revolver with the remark: "No I'll settle him." The victim of this assault fell to the floor unconscious. Then the men set to work and put all the money in the cash boxes into their pockets. This done, they coolly left the building by the back entrance. The few people who saw them go did not have their suspicions aroused.

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The police have received descriptions of the men, but have no idea of the direction they took.

BAPTIST POLICY

IN EDUCATION

Continued from Page One, its materialistic ideals. He appealed to them not to listen to suggestions of this kind, but to face this question reanfully and in the spirit of Christiars.

27, 1892, Sir T. G. Shaughnessy, then vice-president of the corporation of, which he is now the head, returned from a trip of inspection through the Orient. On his return he announced that he would at once begin to de-velop the Chinese trade. He promoted Capt. Stillet, at that time master of the Empress of China, to the position of marine superintendent in the Orient, and Mr. J. R. Halloway, general com-mercial agent there. Heretofore the business in the east had been done through commercial agencies. Sir Thos. Shaughnessy decided that trade

could be worked up in the Orient which would make the putting on of the three new Empress liners justifinble. He stated that his visit had impressed him more than ever with the future of the trade between Canada and the Orient, and that some of the produce which went to feed the 400,000,000 mouths of China should nue from the Dominion.

The result of this policy has been that his corporation has for the past ten years been able to take their pick of the exports of China for transport across the Pacific, and yet load to overflowing their vessels returning to the Orient. Under the agency of Mr. H. A. Payne, now general manager in the Orient, who has scores of subagencies under him, silk and tea picked from commercial centres throughout China, reach British Columbia per the Empress liners. It has been estimated that the traffic of the

Empress steamers and the Monteagle between the Orient and Victoria and Vancouver measures \$40,000,000 a year. The passenger traffic has become too large for these vessels, with the result that two bigger Empresses have been ordered, and it is possible that the old three may still remain on the run.



During the week just closed the centre of interest in realty matters has

been the James Bay and Victoria West districts. Some few days ago a persistent rumor was afloat to the effect that the large acreage property occupying ters three or four blocks in James Bay, with a frontage on Dallas Road, owned by Senator Macdonald, had been sold to one of the rallway companies. This story was circulated with such persistency that it was given credence in quarters that ought to have been well-informed, and on the head of it prop-erty in the immediate vicinity commencvisit entirely. to move. The Colonist made enquiries in the most authoritative sources and was informed that the property of Senator Macdonald had not been sold. However, deals in real estate in Jame Bay are of daily occurrence, though

much of the property is off the market, the owners preferring to await what may come with further news respecting plans for the big proposed harbor in provements. A sale reported during the week was that of two lots on the cor-ner of Montreal and Michigan streets, owned by A. Roy for the sum of \$17,000. The big movement of the week, how ever, was in Victoria West, where some very large transactions were put through the market. The well known Russell es tate is said to have changed hands at a big figure. One local syndicate is said to have acquired holdings at an investTHE VICTORIA COLONIST

FORMER VICERO umbia MAKES REPLY

Lord Londonderry in Letter to First Lord of Admiralty States Position of Ulster Unionist Council,

LONDON. Jan. 26 .- Lord London derry, ex-Viceroy of Ireland, and one of the Unionists who are opposing the proposed home rule meeting in Belfast, today replied to Mr. Churchill's letter informing Lord Londonderry that he would not insist on holding the meeting in Ulster hall but that he intended to deliver a speech somewhere in Bel

fast on February 8. "So far as the Ulster Unionist coun cil is concerned," says Lord London-derry's rapiy, "is main objection, which is in the interest of law and order, is removed if you determine to hold your meeting outside the districts which passionately resent-your action. At the same time, having regard for the intense state of feeling created by your proposed action, the Ulster Unionist council cannot accept any responsibility your visit to Belfast, and they do not desire to give any assurance that

they might be unable to fulfill." Use of Hall Refused. BELFAST Jan 26 .- The city corpora

tion today refused the request of the Liberals to use Ulster hall on the morning of February 8, the day of the Home Rule demonstration at which Winston Churchill, first lord of the admiralty and John Redmond, the leader of the Nationalists, are to speak.

The corporation also forestalled any further possible manoeuvres by pass-ing a resolution not to let Ulster hall for any further meetings of any kind in February.

Trouble Still Feared. LONDON, Jan. 26 .- Winston Church ill's action in giving up his intention to speak in Ulster hall, Belfast, on February 8, is commented favorably on in to-day's newspapers. Only the bitter-

est opponents of the first lord of the admiralty chide him with retreating from a position which he should never have taken up. The Home Rule meeting in Belfast

will now probably be held in St. Mary s hall which is in the Nationalist quar-Dispatches from Ireland today en

press the fear that it will be difficult to prevent trouble in Belfast on the day of the meeting. The Unionists may find they have created a force which they will be unable to control. Som of the Irish Unionists papers now ad-vise Winston Churchill to cancel his



Premier McBride Receives Delegates from Recent Conventions and Gives Them Assurances

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Hardy, of Nelson, chairman; Mr. C. W.

Little, of North Okanagan; Mr. C. J. Thompson, of Summerland, and Major

MacFarlane, of Mill Bay. After hear-

ing the delegates at length, the premier

gave them to understand that an an

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touched upon in their case will shortly

be made in the provincia' house. The

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ability of the commission sought, and the subjects which it should be asked

to consider, this memorandum, being as

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and pertinent cheracter connected with the improvement and development of the agricultural industry in British Co-INVESTIGATION Cheap Money For Farmer

Cheep Money For Farmer The deputation was introduced to the premier by Mr. Alexander Lucas, ef Yale, who commented effectively upon the good work being done by the Insti-tute, and the important part in the country's development of the agricul-turalists. Mr. MoHardy presented the resclution as adopted by the Centrol Farmers' Institute asking for the ap-ucintment of a royal commission to in-BY TWO EXPERTS Methods Followed in Construction of National. Transconcontinent of a royal commission to intinental Railway Likely to be

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money for the farmer, the advantages of the Danish plan being especially pointed out, as well as the course adopted by certain of the Australasian OTTAWA, Jan. 26 .- The Borden govstates and in Ircland under the Land ernment will turn the searchlight on the whole of the long series of transactions Furchase Act.

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Fremier McBride informed his visit. involved in the construction of the Naers that the government was much intional Transcontinental railway, Pendterested in the subject presented by them, although the suggestions they ad-vanced were very large ones, and ining an official announcement, it is not possible to state definitely the lines on which the investigation is to be conolved the acceptance of a policy never ducted, but that the probing will be deep yet tried out in this country. The govin extent, and thorough and far reachernment was fully alive to the neces ing, there is no doubt. ities of the settlers, and was thorough-It is understood that the work will be placed in the hands of two men, a animated by the desire to do everything consistent with its duty to the province at large, in helping the farmer iciliway expert and a legal expert. The two men likely to be selected are C. H. Gutelius, of Montreal, now chief en-gineer of the Canadian Pacific railway, to build up British Columbia.

Government-Owned Telephones

The matter of government ownership and George Lynch Staunton, K. C., of t telephone services was also to have Hamilton, one of the best known members of the Ontario bar. Mr. Staunton been taken up by this deputation, but already has a regulation as an invest-igator, and Mr. Gutelius occupies a like in view of the attitude adopted by the premier on Friday afternoon in address ing the members of the Central Instiplace in the railway world of this country. The appointment of these two men will mark the second important step tute it was thought unwise to present i: It will be remembered that the first

minister on Friday stated that while the teken in connection with the Transcongovernment wished to le everything in tinental railway under the administra tion of Hon. Mr. Cochrane. is power for the farmers, and while government-owned telephones were not exactly new in Canada-being a feature The investigators will be given pow ers enough to enable them to go as far as needs be in search of the truth about of Manitoba policy-the government of British Columbia had not committed the Transcontinental line, and the work itself as favorable to such a proposition. of the Parent commission. Mr. Coch-Owing to topographical and forestation rune has been at pains to obtain for this conditions it would be an exceedingly work the services of men of undoubled ability, and whose report, when it is presented, will be of real value. The difficult matter to establish such a system in British Columbia. The Federal investigation will necessarily occupy vernment had telephone as well as telegraphic systems in various parts of considerable time. he province, and the premier was in-

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clined to the opinion that the proper course for British Columbia's farmers **NEWINGTON BRINGS** to adopt was to urge the extension and BANFIELD LIFEBOAT

> Shelters to Aid Shipwrecked Mariners Established at Several Places on the West Coast

AT KARTA BAY Bringing the motor lifeboat from Alaska Steamship Company's Vessel Is Wreaked on Prince of Wales Is-Land-Eas Ore on Board lanfield creek the steamer Newington, Capt. Barnes, of the marine and fisherdepartment returned yesterday from the west coast. The Newington estab is,hed shelters at Bajo point, near Caught in the shoals of Karta bay, Ncotka Sound, an either side of Cape the steamship Santa Ana, of the Alas-Cook, and at a point in the vicinity of ka Steamship company, Capt. Howard Bullene, is aground and all efforts to San Josef Bay to aid shipwrecked mariners, who may at any time make the land on the northwest part of the The vessel went ashere at 3 o'clock Thursday morning while attempting to put in at the pier for a shipment of west coast of Vancouver island. The shelters, which hold a store of tinned fcod, hermetically sealed, have also a small stove and an axe and a supply of 700 tons of copper pre consigned to the matches, and charts are placed in each Tacoma smelter. She went aground with directions, printed in three langat high tide, striking on a sandy botunges, showing where succor can most tom, and advices from the north yesreadily be procured. Supplies were also terday said she was in a sheltered landed at west coast, lighthouses. On her way back the Newington went into The steamship Northwestern, which Banfield to bring the motor lifeboat to sailed from Cordova last Thursday, has Victoria to have a large engine install-

been ordered by wireless to the ased. The Santa Ana has been replacing CONTRACT LET FOR the steamer, Dora from Seward to the SHERRINGHAM LIGHT westward while that vessel was being repaired in Seattle. She completed her last voyage to Dutch Harbor in De-New Lighthouse For Shore of Juan de Fuca Strait-Big Lantern For Lansgara Island cember, and with nine passengers from

The contract for the construction of An influential deputation representa-tive of the agricultural community of the province yesterday waited upon the

over six million dollars of additional **BAPTISTS TALK** capital for other vessels, is to visit Panama shortly to make an investigation. Much interest prevails in the West Indies regarding German shipping and naval development with re gard to the Panama canal and the West Indies.

An unofficial correspondent of th West India Committee Circular, writing by the last mail from Barbadoes describes that island as having been overrun by Germans for the previous fortnight, and referring to the visit of the German cruiser Hertha, says: "The officers were entertained right and left, but took the opportunity of making a survey of the island, and

were seen taking soundings off Ned-ham's Point, the proposed coaling site." At the time the message

despatched the training ship Princess Eitel Friedrich was at Barbadoes, and another ship was expected. The correspondent asks whether the Germans have an eye on Barbadoes in view of the opening of the Panama canal.

The Circular also quotes its corre spondent in Trinidad for the strange statement that German vessels have been practising night firing in the Gulf of Paria, and the writer of the note says has himself seen a German man-of-war at target practice in Kingston harbor. West Indians, it is added, are anxious to know what steps are to be taken to strengthen the defences of both colonies now that the Panama canal is nearing completion



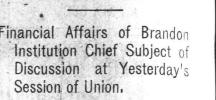
Labor Delegation Waits on Premier McBride and His Colleagues-Favors Abolition of Poll Tax

The executive of the British Col-

imbia Federation of Labor yesterday morning waited upon the provincia executive, Premier McBride with Hon. Dr. Young, Hon. W. J. Bowser Hon. Thomas Taylor and Hon. W. R Ross being present-for the purpose of presenting the series of resolutions purposes. adopted during the just closed conven tion, or rather such of those resolu tions as have reference to matter coming within the scope of provincial jurisdiction. Among the more important subjects dealt with are the de sirability of the re-enactment of the Natal Act, the suggested appointmen of a commission to investigate the rea son of the present high price of coa to the British Columbia consumer, the urgency of certain amendments to the Workmens Compensation Act, and the ns Compensation Act, and th federation's view as to the desirability of nationalizing telephone services The delegates were heard at consider able length, the interview lasting up wards of an hour, and as customary a written reply was promised, which wil be transmitted to the officers of the federation at the earliest possible date Great satisfaction was expressed by the president, J. W. Wilkinson, and others of the delegates with that portion of the report of the commission on taxation which recommends the abolishment of the poll tax, the hor being expressed that the suggestion of the comimssion will be amplified by legislation during the present session Presentation of Case

The subjects dealt with in the inter view by the various labor leaders com posing the deputation were in abstrac'

Mr. R. P. Pettipiece: Better facili



VANCOUVER, Jan. 26 .- Some little iscussion varied the proceeding at the afternoon session of the Baptis Union today over a deficit mentioned in the report of the president of the Brandon college board, Rev. A. P. Mc Diarmid. Rev. Mr. Robertson asked particulars of this deficit, and Mr Marshall and other delegates. desired similar information.

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Mr. McDiarmid replied that he had not been given the statement of the cash book, only that of the standing at the bank, and endeavored to find more documents throwing light on the growth of the deficit. When his efforts failed to satisfy some of the gentlemen present, he warmly resented what he regarded as their lack of confidence in him.

"Where has the balance from last year gone?" asked a member. "Perhaps someone has it in his pocket, replied Mr. McDiarmid.

Mr. Maclean assured the meeting that the returns from the fields sup plied by Brandon college compared favorably with those of any other in the Dominion, and the condition of the college was second to none in Manitoba. Another gentleman explained, as one of the board, that the statement given to Mr. McDiarmid was simply an account of the working of the college during the actual year, and what he was instructed to report. Mr. Wolverton explained that he had asked the question simply because he was aware of the work of the forward novement and had hoped that they would have wiped out this balance Mr. McDiarmid regretted that the only

discussion that his report had given rise to should be on a financial point. The college was not run for business It was finally moved that the report was admirable and the explanation

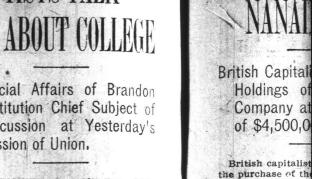
satisfactory and the report was adopted with applause.

DELEGATES SATISFIED

Government to Put Chilliwack-Hope Boad in First-class Condition

The delegates from Hope, Yale and Nicola who recently visited this city to interview the government in support of increased appropriations express selves as thoroughly satisfied with the response received. The town of Hope asked definitely for the sum of \$12,000 for streets and sidewalks, and for the opening for motor car traffic of the Yale road from Chilliwack to Hope. Yale asked for a number of improvements in the town and vicinity, the latter including the reopening of the Yale road from Hope to Yale. The Minister has al ready promised that the Chilliwack-Hope road will be put in first-class condition for motor car traffic this season He further stated that the government had definitely accepted the Silver Creek route as part of the inter-provincial motor car highway, and that construction would begin this year.

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The suggestion was offered that they al olish their arts course for ministerial studies and build up an annex in connection with one of the provinuniversities, where their theological work might be done. He asked was that the policy that would bring to them the men for their ministry. With such a system how many of their young men would have been Baptist studenis: His conviction was that a very large proportion or them would nci have been there. It pained him to say that their ministerial students were not coming from their church

families. He did not think that he could put his hand on more than two in Brandon college who came from their Baptist church families a sad thing for their concemplation. All this materialism was getting into their homes, and yet they propose to de-stror their institutes for cultivation the truth of the spirit. The young mea they mostly had were from th Old Country, who came to them with

the idea of getting a brush-up in theology for a couple of years, but som of them were rather surprised when they found that they had to take th for; of the class, so thorough was the institution. The result of the adoption of the annex would be the loss of a

great many ministerial students. The ailex to the state university would have a tendency to lower the spiritual life, temper and thought of the smaller What did they stand for as a denomination?. For one thing, it was not Baptism. It was a fact that spiritual life was the very essence of religion. They had no business to produce a schism in the body. It was proposed that they should have a

theological academy instead of an arts course. It was more important that they should have an arts course than a Christian academy, for it was at the university stage that the young man had to restate his religious convictions.



Yesterday Was Twentieth Anniversar of Beginning of C.P.E. Development of Trade to the Far East.

Yesterday was the twentieth anniversary of the awakening of the Canadian Pacific railway in regard to the commercial value of the trade with China, if such an event could be said to have a specific date. On January

ment of some \$200,000. Values of real estate in the city proper are steady, and strictly "inside" property is much in demand. The sale is reported of the block on Yates street owned by the estate of the late Dr. Frank Hall, to Mr. Perry Finch, of Messrs. Finch & Finch, for a sum in the neighborhood of \$65,000. There velopment being a conspicuous feature The delegation included Mr. C. F. Mc. is a two-storey building on the lot which measures 30x120. It is the intention of the purchaser to arrange the ground floor as accommodation for stores and the upper storey will be remodelled as offices. Mr. Finch adds that ultimately he will add several stories to the building.

Another interesting deal during the week was the purchase by Mr. Arthur Harman of the old Weights and Measures building and lot on Langley street. adjoining the Bank Exchange. He announces it to be his intention to erect at an early date an up-to-date three-storey office building, the ground floor of which he will reserve for his own business. The real estate exchange intends

1. The best methods of clearing land joining with the city council and the board of trade in urging upon the fedand bringing it under profitable cultivation. eral and provincial governments the 2. The best methods of settling land desirability of giving the island rail for the promotion of mutual conveniconnection via Seymour Narrows, ence, and the convenient administration

At the last session of the exchange of the communities so formed. it was resolved to support the city 3. The best methods of securing cocouncil in an appeal to the government operation among settlers in regard to products of dairying, poultry raising and fruit-growing and for the marketto have the jail removed outside the city limits. At the next meeting of the exchange a resolution will be presented ing of the same. fixing the southeast portion of the isl-4. The best methods of improving and, included in a line drawn from the facilities of local transportation

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northern boundary to the city limits of 5. The question of better financial Nanaimo and north of the Jordan river, facilities for farmers, and the provision as territory to be governed by exof cold storage and other modern facilichange laws. ties necessary for the assistance of agri-

JAPANESE TAKE ELEVEN MINUTES OFF MARATHON

Smash World's Becord in Whirlwind Style-Will Make Good Showing at Olympic Game

supply of immigrants should be drawn 8. An inquiry into the desirability of LONDON, Jan. 27 .- Japanese Athemploying companies to undertake the settlement of lands upon conditions imletes are likely to successfully chal-lenge the supremacy of Europeans at pesed by the government, and the nature the next Olympic games. They are now engaged in trials to select the of such conditions.

9. Agricultural education in schools best men among them. In this conthe location of experimental stations. and rural education generally. 10. An inquiry into the quantity of nection, a prominent English athlete has received a letter from a Japanese

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friend stating that in a trial marathon over the full distance of twenty-six and close to transportation facilities that could be made available for cultimiles 385 yards, the winner beat the vation by clearing of trees and stumps, and by irrigation. 11. All other information of a useful existing world's record by eleven min-

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Marshfield, Ore., in 1900

of Otter Point on the northern shore of Juan de Fuca Strait, has been awarded to Thomas Steadham, of Victoria. The Hahtbouse will be built of concrete with dwelling for the lightkeeper and a coal and store shed. Work will be started a; once. The establishment of a lighthouse at Sherringham Point, in addition to the Carmanah and Otter Point lights will assist navigators entering the ctrafts considerably.

The lighting apparatus for the new lighthouse of the first order being established at, Langara Island as a leading light for steamships bound through Lixon Entrance from the Pacific to Prince Rupert is on the way. The lighting apparatus consists of a lamp, which gives a bare flame equaling 2,500 candles. This light is magnified by four cut glass prism lenses , to give flashes equalling 250,000 candles. The cut glass lens, which are clearly shown in the illustration, are six feet in diameter, and eight feet high. The four sections of the lens are bolted together and fastened to a cast iron table. The lens and table weighing together approximately seven tons, and are revolved by clockwork. To reduce the friction caused by this enormous weight revolving, the lens and table rests in a cast iron bath filled with quicksilver, which practically floats the entire weight so it can be turned with very small energy. The complete revolution will be once every 20 seconds, and give four flashes during that time. The cast iron bath containing the quecksilver is that part of, the illustration just above the wormed pedestal, and beneath the lens. The clockwork machine, which revolves the mechanism, is shown beneath the bath and alongside the wormed pedestal. The cost of the complete apparatus with the hon lantern room for the top of the tower to enclose the same is \$25,000 exclusive of freight and insurance. The same type of appa, ratus and of the same size are now in operation at Pachena,

Estevan and Triangle stations on the west coast of Vancouver island, and are noted for the satisfactory service given.

GERMANS AND PANAMA

-West Indies Reports of German Naval Activity There

Herr Ballin, of the Hamburg-Am can line, which has ordered the of a fleet of passenger and fre steamers for service to Pacific (ports via the Panama canal at Weser shipyards and has provided

ties for placing electors on municipal voters' lists, the abolition of propert GREAT CENTRAL LAKE qualification for all municipal office. adult suffrage in all elections and the abolition of the provincial election de posit, the abolition of the poll tax protest against subsidized immigration-more especially under the auspices of the Salvation Army-redistribution before an election, and the problem of the unemployed as it af

fects British Columbia.

Mr. B. D. Grant: Recommendation of an increase in the remuneration jurors to \$5 a day, amendment to the school act to prevent minors selling papers, separate schools for Asiatics, a commission for the investigation of working conditions in mines and the price of coal to the British Columbia consumer, and further extension of th free text books plan.

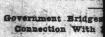
Mr. J. W. Wilkinson: Recommend ation of a law making compulsory the payment of wages in legal tender fortnightly pay day in all industrie. mpensation for time lost in waitin for wages due, an eight hour day and six day week in all industries, and the raising of the exemption under the in come tax to \$2000.

Mr. J. McVety: Complaint re long ours of employees on the interurban lines of the B. C. E. R. company, a lav providing for the examination plumbers, a similar law necessitating examination for electrical and com pressed air engineers, uniformity i the construction of all hoist appliances for foundries and smelters, a stricter enforcement of the Boiler In spection Act, rules and regulations for the distribution of electrical energy, extension of the provisions of the Workmen's Compensation Act to all industries and buildings irrespective of their height, and increase of compensation in the case of death from \$1500 to \$2000 and the weekly indemnity from a maximum of \$10 to a min-inum of \$10.

M. C. Sivertz-Recommendation of the forernment taking over the British Colum-bia telephone systems, re-enactment of the Natal Act, complaint of the employment of Asiatics on Canadian Northern Pacific con-struction, and better enforcement of sani-tary regressions in lumber and construction campa-

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Route from Port Alberni by Way of Sproat River and Lake Towards Strathcona Park

Plans have been filed by the Escuimalt and Nanaimo Railway company and are now obtaining the consideration of the railway board for a short extension of the existing line from Port Al. berni, by way of Sproat River and Sproat Lake, to Great Central Lake; and it is expected that construction of this branch will be proceeded with during the current season. The line will penetrate a country of considerable pictur esqueness, abounding in both furred and feathered game, and will make accessible and contributary to traffic very considerable areas of timbered and agricultural land.

While no announcement has been made upon this phase of the matter, it is generally understood that the intention of the company is to continue this branch at the earliest date, by way of a pass now being sought by the company's surveyors in the field, on to the new pro vincial Strathcona park at Buttle Lake. There is a possibility also that connection will naturally be made some; where in this locality with the company's main line up the east coast to the north end of the Island, construction of which is now being arranged for as far as Duncan Bay.

Both Sproat and Great Central Lakes are well known as among the most delightful sections of British Columbia for summer residence, their scenic, hunting and fishing attractions being of the highest order. Already all favorable cottage sites at Sproat Lake have been taken up, the majority by well-to-do Vancouverites.

The State Labor Department is displaying great activity in the enforcement of the eight-hour day in Oklahoma.

The South African Labor Herald, a paper devoted to the interests of wage earners, has been started in Cape Town. the initial issue consisting of eight pages

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