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IDS TO THE AD-  
ICAL SCIENCE.

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## AND FREE TRADE.

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## MOSCOW'S FESTIVITIES.

The Ancient Muscovite Capital in  
a Blaze of Electric  
Glory.

Religious and Other Ceremonies At-  
tendant on the Czar's  
Coronation.

Moscow, May 21.—The most notable  
arrival yesterday, though it was without  
ostentation, was that of the Dowager  
Czarina. She was received privately at  
the station by the Czar and Czarina.  
The French mission also arrived. Great  
preparation had been made to have the  
French representation at the coronation  
on a scale suitable to Russia's nearest  
ally among the nations. Two of the  
largest noblemen's palaces in Moscow  
have been rented and refitted in the  
costliest manner from France, especially  
for the coronation. Here the French  
ambassador will give a ball during  
the festivities, which is to be at-  
tended by the Czar and Czarina.  
The sum set aside for the sup-  
per alone is \$70,000. Orders were long  
ago placed in Morocco, Algiers and  
along the Riviera for the choicest fruits,  
vegetables and flowers that the season  
affords, all of which are on their way  
here, especially for the banquet. The  
French ambassador will ride in the pro-  
cession to-morrow in the ornate state  
carriage of Louis XV., which came from  
the Museum de Cluny, in Paris, with  
trappings for the horses and liveries for  
the positions and footmen on a cor-  
responding scale of magnificence.

Crown Prince Constantine of Greece,  
the Duke of Sparta and Prince and  
Princess Ferdinand of Bulgaria, arrived dur-  
ing the day and were received at the  
station as was the French ambassador,  
by the members of the imperial family  
and by guards of honor. There were  
vast gatherings of people to witness the  
receptions, and to add their demonstra-  
tions of welcome.

The city is filled with as many people  
as it will hold, and everywhere are dense  
crowds, so that the streets are almost  
impassable.

A grand serenade was given to-night  
in the courtyard of the Petrovski palace  
in the city, numbering 1380 members,  
and comprising the chorus of the Imperial  
theatre. The Czar and Czarina list-  
ened to the music from the balcony of  
the palace and warmly applauded the  
performance. The musicians carried  
lanterns, thus giving picturesqueness to  
the scene.

At the shrine of the Madonna their  
Majesties were received by His Imperial  
Highness the Grand Duke of Oldenburg,  
and they were escorted to the palace  
with holy water. Their Majesties  
then entered the chapel and sat in prayer  
before the images. At the conclusion  
of their devotions the Czar mounted his  
horse and the Czarina re-entered her  
carriage and they passed through the  
gate of the Savior, Spassnia Voroto, to  
the Kremlin, where they were received  
with all the ecclesiastical pomp  
possible by clergy as well  
as by the military commander  
of Moscow and his subordinates on  
horseback, all of whom afterwards  
joined in the procession. The Imperial  
Majesties then successively parted and  
worshipped within the Church of the  
Assumption, of the Archangel Michael  
and of the Annunciation. In each in-  
stance they found clergy at the thresh-  
olds, carrying the cross and images of  
different saints. After passing the  
entrance of the Kremlin the corte-  
ge passed along the front of the  
Nicholas palace, but only the most im-  
portant members of the imperial party  
traversed the grand palace square in  
state, the less important guests and vi-  
sitors passing out of the Kremlin by the  
Borovitskaya gate, and the troops which  
had taken part in the procession were  
drawn up in front of the grand gates  
of the Kremlin. The grand mas-  
ter of the ceremonies of the cor-  
onation, the arch grand master of the  
ceremonies, the high court officials and  
the high dignitaries of foreign courts,  
the marshal of the court, members of  
the council of the empire and others,  
left their carriages near the entrance  
gate. The members of the council of  
the empire from that entrance went by  
the north gate to the cathedral of the  
Assumption, and the high court officials  
of foreign courts and the lesser court  
officials of the imperial court passed  
around the western tower of the cathedral  
and stationed themselves near the south  
gate on a stand erected between the  
belly of Ivan-Velikie and the cathedral  
of the Archangel Michael. Others of  
the court officials and gentlemen of  
court who had not taken part in the  
procession stationed themselves along  
the square from the cathedral and the  
grand master of the ceremonies of the  
coronation, the marshal of the court and  
the grand marshal of the court went to-  
wards the door situated between the bel-  
ly of Ivan-Velikie and the cathedral of  
the Archangel Michael and awaited the  
arrival of their Majesties.

The Czar and Czarina, His Imperial  
Highness and important foreign princes,  
upon arriving at the gate left the cathe-  
dral of the Assumption by the eastern  
entrance of the cathedral, preceded  
by the grand master of ceremonies of  
the coronation and the arch-grand mas-  
ter of ceremonies and the marshals of  
the court. The Czar was followed by  
the Minister of his household the Min-  
ister of War, his aide-de-camp, the gen-  
eral commanding the military house-  
hold of His Majesty and other important  
aide-de-camps.

Behind them came members of the  
imperial family, foreign princes and all  
who were witnesses to the solemn cere-  
monies of the Te Deum, which was ac-  
companied by prayers for the lives of  
their Majesties and for the happiness of  
Russia. Inside the cathedral their Ma-  
jesties found assembled all the person-  
ages who had not been able to take part  
in the procession from the Petrovski  
palace to the Kremlin. At the steps of  
the cathedral their Majesties were re-  
ceived by the Holy Synod and high  
clergy with the cross and holy water, and  
were preceded by the Holy Synod, the  
high clergy and choir chanting appro-  
priate hymns. At the moment their  
Majesties entered the cathedral the  
military commander of Moscow gave the  
signal and a salute of 85 cannon shots  
were fired.

The Czar and Czarina bowed rever-  
ently before the relics of the saints and  
prayed before their images. During  
this time the dignitaries and gentlemen  
of the imperial court, who had been  
drawn up in line along the route tra-  
versed by their Majesties, went towards  
the doors of the cathedral and placed  
themselves in line, in order to form a  
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transformed into a waterfall of running

electricity, which is precipitated from  
the top of the structure to  
the foot of the river. The illumina-  
tions will last for three evenings  
in succession and will cost several  
millions of dollars to the government.  
alone, not counting what the city will  
pay to the contractors for the extra  
expenses. Besides the expense of the  
Russian government and the city of  
Moscow, the expenses which grand  
dukes and grand duchesses, foreign  
princes and ambassadors, have been  
paid to really enormous, one authority  
going so far as to estimate that there  
was \$100,000,000 worth of jewels alone in  
the procession of to-day.

The French government especially has  
been out to very great expense for the  
coronation fetes. Two of the largest  
palaces of noblemen have been rented  
and fitted out in the costliest manner for  
several hundred guests. The most  
expensive for their Majesties from the  
cathedral to the palace of the Kremlin.  
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perial Majesties will attend under the  
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## NEWS OF THE PROVINCE

Coming Grand Lodge Sessions at  
Nanaimo—Epworth Leaguers  
Meet in Vancouver.

Westminster Board of Trade—Mat-  
ters Political—Interesting Infor-  
mation From the Mines.

(Special to the COLONIST.)

VANCOUVER.

VANCOUVER, May 21.—The Y.M.C.A.  
cordially welcomed the Epworth Leaguers  
to the city yesterday. Mr. Char-  
nock, who spoke for the Y.M.C.A., said  
that the league convention was a part  
of one of the grandest movements of the  
Christian world had ever seen. Mrs.  
McGregor spoke on behalf of the  
Y.M.C.A. and the Epworth League,  
while Rev. Coverdale Watson heartily  
welcomed the convention to the church.  
Dr. Mansell spoke for the Sunday  
schools and leaguers of the city, welcom-  
ing all to the meetings. Rev. Jno. Rob-  
son, B.A., of Kamloops, replied. Rev.  
Mr. Wilkinson, of Nanaimo, spoke on  
behalf of the Nanaimo leaguers. Rev.  
Mr. Davy, of Victoria, delivered an elo-  
quent address, praising the work of the  
league.

This morning after prayer service and  
scripture lessons, committees were ap-  
pointed and reports of the officers heard.  
At to-day's session of the convention  
of Epworth Leaguers and the Sunday  
schools of British Columbia, Rev. C.  
Ladner occupied the chair. Twenty-one  
leaguers, with a total membership of 784,  
and one mission band answered to the  
roll call. The secretary's report showed  
that the money raised for the year was  
\$979.15. Papers on the scriptural meth-  
ods of maturing Christian character and  
relation of social and literary depart-  
ments to the development of Christian  
character were read. The entire after-  
noon was taken up with school work.  
To-night Rev. A. C. Crews addressed a  
public meeting on the aims and methods  
of the Epworth League.

To-day the men of the Mainland  
militia were kept to be included in the  
150 chosen to take part in the Victoria  
sham battle. When Captain Worsnop  
announced that arrangements had been  
made for transporting that number  
they said they were willing to put  
up with any sort of temporary  
hardship to be counted among the for-  
tunate ones. It was also announced  
that British Columbia was entitled to  
send two of her militia men to the  
tournament competition this year, Captain  
Worsnop having the privilege of picking  
one from the Mainland, while one will  
be chosen from the Victoria companies.

The Mayor and Council have visited  
the large water dam and found  
everything in a satisfactory condition.  
Ald. Schon said to the Colonist rep-  
resentative that in his opinion there was  
enough water and power in Capilano  
to supply a city of 100,000 people for all  
time.

J. M. Browning, manager of the Car-  
iboo and Horsely hydraulic mines,  
stated to the Colonist representative to-  
day that the dam and construction  
were all in perfect shape this spring;  
that active operations on the Horsely  
and Cariboo would commence at once,  
and he would be able to supply reports  
of the season's work weekly.

Dr. Meadows, surgeon on the steamer  
Empress of India, has made his last trip  
on the Canadian-Oriental liner. Dr.  
Meadows goes to England to practice his  
profession. D. C. Orestetti, fifth engineer  
of the same vessel, leaves her on this  
trip. He is to be married on the 27th of  
this month and will go across the con-  
tinent to England.

Mr. McLaren, barrister, has moved  
to Rossland.

A man was on the street yesterday  
with a revolver in his hand. He threat-  
ened to shoot several people. When ar-  
rested he gave his name as Bowes, and  
that he was from Seattle. He is insane.

The Seattle authorities will be notified.  
Mrs. McLaren, wife of ex-Chief Mc-  
Laren of the Vancouver police court,  
died yesterday in Vancouver.

Johnston, brother of G. Gardiner  
Johnstone, of this city, was master of  
the watch who rescued the demented  
Chinaman who jumped overboard in  
mid-ocean off the steamer Empress of  
India on her last trip. Officer Johnson  
was highly commended for his prompti-  
tude and bravery. Mr. Johnson leaves  
the ship on this trip, and will proceed to  
England to join the navy.

WESTMINSTER.  
WESTMINSTER, May 21.—The Conser-  
vatives hold a meeting in Chilliwack on  
Friday, the 29th inst.

On Tuesday evening Mr. Hutcherson,  
the Conservative candidate for West-  
minster, formally opens the campaign  
in Westminster city. King Dods, of  
Toronto, will speak on behalf of Mr.  
Hutcherson. Mr. Dods will also speak  
at Mr. Cowan's meeting in Vancouver  
next week.

A body has been found near the Pitt  
river quarries, badly decomposed. It is  
thought to be the remains of the steamer  
Blonde.

The Board of Trade held their quar-  
terly meeting last night. The financial  
statement showed a balance of over \$100,  
000. It was reported that negotia-  
tions were still in progress tending to  
the establishment of a smelter on the  
Fraser. It was also reported that,  
through the efforts of the board, the De-  
claire Electric Light Co. were to begin op-  
erations in extracting gold from the  
black sands of the Fraser. The board has  
under consideration the establishment  
of a beet-root sugar, insect oil, and  
condensing factories. Mr. Robert  
Ward, of Victoria, will be requested by  
the board to act as its delegate to the  
meeting of the chambers of commerce  
in London in lieu of Mr. H. C. Beeson,  
who has been obliged to decline a simi-  
lar request owing to his contemplated

absence from London during the sitting  
of the convention. The board will re-  
quest the next member for the district  
in the House of Commons to ask the  
government for a lighthouse at the en-  
trance of the river.

Rev. James Buchanan, of Eburn, for  
a number of years Presbyterian minis-  
ter at the North Arm, was presented  
with a gold chain and seal by his parish-  
ioners on the eve of his departure for the  
East; an address accompanied the gifts.  
Mr. Buchanan was also the recipient of  
a gold pen from the members of the  
I.O.O.F., No. 4—a lodge Mr. Buchanan  
had been associated with, since his ar-  
rival in British Columbia.

Ald. Keary has donated to the pub-  
lic library museum his well known val-  
uable collection of Indian curios and  
trifles. This handsome gift has stimu-  
lated the museum committee, who are  
earnestly working to make the Royal  
City museum a credit to the province.

NANAIMO.

NANAIMO, May 21.—Nanaimo will be  
the city in which the grand lodges of  
two prominent orders will hold their  
annual sessions in June. The Grand  
lodge of the K. of P. of British Colum-  
bia will hold daily sessions on the 2nd,  
3rd and 4th of June, to be followed by  
the Grand lodge of I.O.O.F., which will  
meet in the same place from the 10th to  
the 12th. The Grand lodge of Masons  
will also hold its annual session in  
Nanaimo this year.

James Jordan appeared in the provin-  
cial police court yesterday morning and  
pleaded to the information laid against  
him, which charges him with entering  
the room of William Armstrong, in the  
Opera block, on the night of the 14th,  
with intent to commit felony. The  
prisoner was remanded until Friday  
morning.

One of the prettiest weddings in the  
marital history of Nanaimo was ap-  
propriately solemnized yesterday  
morning, the contracting parties being  
Mr. William Manson and Miss Duncan,  
heretofore an invaluable member of the  
Baptist church, where for some time  
past she has filled the position of organ-  
ist to the entire satisfaction of all con-  
cerned. The marriage took place at the  
Wallace street Methodist church, Rev.  
G. A. Gunton officiating.

KAMLOOPS.  
(From the Island Sentinel.)  
Provincial Officer Deans, of Midway,  
arrived on Saturday evening with four  
prisoners for the Kamloops jail. They  
were George Brendon, larceny and at-  
tempting to escape from the lockup,  
three months with hard labor; Harry  
Westgate, larceny and attempting to es-  
cape, six months with hard labor; Mat.  
Garrotty, from Grand Forks, vagrancy  
and assault, three months with hard  
labor; David Thompson, larceny  
and attempting to escape, three months  
with hard labor.

Word was brought from Lewis Creek  
on Saturday that Mr. J. J. Unwin had  
been taken suddenly ill. Dr. Lambert  
at once left to attend him. On Sunday  
Mr. Unwin was reported somewhat bet-  
ter. On Monday morning Mrs. Unwin,  
who had left for Lewis Creek, was in-  
formed that Mr. Unwin had died at 6  
o'clock that morning.

A Mara correspondent writes: "The  
spring is very backward and grave fears  
are entertained that we shall have high  
water this year, as very little of the  
snow on the higher benches has melted  
yet."

G. B. Ward has just completed his  
steambot, the Fawn, and will run her  
during the season as a passenger boat.

TO STUDY SEAL LIFE.  
LONDON, May 21.—The Under Sec-  
retary of State for Foreign Affairs, Mr.  
George N. Curzon, in the House of Com-  
mons to-day said that with the co-opera-  
tion of Canada and the United States  
two professors of natural history will  
shortly proceed to Behring sea in order  
to study the fur sealing industry. Mr.  
Curzon in answer to a further ques-  
tion on the subject stated that the  
regulations for sealing in British Col-  
umbia, were, in some respects, contrary  
to the recommendations of the British  
commissioners. But, he explained, they  
could only be revised with the joint  
consent of Great Britain and the United  
States. Steps, he continued, were be-  
ing taken to inquire into the workings  
and adequacy of the regulations, with  
the co-operation of Canada, owing to  
the reports on recent trips of the  
United States, in regard to the inad-  
equacy of the present regulations for  
the proper protection of the seals.

THE BISHOPS' MANDEMENT.  
HALIFAX, May 21.—At a meeting at  
Amherst yesterday Sir Charles Tupper,  
in regard to the mandement, said the  
bishops simply asked the people on a  
question that touched their conscience  
—that is their religion—to support only  
those who no later as parliament was con-  
cerned sustained the right of the Roman  
Catholic minority of Manitoba to have  
their privileges restored which everybody  
admitted had been taken away.

Sir Charles Tupper declared that the  
prospects for the Liberal-Conservative  
party were never better. At one time  
he said it was feared Manitoba and  
the West would go against the govern-  
ment, but now everything had changed.  
The government no doubt would lose  
a number of seats in Ontario, but he hoped  
to gain some in Quebec.

THE FRASER RIVER.  
LILLOOET, May 21.—The weather is  
clear, with the thermometer at 70. The  
Fraser, which had fallen considerably,  
is again rising.

SODA CREEK, May 21.—The weather is  
warmer, with the river at about a stand-  
still.

QUEENSLAND, May 21.—The weather is  
cloudy. The water was at a standstill  
yesterday, but is rising a little this  
morning.

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## OUR OTTAWA SPECIAL.

Pacific Cable Conference Deferred—  
Officers Elected by the Royal  
Society.

Locomotive Engineers Discuss In-  
surance—Duty on Carpenters'  
Tools—Fisheries of Canada.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, May 21.—The Department of  
Trade and Commerce received informa-  
tion to-day which leads to the conclusion  
that the Pacific cable conference will  
not take place quite as early as had been  
expected. The dispatch states that the  
Australian delegates are booked to attend  
a telegraph conference in Buda  
Pesth, Hungary, on June 8, and after  
that some time will be required to enable  
the delegates to get together the material  
necessary to carry on the Pacific Cable  
conference without interruption.

The Royal society concluded its busi-  
ness being elected for the ensuing year:  
Archbishop O'Brien, of Halifax, presi-  
dent; Hon. F. G. Marchand, vice-presi-  
dent; treasurer, Prof. Fletcher; and  
secretary, Dr. Bourinot. The society  
has appointed a committee to inquire as  
to the number of deaths due to the  
accidental inhalation of gas in towns  
where the water gas is used for lighting  
purposes. W. Bell Dawson, chief tidal  
surveyor, and Dr. Rutan, of McGill were  
elected new members of