

IMMIGRATION ACT IN FORCE

STEPS TAKEN TO ENFORCE MEASURE

Questions as to the Province's Rights May Arise on the Start.

During the progress of yesterday's sitting, the local parliament took a brief recess for the purpose of receiving His Honor, the Lieut.-Governor, who had been asked to attend for the purpose of expediting the several measures already passed by the House, toward their operative stage, by signing the royal assent thereto.

The following is the list of bills which were assented to:

(No. 2) An Act to Regulate Immigration into British Columbia.

(No. 5) An Act to Amend the Oaths Act.

(No. 6) An Act to Regulate the Purchase, Sale and Transfer of Stocks of Goods in Bulk.

(No. 8) An Act to Amend the Summary Convictions Act.

(No. 9) An Act to Amend the Farming Institutes and Co-Operation Act.

(No. 11) An Act to Amend the Revenue Act.

(No. 12) An Act Regarding a Certificate Issued to the Greenwood City Water Works Company, under the Provisions of the Water Clauses Consolidation Act, 1897.

(No. 13) An Act to Amend the Coal Tax Act, 1890.

(No. 14) An Act to Amend the Master and Servant Act Amendment Act, 1892.

(No. 27) An Act to Authorize the Grant of Certain Lands to the Corporation of the City of Victoria.

(No. 53) An Act to Incorporate the City of Chilliwack.

The equipment is now being got ready, under the auspices of the attorney-general's department, for an immediate enforcement of the Immigration Act. The attorney-general stated this morning that a special officer will be appointed to assist the operation of the act at Victoria. L. S. Eaton has been appointed to the position. Otherwise the work of meeting steamers and applying the educational test, provided for, to immigrants, will be done by the provincial police. Sergeant Murray, of the provincial police, went to Vancouver last night, with instructions to organize the men there for the enforcement of the act.

The question will now come up as to the right of the province to enforce the act. This will arise should the transportation companies refuse to take back immigrants which are detained only under the Immigration Act.

The province has the right to imprison for violations of the act, so that should that be done the question might be taken to the courts for decision as to the province's right.

STRIKE IN COBALT.

Cobalt, Ont., Feb. 12.—A rich strike consisting of native silver, mistletoe and cobalt has been made by the Lins Pressing Company on their property on the west shore of Peterson lake.

**INQUIRY INTO LOSS
OF ST. CUTHBERT**

Abandonment of Burning Vessel Was Justifiable in Opinion of Court.

Boston, Feb. 12.—A special court of inquiry under the new Admiralty act, and the first of the kind ever held in this city, yesterday rendered its report, justifying the abandonment of the British steamer St. Cuthbert, which caught fire off Nova Scotia on February 2nd, a loss of fourteen lives resulting. The others of the crew were saved by the steamer Cymric and brought to Boston.

The board found the loss of the steamer was due to fire in hold No. 3 and 4, where fuel oil, rags, matches etc., were stored, but the cause of the fire was not ascertained. The board's findings are as follows:

"The abandonment of the St. Cuthbert was justifiable because the vessel was gutted by fire and water submerged her boilers."

"The cargo appears to have been well stowed at Antwerp, but it was checked after the merchandise had shifted in heavy weather. The ship was seaworthy and well equipped."

"Capt. John Lewis did everything in his power until he was incapacitated. The command then devolved upon Chief Officer S. Hobbs. The court wishes to place on record an appreciation of his courage and devotion."

"Second Officer Tuohy appeared to have done his duty till he went into the starboard boat without orders, but on returning later did his utmost to save the ship. The court places on record its appreciation of the conduct of Capt. Wm. Finch, of the Cymric, and Chief Officer John Silver and the crew, who rescued the survivors."

BIG BOND ROBBERY.

Minneapolis, Minn., Feb. 11.—Stock bonds and securities representing \$50,000 were stolen from the desk of Daniel C. Hopkins, vice-president of the Hojkins Land Company, sometime on Friday morning, although Mr. Hopkins did not report the matter until to-day. There is no clue to the identity or to the parties who took the property.

COURTIERS ROBBED.

Tetuan, Feb. 12.—British, French, German and Spanish postal couriers while on their way to Tangier, thirty-two miles distant, have been robbed of all their correspondence written in Arabic that they carried.

MONTREAL COTTON COMPANY.

Fast Year Most Successful in History of Concern.

Montreal, Feb. 12.—Fire last night destroyed the Montreal Cotton Company, held at noon yesterday, President Ewing said the past year had been the most successful in the history of the company.

Referring to the recent troubles at the Valleyfield mills, Mr. Ewing said everything was now running smoothly. Sales for the year amounted to \$2,862,000, and the profits to \$453,200.

After providing for the usual insurance and other reserves, writing off for depreciation on buildings, machinery and water power the company was able to pay a quarterly dividend of 1 1/2 per cent, being at the rate of 7 per cent, per annum, and to carry forward the sum of \$50,000 to the credit of profit and loss.

**HOW ONE MAN
FOUGHT FIFTY**

DESPERATE STRUGGLE
TO ESCAPE LYNCHING

Murderer Wounds Ten Assaultants Before He is Beaten to Death.

Valdosta, Ga., Feb. 12.—Attacked by a mob of lynchers just across the Florida line yesterday, Jack Long, a white man, fought his assailants, desperately wounding ten of them and forcing the others to kill him in the fight.

Long was in jail for killing James Sapp, a wealthy citizen. A son of Sapp's had killed a brother of Long's and escaped. Long saw the father of the slayer and shot him to death. Long was arrested and fifty men prisoner out to hang him.

A spectator says Long fought the mob to a standstill in the prison, but was knocked down with a club as he ran out of the door. Then another fight ensued, in which the combined strength of the men was required to subdue the prisoner. A start to a fight of four hundred yards' distance was made, but Long fought every inch of the way, the path being marked with splashes of blood. It is said he was beaten to death before he was finally hanged.

Four of the members of the mob were wounded so badly that they may die.

**FLED FROM STREAM
OF MOLTEN STEEL**

Pennsylvania Furnace Burst, Injuring Twelve Men, Two Fatally.

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 12.—A dozen men were burned, two of them fatally, in a terrific explosion of molten steel at the Monongahela blast furnace of the National Tube Company, Centre street, McKeesport, near here, early to-day.

The huge steel plate furnace, one hundred feet in length, burst at the top hole and fifty tons of liquid metal dropped to the floor, accompanied by explosions as it spread and splashed over the heads and bodies of the workmen nearby. A slip in the furnace caused hundreds of tons of iron ore, coke and limestone to drop to the bottom, forcing the heavy steel plate away. The men ran, but the metal splashed into the air when it struck the cold floor, and the detonations broke all the windows in the plant for a radius of two squares, causing intense excitement in the town.

**SUFFRAGETTES
CHOOSE PRISON**

Fifty to Serve Month for Raid on British House of Commons.

London, Feb. 12.—Nearly fifty women suffragettes who made a raid on the House of Commons were arraigned in the police court to-day and sentenced to pay a fine or one month's imprisonment. All but two of the women preferred to go to jail.

The Thames embankment, London, cost \$2,350,000 to build.

DRUGS

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**CYRUS H. BOWES
CHEMIST.**

GOVERNMENT ST.
Near Yates St.

BANK WRECKED BY DYNAMITE

BANDITS ESCAPE WITH ALL AVAILABLE CASH

Town of Richhill, Mo., Terrified by Heavily Armed Desperadoes.

Richhill, Mo., Feb. 12.—Securing \$12,000 in cash after dynamiting and totally wrecking the \$9,000 building of the Farmers & Mechanics bank in this city, five bandits heavily armed terrorized the town here early to-day, and after exchanging shots with several armed citizens, escaped to the south. The bandits were heavily armed. No one was injured by either the shots or the explosion.

The dynamiting of the vault of the bank awakened the town and the population hurried to the bank building. Many arrived in time to see the robbers riding away. Some of the citizens opened fire, which was returned by the fugitives.

Cashier Jamieson said the thieves had secured all the available cash in the bank. The building was completely wrecked and many neighboring structures shattered by the explosion. The sheriff of the county organized a posse, but as the robbers had secured a good start, there is little prospect of their being overtaken.

**AMENDING CHARTER
OF GRAIN EXCHANGE**

Rates of Commission Fixed—Bill to Come Before Manitoba House.

Winnipeg, Feb. 12.—The committee on agriculture met yesterday and reported an important measure to amend the charter of the Grain Exchange. The bill was fathered by Premier Roblin, who explained each clause. The premier in opening told of the conference lasting several hours, at which representatives of the grain growers and five representatives of the Grain Exchange were present, and after a long discussion an agreement was reached on a number of points which did not materially effect the grain markets. The Grain Exchange members would not, however, agree to the commission rule being cut out, and made a plea that it should be retained. The grain growers had also declined, after careful consideration, grant the request of the exchange that the value of the seats should be placed at \$3,000.

The amended bill provides that immediately after passing any proposed law, rule or regulation the exchange shall publish the same in the Manitoba Gazette, and shall also send a copy to the president of the Grain Growers' Association. The exchange must adhere to full membership and privileges any reputable person. Any person rejected for membership may appeal to a judge of the King's bench.

The exchange must impose no restrictions upon any member in respect of price to be paid or amount of commission to be paid, or as to agreements or arrangements between members, except that in trading with each other the following rates of commission will apply: One cent per bushel on wheat, three-quarters of a cent on barley, one-half cent on oats and one cent on flax. The exchange must provide ample facilities for the public during trading hours and must not charge more than \$2.50 membership fee, or place any limitation on membership.

CHINESE MINISTER TO U. S. A.

Wu Ting Fang is Bringing New Suite of Officials to Washington.

Tokio, Feb. 12.—Wu Ting Fang, minister from China to Washington, will sail for America to-morrow on the Siberia, accompanied by 32 students.

Change in Consular Service.

San Francisco, Feb. 12.—It is said here that with the coming of Minister Wu, who replaces Chen Tung Liang Wang, who left Washington last July, there will be a complete change of the Chinese consular service in the new world for the members of his suite will be new officials, who are coming to represent the Chinese government in foreign ports.

TO PLAY IN AMERICA.

Eustace Miles Will Endeavor to Regain British Court Tennis Championship.

London, Feb. 12.—Eustace Miles will leave here for the United States on March 10th to make an attempt to win the American amateur court tennis championship honors, as well as to regain the British championship which he lost last summer. Miles has been practicing steady for three months, and he shows good form.

NEW YORK TO PARIS BY AUTO.

Great Race, via the Behring Straits, Commenced To-day.

New York, Feb. 12.—Six automobiles started from the Times square at 11.15 a.m. to-day on the race to Paris by way of Behring Straits. The start was witnessed by a great crowd of people, and the racers were followed up Broadway by several hundred automobiles.

HITCHCOCK TRIAL.

New York, Feb. 11.—The trial of Raymond Hitchcock, the comedian, on the charges made by several girls was to-day set for February 26th, despite the objections of his counsel and the affidavit of a representative of his theatrical manager, that Hitchcock has been robbed of his appearance in various parts of the country up to March 6th.

\$30,000 FIRE.

Fur Establishment Suffers Heavily From Blaze in Montreal.

Montreal, Feb. 11.—Fire last night did damage estimated at \$30,000 to the fur establishment of C. Desjardins, 200, 202, 204, 206, 208, 210, 212, 214, 216, 218, 220, 222, 224, 226, 228, 230, 232, 234, 236, 238, 240, 242, 244, 246, 248, 250, 252, 254, 256, 258, 260, 262, 264, 266, 268, 270, 272, 274, 276, 278, 280, 282, 284, 286, 288, 290, 292, 294, 296, 298, 300, 302, 304, 306, 308, 310, 312, 314, 316, 318, 320, 322, 324, 326, 328, 330, 332, 334, 336, 338, 340, 342, 344, 346, 348, 350, 352, 354, 356, 358, 360, 362, 364, 366, 368, 370, 372, 374, 376, 378, 380, 382, 384, 386, 388, 390, 392, 394, 396, 398, 400, 402, 404, 406, 408, 410, 412, 414, 416, 418, 420, 422, 424, 426, 428, 430, 432, 434, 436, 438, 440, 442, 444, 446, 448, 450, 452, 454, 456, 458, 460, 462, 464, 466, 468, 470, 472, 474, 476, 478, 480, 482, 484, 486, 488, 490, 492, 494, 496, 498, 500, 502, 504, 506, 508, 510, 512, 514, 516, 518, 520, 522, 524, 526, 528, 530, 532, 534, 536, 538, 540, 542, 544, 546, 548, 550, 552, 554, 556, 558, 560, 562, 564, 566, 568, 570, 572, 574, 576, 578, 580, 582, 584, 586, 588, 590, 592, 594, 596, 598, 600, 602, 604, 606, 608, 610, 612, 614, 616, 618, 620, 622, 624, 626, 628, 630, 632, 634, 636, 638, 640, 642, 644, 646, 648, 650, 652, 654, 656, 658, 660, 662, 664, 666, 668, 670, 672, 674, 676, 678, 680, 682, 684, 686, 688, 690, 692, 694, 696, 698, 700, 702, 704, 706, 708, 710, 712, 714, 716, 718, 720, 722, 724, 726, 728, 730, 732, 734, 736, 738, 740, 742, 744, 746, 748, 750, 752, 754, 756, 758, 760, 762, 764, 766, 768, 770, 772, 774, 776, 778, 780, 782, 784, 786, 788, 790, 792, 794, 796, 798, 800, 802, 804, 806, 808, 810, 812, 814, 816, 818, 820, 822, 824, 826, 828, 830, 832, 834, 836, 838, 840, 842, 844, 846, 848, 850, 852, 854, 856, 858, 860, 862, 864, 866, 868, 870, 872, 874, 876, 878, 880, 882, 884, 886, 888, 890, 892, 894, 896, 898, 900, 902, 904, 906, 908, 910, 912, 914, 916, 918, 920, 922, 924, 926, 928, 930, 932, 934, 936, 938, 940, 942, 944, 946, 948, 950, 952, 954, 956, 958, 960, 962, 964, 966, 968, 970, 972, 974, 976, 978, 980, 982, 984, 986, 988, 990, 992, 994, 996, 998, 1000.

Ontario Legislature.

Toronto, Feb. 11.—It was officially stated to-day that an effort will be made to end the present session of the legislature by March 31st, following which the work of stumping the country will be at once begun, and the election brought on, probably in the first week in June.

**Mother and Babe Dead
in Train Wreck**

Forest Grove, Ore., Feb. 12.—Two cars of the Sheridan local, running between Portland on a Southern Pacific branch, fell from a trestle here last night, killing John A. McDonald, McMinville, Ore., father, Forest Grove, and Mrs. Bates' baby.

Mrs. J. H. Brown of Sheridan may die. Twenty others were injured. The cause was a broken rail.

**JAPANESE WILL
ENTERTAIN ARMADA**

Offer of California Yellow Men Accepted by Fleet Reception Committee.

Los Angeles, Feb. 12.—The American-Japanese rapprochement was the feature of the meeting of the fleet committee in the council chambers to-day. The Japanese offer to help entertain Rear Admiral Evans and his blue-jackets was accepted in the "spirit" in which it was made.

The members of the committee considered that the voluntary offer of the Japanese was so extraordinarily magnanimous and praiseworthy that they passed a special resolution accepting the offer.

**Great Gold Strike
In Alaska**

(Special to the Times.)

Nome, Feb. 12.—A strike will prove Alaska's richest pay-streak yet has been struck on the Tundra near Fort Davis.

It averages \$40 a pan, with an occasional \$500 strike. The pay-streak is 50 feet wide. Nome is in a great state of excitement.

**PATROLMAN SHOT
BY CHINESE THIEF**

Lay in Wait for Chicken Marauder and Gets Bullet Through Neck.

(Special to the Times.)

Vancouver, Feb. 12.—Police Patrolman Arthur McLeod was, this morning shot, but not fatally injured, by a Chinese chicken thief.

McLeod had traced the Oriental by his tracks in the snow yesterday morning, and today he lay in wait for the Chinaman's return after his night marauding. He called on the Chinaman to halt, but the Oriental pulled a gun from his blouse and commenced to shoot. One bullet went through McLeod's neck, while the second whizzed past his ear.

The Chinaman escaped. The Chinese head of trade at a meeting this afternoon decided to render every possible assistance to the police in the chase for the man who may be accused of attempted murder. A reward of \$500 is offered for his arrest, and a decree has gone forth to be blazoned on posters all through Chinatown that the police must be given every assistance in securing the offender, and that it will go hard with anyone found harboring the gun man.

Even keepers of Chinese gambling houses have been notified to allow the police free access at all times to their premises until the man is caught. Oriental restaurants who may have an idea of the identity of the Chinese, through the purchase of chickens on previous occasions, were also called before the board and instructed to furnish all information they could possibly offer, and lose no time doing it. The Chinese fear the effect on the anti-Asiatic feeling, especially if the policeman dies.

ANALYSING MILK.

New Westminster, Feb. 11.—Health Officer Dr. J. H. Jones has just completed an analysis of the milk supply of the city and of the total number of samples tested, two were found to be under the standards required by law. The offenders have been notified and unless the milk is improved there may be trouble.

CHARRED REMAINS.

Journeymen Baker Burned to Death at Reading, Pa.

Reading, Pa., Feb. 11.—Chas. Cryan, a journeyman baker, was burned to death here early to-day in a fire which destroyed the bakery of Wm. M. Behrles. He slept in the building and his charred remains were found in the ruins.

"DEAD" MAN GETS TWENTY YEARS

EXTRAORDINARY CAREER OF VON VELTHEIM

Adventurer on Four Continents Must Pay Penalty of Blackmail.

London, Feb. 12.—Carl Ludwig Von Veltheim, German born, but a naturalized American, who posed as a Baron and was also known as Frank Kurtz and Carl Mauritz, was sentenced to-day to 20 years' penal servitude at the Old Bailey, having been convicted of attempting to blackmail Solly E. Joel, a wealthy London and South African financier and mineowner, out of \$80,000.

Von Veltheim was arrested four months ago in Paris and extradited to England. The man has had an adventurous career. He has served in the German navy and army, was once in the Bulgarian army, and has had many adventures in Australia, America and Japan. He went to Cape Town in 1897 and in the following year shot and killed Wolff Joel, a brother of Solly Joel's, at that place. He was arrested and tried, pleaded self-defense and was acquitted.

Some years afterward a body recovered from the Thames was identified as Von Veltheim's by his wife, but later the adventurer was discovered serving in the Bechuanaland police.

**BRITISH TRIBUTE
TO GEORGE MEREDITH**

Eighty-Year-Old Novelist is Subject of Many Birthday Encomiums.

London, Feb. 12.—The whole British press London this morning in glowing tributes of affection and admiration for the novelist, George Meredith, whose eightieth birthday will be celebrated quietly to-day at his Box Hill retreat.

A small delegation, headed by Anthony Hope, will present a beautifully bound address of congratulation, signed by the poet, Swinburne, Thos. Hardy, John Morley and more than a hundred leaders of art, letters and scholarship in the United Kingdom.

Showers of congratulations are coming, including Charles Elliot Norton's address from America, and from the French Academy.

The London morning newspapers contain many leading poems by leaders, all of whom pay their tribute to the novelist.

Mr. Meredith is enjoying good health, and there would have been something in the nature of a national or international celebration but for the fact that he has a horror of publicity and steadfastly has opposed the idea.

IMMIGRANTS FOR B. C.

Salvation Army Will Send Contingent of 400 From England.

Toronto, Feb. 12.—The Salvation Army will bring its first contingent of immigrants to British Columbia late this month. On February 20th, over 400 will leave England, and a month later over two hundred more. All of those will go direct to the Pacific coast.

DRAWN BATTLE.

Ewin Sullivan and Jim Flynn Fight a Draw at Los Angeles.

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 12.—The fight between Jack "Twin" Sullivan and Jim Flynn last night went to the limit of rounds, no decision being rendered. Honors were about even.

FRENCH SUCCESS IN MOROCCO.

Kasbah Ould Said Occupied by General D'Amade—Surrounding Country Ravaged.

Paris, Feb. 12.—Telegraphic advices received here from General D'Amade, the French commander in Morocco, state that he has occupied Kasbah Ould Said without resistance, and ravaged the surrounding country.

The Kaid of Misab made submission.

BEHRING SEA ARBITRATION.

Sir Hibbert Tupper Denies Having Been Paid as British Agent.

Ottawa, Feb. 11.—R. L. Borden in the House to-day asked what foundations the Minister of Marine had for stating that, in addition to the amount paid Sir Hibbert Tupper for expenses in the Behring Sea arbitration, an additional amount was paid him as British agent.

Sir Chas. Tupper was written to and said that there was no foundation for the statement. Sir W. Laurier said he would call the attention of the Hon. Mr. Borden to the matter.

REALTY DEAL.

New Westminster, Feb. 11.—H. T. Kirk has sold his residence on Third avenue to Mr. Barnett of the sawmill firm of Barnett & McDonald, for \$10,500.

PLAGUE IN WEST AFRICA.

Berlin, Feb. 12.—Owing to an outbreak of the plague in West Africa, Chancellor Von Bismarck has ordered the strictest sanitary inspection of vessels arriving at German ports from that country.

PROF. M'NAUGHTON'S PLANS.

Kingsford, Feb. 11.—Prof. John McNaughton, of Queen's, will return to McGill University for next session.

ANOTHER FROST TRAGEDY.

Ontario Man, After Nine Mile Walk, Dropped to Ground and Died.

Berlin, Ont., Feb. 12.—Joseph Behrman, of Preston, was found frozen to death within 400 yards of his destination. He went to Guelph from Preston, intending to travel to New Germany by the Guelph-Goderich line to join his wife, who was tending his mother. The line was blocked with snow, and with the weather 20 below zero, he started walking. He walked nine miles, carrying a heavy grip, and was within 150 yards of a farm house when he dropped.</