N. MR. PUGSLEY GETS CHALLENGE

Quiet When Invited to Make Good Charges of Corruption

RURAL MAIL DELIVERY

Office Department Issues tice Regarding Christmas Parcels

wa, Dec. 10.—In the Commons emp, Conservative, member for o East, challenged Hon. Wm. y to make good his charges of vative corruption in the elec- "Speak up and don't sit there whipped spaniel," concluded Mr. Mr. Pugsley did not rise, and position members set up a shout sion.

Gendron, of Hull, member for division in the Quebec Assem- ll resign to contest Labelle fed- nstituency as a Liberal. It is r. Bourassa will not oppose him, ll contest the seat vacated by endron as an independent for ebec Legislature.

Commons divided tonight on mstrong's amendment to the for inauguration of a rural elivery. It was defeated by 103 government majority of 49.

postoffice department has is- notice to the effect that Christ- resents intended for the old and places abroad, except to ited States, must be sent as and at parcel post rates, not ate on one cent per ounce. They st have a label affixed showing s and value. The regulations led for by the parcel post con- to which Canada is a party. aid parcels without the cus- eclarations affixed will be sent dead-letter office.

ers will be called for in Janu- the erection of the new G. T. l in Ottawa, and the hotel and will soon be under way. The ions are in hand.

emains of the late B. B. Gunn, or South Huron, were taken to n tonight, where the interment e place.

dian trade commissioner Mac- at Bristol, in a report to the d commerce department, says ritain has reaped the finest this year known in years. The wheat averaged 33.97 bushels cre, as against 31.15 bushels in ten years.

nternational order of furriers, l, has asked the labor depart- r the appointment of a board iation to inquire into the griev- employees in fifteen fur manu- g houses in that city.

lfrid Laurier has promised ation for the request of a de- representing the Toronto f trade, who asked for the ap- nt of two business men as commissioners, and that the ly steamship service between and the West Indies, be made y one, in order that Canada able to increase her import

PRESS COMPANIES

Commission Starts Investigation Into Their Methods of Doing Business

eal, Dec. 10.—The railway ion today opened an investi- nto the workings of the ex- mpanies, the Canadian Ex- mpany, which is a subsidiary rand Trunk, being first taken r. Shepley is conducting the ation.

Bryce, vice-president and of the Canadian Express was first called, and was ex- all afternoon with regard to pany's affairs, it being under- at all relevant portions of his should apply to the other es. He explained that the adopted by the express com- as to have a standard rate of which were practically the r mile with all the companies. tes, however, were varied by er of exceptions, which were for on certain lines of valu- ds by printed rules.

event, the express company onsible for the safety of the om the time they received til delivery, unless the con- was not in a position to re- em.

on the commission will sit in to look into the Dominion adian Northern express com-

Roses in December

, B. C., Dec. 10.—A resident of lucked a bouquet of roses and rom his garden on Latimer esterday. The flowers are per- rm and aroma.

Weddings at Vancouver

ver, Dec. 10.—At Christchurch ss Ruby Springer and William were united in marriage by . Owen. Yesterday Miss Tillie came the bride of Samuel he ceremony being performed me of the bride's mother.

Hiyu Wawa

ver, Dec. 10.—Indian chiefs over the province are holding entative gathering this week ission House at the Capilano. ose of the meeting is to dis- matters that were laid before sty King Edward by the chief hiefs when they visited the try some time ago.

Mystery of a Trunk

ver, Dec. 10.—The police are seeking for the owner of a covered in the bush at Point evidently belonged to a com- traveller, as it contained num- mples of goods. From letters d in the case, dating back to ary, it would appear to be the of one W. G. Parsons, but the nt has no clue to the where- movements of such a per- ging from the correspondence, ravelling for Davis, Lawrence ny, of Montreal, who will be cated with. The trunk had been lying out in all for a considerable time, as it [illegible] in the extreme.

To the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, Victoria, B.C.; Sir:—Sixty days after date, I, the undersigned, intend to apply to purchase the lease of the foreshore, opposite lot 54, Metchosin District, commencing at the southeast end of Bentinck Island, thence westerly one-half mile, for fish- purposes.

Yours truly,
NORMAN HARDIE.
Victoria, B.C., 2nd November, 1907.

FOR SALE

Estate of Whitfield Chase, Deceased

Sealed tenders for the purchase of the estate, addressed to the Executors of the Chase Estate, care of the Hon. J. Fulton, Barrister, Kamloops, B.C., will be received until the first of January, 1908.

The Estate consists of 1338 acres (more or less) situated and described as follows:—580 acres—less the C.P.R. right of way at Shuswap, B.C.—one mile from the station. This land is in a state of cultivation, with ample water privileges, and is famed for its productiveness. There are two sawmills in course of erection on the adjacent property.

[illegible] acres pasture land, fenced, at Skilakin, back of Shuswap.

[illegible] acres pasture land, fenced, with a river frontage, on the west side of South Thompson River.

[illegible] head of cattle, about 30 range horses, five teams of work horses, harness, farm implements, machinery, etc. At present the estate is under lease, which expires on the first of April, 1908, when possession can be given.

For any further information apply to J. A. Macpherson, or Mrs. James Ross, Shuswap, or to G. B. Martin, Agricultural Department, Victoria, B.C., Executors.

The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

TAKE NOTICE that I, Robert Whiteside, of the City of Vancouver, B. C., lumberman, intend to apply for special timber licenses over the following described lands situate in Renfrew District.

1. Commencing at a post placed two miles west from the northwest corner of T.L. 10498, marked R. W., N.W. Corner; thence south 40 chains, east 160 chains, north 40 chains and west 160 chains to point of commencement, and containing 640 acres, more or less.

2. Commencing at a post placed 120 chains west from the southwest corner of T. L. 10498, marked R. W., N.E. Corner; thence west 40 chains, north 40 chains, west 80 chains, south 40 chains, more or less, to the shore, southeasterly along shore fo a point due south from the point of commencement, thence north 45 chains, more or less, to point of commencement, containing 640 acres, more or less.

3. Commencing at a post placed 106 chains west from the southwest corner of T. L. 12516, marked "R. W., S.W. Corner"; thence north 60 chains, east 106 chains, south 60 chains, and west 106 chains, to point of commencement, containing 640 acres, more or less.

4. Commencing at a post placed 106 chains west from the southwest corner of T. L. 12516, marked "R. W., S.E. Corner"; thence north 60 chains, west 106 chains, south 60 chains, and east 106 chains to point of commencement, containing 640 acres, more or less.

5. Commencing at a post placed at the N.W. corner of T. L. 12516, marked "R. W., S.W. Corner"; thence north 80 chains, east 80 chains, south 80 chains, and west 80 chains, to point of commencement, containing 640 acres, more or less.

6. Commencing at a post placed at the northeast corner of T. L. 12517, marked "R. W., S.E. Corner"; thence north 120 chains, west 53 chains, south 120 chains, and east 53 chains, to point of commencement, containing 636 acres, more or less.

7. Commencing at a post placed at the northwest corner of T. L. 12518, marked "R. W., SW. Corner"; thence north 80 chains, east 80 chains, south 80 chains, and west 80 chains, to point of commencement, containing 640 acres, more less.

8. Commencing at a post placed at the northwest corner of T. L. 12519, marked "R. W., S.W. Corner"; thence north 80 chains, east 80 chains, south 80 chains, and west 80 chains, to point of commencement, containing 640 acres, more or less.

9. Commencing at a post placed two miles north from the northwest corner of T. L. 12519, marked "R.W., N.W. Corner"; thence east 80 chains, south 80 chains, west 80 chains, and north 80 chains to point of commencement, containing 640 acres, more or less.

10. Commencing at a post placed two miles north from the northwest corner of T. L. 12519, marked "R. W., N.E. Corner"; thence west 80 chains, south 80 chains, east 80 chains, and north 80 chains, to point of commencement, containing 640 acres, more or less.

11. Commencing at a post placed two miles north from the northwest corner of T. L. 12519, marked "R. W., S.E. Corner"; thence north 80 chains, west 80 chains, south 80 chains, and east 80 chains, to point of commencement, containing 640 acres, more or less.

12. Commencing at a post placed two miles north from the northwest corner of T. L. 12519, marked "R. W., S.W. Corner"; thence north 80 chains, east 80 chains, south 80 chains and west 80 chains, to point of commencement, containing 640 acres, more or less.

13. Commencing at a post placed at the northwest corner of T. L. 12532, marked "R. W., S.W. Corner"; thence north 80 chains, east 80 chains, south 80 chains and west 80 chains, to point of commencement, containing 640 acres more or less.

14. Commencing at a post placed at the northwest corner of T. L. 12532, marked "R. W., S.E. Corner"; thence north 80 chains, west 80 chains, south 80 chains and east 80 chains, to point of commencement, containing 640 acres, more or less.

15. Commencing at a post placed one mile west from the northwest corner of T. L. 12532, marked "R. W., S.E. Corner"; thence north 80 chains, west 80 chains, south 80 chains and east 80 chains, to point of commencement, containing 640 acres, more or less.

16. Commencing at a post placed 220 chains north from the northeast corner of T. L. 12517, thence west 60 chains, south 100 chains, east 60 chains and north 100 chains to point of commencement, containing 600 acres, more or less.

17. Commencing at a post placed 220 chains north from the northeast corner of T. L. 12517, marked "R. W., S.E. Corner"; thence north 100 chains, west 60 chains, south 100 chains and east 60 chains, to point of commencement, containing 600 acres, more or less.

18. Commencing at a post placed at a point 40 chains north and 220 chains west from the northwest corner of T. L. 12528, marked "R. W., S.E. Corner"; thence north 80 chains, west 80 chains, south 80 chains, and east 80 chains, to point of commencement, containing 640 acres, more or less.

19. Commencing at a post placed at a point 40 chains north and 220 chains west from the northwest corner of T.L. 12528, marked R. W., N.E. Corner"; thence south 80 chains, west 80 chains, north 80 chains and east 80 chains, to point of commencement, containing 640 acres, more or less.

20. Commencing at a post placed at a point 40 chains north and 300 chains west from the northwest corner of T.L. 12528, marked "R. W., N.E. Corner"; thence south 80 chains, west 80 chains, north 80 chains and east 80 chains, to point of commencement, containing 640 acres, more or less.

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TRIED TO KISS HER

Taunton, Mass.—The unwritten law of Ireland is cited as a defence for a policeman accused of attempting to kiss a pretty girl. In certain parts of Ireland, it is the custom of a constable, after escorting a pretty girl to the end of his duty, to say, "Now, isn't that worth a kiss?" Nine-tenths of the Taunton women are in sympathy with the policeman.

A pretty woman is irresistible. It is easy to be beautiful—with well rounded figures, clear skins and sparkling eyes. Mrs. Jackson, of Toronto, writes: "I have finished my second box of Fruit-a-tives," "and can say they were just what I needed. I never thought my health could be improved so much in so short a time. I feel better than I have for years." As a blood purifier—and general tonic to build up the whole system—Fruit-a-tives are wonder workers. They are made of fruit juices and tonics. 50c. a box. At all dealers.

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"Companies Act, 1897."

Canada: Province of British Columbia.
No. 416.

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Given under my hand and Seal of Office at Victoria, Province of British Columbia, this Twenty-third day of November, one thousand nine hundred and seven.

S. Y. WOOTTON,
Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

The objects for which this Company has been established and licensed are: To transact the business of life insurance in all or any of its forms or branches.

VEHICLES SHIPPED TO EMPRESS HOTEL

The Finest Coach Ever Built in Quincy, Ill., for the New Hotel

An hotel coach and a tally-ho, as fine as can be secured, have been shipped to this city for the new Empress hotel from Quincy, Ill. The coach will be drawn by four horses, while the tally-ho will require six.

The following from the Quincy Herald describes the former as the handsomest hotel coach ever manufactured there:

"There goes as fine a vehicle as has ever been turned out of this factory." It was E. M. Miller who spoke and as Mr. Miller is not given to boasting and has been in the carriage business over half a century, the remark attracted the attention of the reporter who stood near.

"It was a hotel coach, all shining in piano finish with yellow running gear and solid brass mountings, and the inside upholstered in leather of the most expensive kind, with morocco finish. It was a hotel coach on ball-bearing wheels and with a capacity of twenty passengers inside and five and the driver on the fancy cresting-surmounted top. And while a team of horses trotted off with it to the depot, four will haul it to and fro when it is in commission.

"This magnificent coach, as the big gold lettering tells, is intended for the Empress hotel and the Empress hotel is a $1,000,000 structure at Victoria, B. C., erected and operated by the Canadian Pacific railroad. A similar vehicle was shipped some time ago to Los Angeles, but in some respects Mr. Miller gives this one the preference and thinks that all around it is as fine a vehicle of its kind and for the purpose for which it was built as any ever turned out of his factory.

"With it goes a handsome tally-ho to be drawn by six horses and with a capacity for thirty passengers. Mr. Miller doubts if there is in this or any other country a hotel with two finer carriages for the public than these two for the Empress hotel at Victoria. They are shipped via St. Paul in specially constructed cars and stand the hotel $4,000. The freight charges amount to $350 and the duty amounts to the almost prohibitive figure of 35 per cent. ad valorem.

CITY OFFICIAL REMOVED

Governor Hughes Finds President of Borough of Manhattan Derelict in Duty

Albany, Dec. 9.—Governor Hughes tonight ordered the removal from office of Jorn F. Ahearn, president of the borough of Manhattan, New York City, on the charges preferred against him by the city club of New York, holding that the neglect and misconduct alleged to prevail in the borough president's office were for the most part made possible because of want of that administrative care which it was the plain duty of the borough president to exercise.

The condition of disrepair and neglect which President Ahearn permitted to remain in the streets of Manhattan borough, especially those paved with asphalt, is the principal ground upon which Governor Hughes bases his action, but he alludes also to "grave abuses in the administration of bureau of public buildings and offices," one of the departments of Ahearn's jurisdiction.

The Governor takes pains to call attention to the fact that personal corruption was not alleged or proved against the borough president.

Killed on the Track

St. John., N. B. Dec. 9.—Joseph Miles an aged man, was killed on the tracks near Fredericton Junction today. Miles at one time was fairly wealthy, but lost his money in speculation.

Plans for the new postoffice at Simcoe have been drawn.

LIMITED FACILITIES BLOCKS DELIVERIES

E. & N. Cannot Handle Freight Consigned to City—Board of Trade Acts

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

The necessity for some action as a result of which the Esquimalt and Nanaimo railway may secure adequate facilities for the transportation of freight into the city so as to give a proper service to local shippers is indicated by a telegram which Ald. Vincent yesterday received from the C. P.R. officials at Vancouver to the effect that there were then seventeen cars of freight on the ferry en route to Ladysmith and about forty cars held at Vancouver and intended for Victoria.

In view of the impossibility of handling all this freight J. Goodfellow, superintendent of the E. & N. road, was forced to wire to Vancouver not to forward the freight as it would be utterly impossible to distribute it with the present limited terminal facilities.

Board of Trade's View.

The above facts indicate to what an extent local shippers are handicapped, and the following letter read at last night's meeting of the city council emphasizes this:

Gentlemen,—At a meeting of the council of this board of trade today, the serious inconvenience suffered by shippers in consequence of the inability of the E. & N. railway to properly handle freights was discussed and incidently reference was made to the railway company's application to the railway commission of Canada for the privilege of using Store street in connecting with the proposed new freight sheds. It was also reported that the city will be represented by counsel when the application is heard.

It being understood that there is no objections to granting the use of Store street to the railway company, I was instructed to ask you for particulars of the city council's instructions herein, and thanking you in anticipation.

F. ELWORTHY,
Secretary.

Ottawa Solicitors Write.

In connection with the application of the D. & N. road to the railway commission for permission to lay tracks upon Store street, a step which the city is opposing unless the company will consent to signing the draft agreement with clause 15 retained therein, the following letter from the Ottawa solicitors retained by the city to watch its interests, was also read at the council meeting:

Dear Sirs,—Re E. & N. Railway Company and City of Victoria. We beg to acknowledge receipt of your letters of November 20 and 22 herein. On receipt of your first letter we had an interview with the secretary of the railway commission, who said that there was no danger of the matter being dealt with without the city's being heard; that while the Railway Act did not compel the railway to notify the municipality it was the practice of the board to require the railway company to show that the municipality had been consulted and had consented, or was represented before them.

We have seen the secretary again and he informs us that he cannot find this application on file, but it will probably be filled with the board as soon as the advertising has been completed.

We have filed formal notice that we are representing the city, and wish to be advised of any steps taken in the matter. The first step will probably be an application to fix a date for the hearing of the application.

We note your instructions to ask that the hearing be had at Victoria if possible, or that an opportunity be offered to put in evidence on behalf of the city's case.

In reference to the letter from the local board of trade the city solicitors were instructed to send such information as they considered could be made public without prejudice to the city's legal status in the matter.

Killed By a Shot.

Campbellton, N. B., Dec. 9.—James K. Pollock was arrested last night on the charge of causing the death of George Gauthier. The story has it that Pollock fired at a duck and that the bullet glanced off a piece of ice and penetrated Gauthier's side.

WILL REQUIRE TIME

What a Leading Financial Man Says of the Outlook in the United States

Reviewing the financial situation in the United States, Henry Clews says:

"It is not pretended that the market will promptly or wholly recover from the terrific shock which it received in October last. For some time to come irregular markets must be expected with more or less depression and inertia. It must also be remembered that there is comparatively little money available for investment. The country's liquid capital has been practically exhausted, so that time will be required for the accumulation of a fresh supply; and in view of the reactionary tendencies which have developed in business, it is quite probable that a longer period than usual will be required for saving purposes. Another factor which must not be overlooked is that in spite of the large volume of business profits are showing a material shrinkage, owing to the immensely augmented cost of doing business. This is strikingly illustrated in the current returns of railroad earnings. In September the roads reporting showed a gain of over $13,000,000 in gross earnings, while net earnings showed a loss of $3,600,000. During the nine months ending September there was an increase of $156,500,000 in gross earnings accompanied by an increase of only $15,000,000 in net earnings. This is an almost startling diminution of railroad profits, esjecially when it is considered that gross earnings are making less and less satisfactory returns, while the increases of expenses are still abnormal. No doubt the railroads will soon be compelled to make every possible economy in operations. Many improvements and extensions have already been postponed, and it is a serious question in the minds of conservative managers whether it will be either possible or good policy to maintain the high rates of dividends which have recently been paid, especially in view of the very low prices at which many excellent stocks are selling.

Thieves Shot Down.

Winlock, Wn., Dec. 9.—Two men, who had attempted to rob the post office here early today, were chased by a posse, surrounded in the woods, and shot to death. Their names are not known. Before being surrounded one of the men shot and seriously wounded T. McFadden, a constable.

MINE DISASTER VICTIMS

Only 53 Bodies of Those Entombed at Monongah Recovered Up to Yesterday

Monongah, W.V., Dec. 9.—Sixty hours after the terrible explosion of black damp, which wrecked mines No. 6 and 8, of the Fairmount Coal company at this place last Friday, 53 bodies had been brought to the surface, while less than one-fourth of the total number have been actually located. The others, undoubtedly between 300 and 400 in number, lie in unknown sections of the east workings that extend two miles and more back from the main entrance to the mines.

These unlocated bodies are seriously menaced by two destroying elements, by decaying in the overheated humid and vapor poisoned atmosphere at the mines, and by fires that are smouldering here and there in the workings and from time to time bursting into flames.

Steadily the chance is ebbing that these bodies will be brought to the surface, or identified by friends and relatives and given Christian burial.

A large force of skilled miners, volunteers for the hazardous task of rescue, are on the scene ready to re-enter the mine and take up the work where they were forced to leave yesterday when fire broke out in mine No. 7. These men await only the word from Clarence Hall, the expert of the federal government, and J. W. Paul, West Virginia, chief mine inspector.

These two men are now in charge, superseding the officers of the mining company and others, who directed the first rescue work.

German Imperial Bank.

Berlin, Dec. 9.—Dr. Koch, says the Nordeutscher Allgemeine Zeitung, has resigned the presidency of the Imperial bank. He will be succeeded by President Navenstein, of the Sechandlung, or Prussian State bank.

Caused by Worry

New York, Dec. 9.—Insanity and worry over domestic and business affairs today prompted Charles Carow, a cooper employed in a Brooklyn hoop manufacturing establishment, to shoot his wife and himself. Mrs. Carow was taken to a hospital dying. Carow was instantly killed. They were both middle aged persons and owned their own home in Eighty-eighth street, Brooklyn, and had six children. For some time Carow had shown signs of mental derangement, becoming insanely jealous of his wife's attention to her children, and expressing fear that he would have to sell his home.

PEOPLE OF OAK BAY WILL VOTE SATURDAY

Three Money Bylaws Will Be Submitted to Them for Approval

On Saturday the electors of the municipality of Oak Bay will be called upon to vote on the first three money bylaws submitted to them since the incorporation of the municipality. The bylaws are for the issue of debentures for the purchase of the foreshore of Oak Bay for park purposes for the sum of $6,000; the purchase of municipal property on Oak Bay avenue for the sum of $3,000; and the erection of municipal buildings on the Oak Bay avenue site at a cost of $2,000. The bylaw for $6,000 passed the council providing for the raising of $6,100, but as the ratepayers had only petitioned for a sum of $6,000, it was amended at a special meeting of the council.

The voting will take place at the Foul Bay schoolhouse from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. R. H. Johnston has been appointed deputy returning officer. There are about 250 residents of the municipality qualified to vote on the bylaws. At last night's meeting of the council the clerk was instructed to use every effort to get the ratepayers to the polls, though it requires only a majority of the votes polled and not of the property value of the municipality to carry the bylaws.

The municipal elections do not take place till Jan. 20, but already there is talk of the various candidates who will offer their services as councillors. Most of the present council will likely be in the field with the exception of Councillor F. M. Battenbury, who has not attended a meeting of the council since August. A petition is being circulated asking W. E. Oliver, the present reeve, to stand for re-election. It is being heavily signed and there is every indication that Mr. Oliver will consent to enter the field. If he does he will likely be returned by acclamation as there is no talk whatever of bringing out an opposition candidate.

GROW FRUIT ONLY FOR BRITISH MARKET

Fruit Growers Find Market a Profitable One—Due to Provincial Fruit Exhibits

A continually growing number of fruit men in British Columbia are confining their attention to producing fruit for the British market. They are growing the classes of fruit most in favor in the British isles, and a number of them do not offer any of their products for sale in this country at all.

According to James Johnson, president of the B. C. Fruit Growers' association, this class is growing greater

The development of this trade is entirely due, in the estimation of the great bulk of the fruit growers, to the action of the government in sending of late years exhibits of fruit to the various horticultural shows in England. The money thus expended has already been returned manyfold into the pockets of the British Columbia fruit growers, and the export business is yet in its infancy.

The All-Red Route

Ottawa, Dec. 9.—In the Commons today, in answer to a question by Mr. Foster, the Premier said nothing was being done in regard to the all-red line project as far as the government was concerned, and no one had been authorized by the government to treat with the British government on the subject.

TRIENNIAL CONVENTION WAS GREAT SUCCESS

Secretary Brace Speaks of the Great Y.M.C.A. Meeting at Washington

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

A. J. Brace, General secretary of the Victoria Young Men's Christian association, returned yesterday afternoon on the steamer Chippewa, from a three weeks' trip to the east in connection with the Triennial International convention of the Young Men's Christian associations of the world, which was held at Washington, D. C., from November 22 to 26. He reports a very successful convention. There were present 2,030 delegates representing thirteen different nationalities. Interesting reports were presented from all parts of the world showing the remarkable progress of the association during the last three years. There are now over 8,300 associations in the world, the North American continent leading by far in Young Men's work, and in the matter of up-to-date large buildings and equipment. The strongest leaders of the world's association movement were present at Washington to speak on various questions concerning the welfare of the movement.

The chief subject of debate was what is known in Y. M. C. A. circles as the "active membership test," which provided that a man to become an active member of the Y. M. C. A. must be a member in good standing of some evangelistic church. It is understood that men may be association members whether they have any church connections or not, the difference being that active members only are allowed to vote and hold office in the association. There was a strong feeling to make the regulations more elastic and reduce the strength of the relation to the church. The matter was keenly discussed and ably debated and after a very lengthy session, occupying all one forenoon and until 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon without adjournment, it was finally agreed by a very substantial majority to allow the test to stand as it is for the next three years. A very strong and representative committee was appointed to work out a suitable definition of the term "evangelical."

The whole matter will be thoroughly threshed out at the next triennial conference, which will be held in the west. Los Angeles is making a strong bid for the conference, and it will likely be held in that city.

In spite of the decision of the debate the feeling was quite general even among the extreme orthodox members of the association that a re-statement of the test would suit the world policy of the association of today much better than forty years ago, and at the same time not at all compromise the relation of the association to the evangelical church. It was thoroughly agreed to sustain the strongest relation possible to the Christian church. This is the great object of the association, not to make an extra church, but to supplement the work of the church in general.

The following speakers delivered masterly addresses which will long be remembered by those present: John R. Mott, Robert E. Spear, Bishop Mr-Dowall; Dr. Cuthbert Hall, Judge Spencer, William Jennings Bryan, Secretary Cortelyou of the United States Treasury, J. A. Macdonald, editor of the Toronto Globe, and many other fluent speakers.

One of the striking events of the conference was the mass meeting for men held on the Sunday afternoon, when in spite of a pouring rain 6,000 men gathered to hear Fred B. Smith, the world renowned men's evangelist of the Y. M. C. A. There were 203 professed conversions as a result of the meeting.

The missionary element was strong at the conference, a great impetus being given this movement by the statesmanlike address of Robert E. Spear, who keeps in vital touch with the missionary movement. Approximately $10,000 was raised in subscriptions at the convention to assist in carrying this year's budget of the Y. M. C. A. foreign missionary work in connection with the Japanese university among Chinese students.

Mr. Brace on Friday evening will give a full account of the convention to a mass meeting and social gathering in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium. Mr. McCurdy, president of the local association, who also attended the convention, will return in about three weeks time and will have matters of special importance to discuss with the board of directors in connection with the new building in Victoria, the agitation for which will undoubtedly receive a strong impetus through two of its members being present at the convention. Secretary Brace visited thirteen associations during his trip, and made special notes regarding new building features, and comes back with much information and inspiration for the local work.

CHINESE MERCENARIES IN FORMOSA REVOLT

Butcher Number of Japanese, But Are Overpowered by Punitive Expedition

News was brought from Formosa by the Empress of Japan of a revolt of the Chinese mercenaries used by the Japanese in fighting the insurgents in Formosa. The revolutionists captured the local gendarmerie at Hokuho and butchered the gendarmes and their families, burned the post-office and massacred 63 Japanese there, only three escaping, who, after many hardships, brought the news to Taipeh, from where a well-armed punitive expedition was immediately despatched.

The revolt was organized by a Chinese severely punished for some infraction of military regulations. He persuaded his comrades that a large force of the insurgents would reach a nearby point at a given time, and called upon the Chinese troops to mutiny, slaughter all the Japanese at the camp, and join the insurrection. The mutineers afterward fought over a distribution of the booty, and killed the leader who induced the revolt.

Late Arrival From Sea

Montreal, Dec. 9.—The steamer Dunedin, with a cargo of pig iron from Middlesboro, is expected to arrive in port tomorrow. She is a new steamer, built in England for trade on the Great Lakes. If the weather holds mild she will proceed up the canals and lay up at Kingston after discharging cargo. She is one of the latest arrivals from sea in recent years.

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IMMENSE STRIDES IN FRUIT GROWING

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(From Tuesday's Daily.)

The immense progress made by the fruit growing industry in this province in the last few years is illustrated by figures furnished the recent convention of fruit growers in Vancouver by Hon. R. G. Tatlow, minister of agriculture.

In 1901 there were 7,430 acres in fruit with about 650,000 fruit trees. In 1906 there were 49,000 acres in fruit with a grand total of 2,700,000 fruit trees.

It has been estimated that in southern British Columbia there is over 1,000,000 acres of land fit for fruit growing while in the north it is estimated there is from 3,000,000 to 4,000,000 more acres of territory which some day will be available. Apples, plums, pears and cherries have been grown with great success on the Skeena river and it is believed that this will prove true of most of the valleys of the northern portion of the province.

In 1906 the fruit land of the province jumped from 29,000 acres with 1,700,000 trees to 49,000 acres with 2,700,000 trees. In the million trees increase there is included fruit bushes, some 41,000 ornamental tress, 41,000 rose bushes, 22,000 plants and 17,000 shrubs, but the figures do not include the trees sent out from nurseries within the province which it is thought would equal the total of the latter figures.

In the last four years, the increase in exports, according to the returns from the express and railway companies, was 2,400 tons, the total amounting to 11,882 tons.

The prices of fruit have been well maintained during the past year, amounting to about the same as in 1906.

A gratifying feature of the development in the past few years is the growth of the exports to England.

Monetary Convention

Washington, Dec. 9.—A monetary convention to be held in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, is to be one of the results of the Central American peace conference now in session in Washington. It will be held in January, 1909, and the effort will be made to arrive at some method of fixing a rate of exchange relative to gold, this being considered absolutely necessary to a correct and satisfactory conduct of business operations in Central America. Costa Rica now has a fixed rate, but conditions in the other countries are said not to be satisfactory. Consideration of this matter occupied the attention of the delegation to the conference today.

Railway Men Alarmed

Brandon, Man., Dec. 9.—Western railway employees are becoming alarmed over prosecutions that are taking place against them and for blame attached for accidents that have taken place during the last few months. On Sunday a union meeting was held, at which delegates from five districts on the C. P. R. west of Brandon, from the following unions took part: Order of Railway Telegraphers, Brother of Railway Trainmen, Order of Railway Conductors, Order of Railway Engineers and Order of Railway Firemen. The troubles of the railway men were discussed at the session, when it was decided to petition the Dominon government to amend the railway act to such an extent that in the case of an accident, those in charge of trains could not be prosecuted the same as ordinary.

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Date	Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
1	0 06	6.0	4 51	5.4	11 30	8.6	19 09	4.3
2	1 32	6.4	5 37	6.0	11 51	8.9	19 30	3.4
3	2 39	6.9	6 22	6.5	12 15	9.2	19 58	2.4
4	3 39	7.4	7 06	7.0	12 43	9.6	20 34	1.5
5	4 37	7.8	7 51	7.4	13 14	9.9	21 16	0.9
6	5 38	8.2	8 38	7.9	13 47	10.0	22 02	0.5
7	6 42	8.5	9 31	8.2	14 21	9.9	22 50	0.4
8	7 58	8.7	10 41	8.4	14 56	9.8	23 40	0.7
9	8 48	8.8	12 06	8.4	15 32	8.9	.....	.....
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11	1 22	2.0	9 32	9.0	15 30	7.8	17 03	7.3
12	2 11	3.0	10 08	9.0	17 00	6.3	20 33	6.4
13	3 00	4.1	10 26	9.0	17 57	5.3	22 58	6.1
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15	1 49	6.5	4 40	6.1	11 09	9.1	19 08	3.5
16	2 28	7.1	5 28	6.9	11 32	9.2	19 40	2.7
17	4 38	7.6	6 14	7.5	11 56	9.4	20 10	2.1
18	5 39	8.1	6 58	8.1	12 18	0.5	20 40	1.7
19	6 33	8.4	7 40	8.4	12 39	9.5	21 12	1.5
20	7 21	8.6	8 24	8.5	12 58	9.5	21 48	1.5
21	8 06	8.7	9 18	8.7	13 16	9.4	22 26	1.6
22	8 42	8.8	10 30	8.7	13 32	9.0	23 05	1.9
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The height is measured from the level of the lower low water at spring tides. This level corresponds with the datum to which the soundings on the