ROYAL CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSES BREAD

Weight and Material Are Debated by the Aldermen and Bakers

New Westminster, Oct. 10.—What is "fancy" bread? After a lengthy interval, the city council at last meeting went in to committee as a whole on the second reading of the bread by-law, 111, as drafter by Ald. Dodd, and for more than an hour wrestled with many points which even yet to some of the civic fathers are moot questions.

By invitation a number of the leading bakers of the city were present and took part in the many discussions and endeavored to assist the rulers of the Royal City as to really what was bread and what was a composition of borax, sulphate of copper, chalk carbonate of magnesia, water and other deleterious matters.

After the initial clauses had been passed as read, "fancy" bread had an innings and Ald. Henley showed his versatility by springing a surprise on his fellow-members when he gallantly told of how he had served his apprenticeship as a concoctor of dough. He explained just what "fancy" bread was, but Ald. Campbell, Lynch and Gray desired more light on the subject. This was forthcoming from Master Bakers Grant, Marks and Lavery, who in detail, explained that this kind of bread was that made into rolls for early morning delivery and was cooked by a speedier process than ordinary everyday bread.

In the opinion of Mr. Marks, Vienna and steamed breads did not come into the category of "fancy" bread. It would be inflicting a hardship upon the trade, the speaker continued, if the mover of the by-law insisted upon including any and every loaf but that which was ornamental under the name of "fancy."

Matters were at a deadlock, temporarily, by Ald. Dodd refusing to give way on the point, when Ald. Campbell forced the matter a stage further by hinting that unless Ald. Dodd saw fit to clear the path for further progress, he would ask the committee to rise and report, which was another way of shelving the matter for the present. Ald. Dodd gave way. Owing to the fact, as pointed out by members of the delegation, that the specially made pans hold sixteen ounces, Ald. Dodd conceded a further point, his original intention being to ask the council to pass the weight at twenty ounces.

A clause which was eventually ordered stricken out had reference to each baker of bread being compelled to deposit with the chief of police a statement in writing signed by him setting forth the address and location of the place wherein the bread was baked. For a time Dodd stuck to his ground until he was reminded by Mr. Lavery that bakers paid the city a license. The mover of the by-law maintained that any man could come into the city and make bread in an unsanitary cellar.

Ald. Bryson was with the previous speaker on this point, being convinced that citizens had in the past partaken of meat in sausages which were made in the most unhealthy places.

After a trying period of discussions and counter motions, a vote was called for, all voting "aye" with the exception of Dodd.

Slight alterations were made in other unimportant portions of the by-law and the committee rose and reported progress and the second reading. The delegates were asked to study well the by-law and to write formally to the council pointing out what they thought would be improvements.

GATHERING OF THE CLANS.

An enthusiastic and largely attended meeting of the sons of the heather was held in the city hall for the purpose of organizing a Scottish society in Revelstoke. After some discussion the meeting decided to form itself into a society to be called the Revelstoke Caledonian Society, membership in the same to be open to sons and daughters of Scotland and those of Scottish descent. Officers were elected as follows: President, W. M. Lawrence; vice-president, W. M. Gordon; secretary-treasurer, W. S. Cameron; executive committee, Messrs. Inres, Ross, Kerr and Bell; trustees, J. M. Kellie, C. R. Macdonald, J. B. McKenzie; auditors, Messrs. Ogg, Miller and Carmichael.

Meetings will be held twice a month from now until April next. The society will be strictly social in its nature, and should fill a vacancy which has long been felt by Scottish residents of the city. Jock Tamson's bairns are now looking forward to some enjoyable social gatherings during the winter months.

Over thirty members were enrolled, and the prospects of the society are exceedingly bright. Mr. Jamieson, who contributes to the "Scottish-American," and happened to be in the city, made a few remarks congratulatory to the members on the success of the society in the formation of the society.

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PROSPEROUS NELSON.

Nelson, Oct. 10.—Aggregating $20,620 the building permits for last month showed an increase over those of the same month last year which is probably a record in the history of Nelson, the percentage of increase being 750. The total for September, 1910, was $2,425. For the year to date the total expenditures represented by the permits issued is $143,080, an increase of about $50,000 over the figures for the same period last year, which were $89,730.

The largest building enterprise undertaken during the month was the repairing of the brewery which suffered severely through the fire at the end of August. Another important new work was the construction of a warehouse by the A. G. Lambert Lumber Co.

The inland revenue returns for September totalled $3,076.59, made up as follows: Cigars, $81.30; raw leaf tobacco, $151.20; malt, $60; spirits, $2,784.09. The total for the same month last year was $3,055.26 and last month's figures really show a considerable increase in business as owing to the fire at the beginning of September the duty paid by the brewery on malt was only $60 as compared with $585 for August.

WOMEN'S COUNCIL DEPLORES CRUELTY

Will Probe and Try to Abolish Practice of Circulating Objectionable Printed Matter

The local Council of Women held a regular meeting Monday afternoon in the women's parlor of the new Y. M. C. A. building. All officers and delegates of affiliated societies were present. Miss Crease presided, and after the reading of the minutes Mrs. Gavin Burns read the following two letters:

"Abbotswick, Southampton, Sept. 11.

"My Dear Miss Crease,—When I wrote to you the other day perhaps I ought to have formally resigned the office of one of the vice-presidents of the local Council of Women, to which post you were all good enough to elect me since we have been in England.

"My interest in the work of L. C. W. grew year by year as I began to grasp more fully the immense power for good wielded by such a splendid body of women workers, and it is with sincere regret that I can no longer remain one of the members.

"With affectionate remembrances to all with whom I was associated in the work, believe me always yours, very sincerely,

"ISOLINE H. PERRIN."

"Abbotswick, Southampton, June 6, 1911

"My Dear Mrs. Burns,—When you have an opportunity I hope that you will express to the local Council of Women our deep appreciation of the kind message from the annual meeting. I need not assure you how keen an interest we feel in the work of the council.

"So far I have not had the pleasure of meeting Lady Aberdeen, but I hope to do so before long. Wishing every success to the council and its new officers, yours sincerely,

"W. W. COLUMBIA."

Deep regret at losing those who had shown themselves worthy friends of council work was expressed by all present.

The local body will receive a petition endorsed by the National Council, asking homestead rights for women.

Mrs. Hay brought up the matter of sanitary inspection of lumber camps. It was resolved to send a communication on the matter to the provincial health department.

Mrs. Burns asked that the council women should do all that they could to prevent the unnecessary cruelty to horses. Miss Crease pointed out the necessity of woman's using discretion in regard to such cases, but for humanity's sake a report of all cases pertaining to the unnecessary suffering of dumb brutes should be given at once to the S. P. C. A.

Mrs. Gordon's appeal was to be assisted in discovering facts concerning the circulation of objectionable printed matter. Miss Crease spoke earnestly on the gravity of the matter and asked for the co-operation of all.

On motion of Mrs. Willliscroft, seconded by Mrs. Gordon, the secretary was asked to write invitations to several new women's organizations asking that they affiliate with the council to increase its influences and bring themselves into sympathy with other women workers of Victoria.

STATION AGENT TRANSFERRED.

Golden, Oct. 10.—C. E. Wells, C.P.R. station agent, and an old-timeer in Golden, will leave here in a few days to take charge of another station, probably Summerland. Mr. Wells has been in Golden over 25 years and his departure is generally regretted. Mrs. and Miss Wells have also a large circle of friends in Golden who will learn with regret of their pending departure. Mr. Wells is succeeded here temporarily by W. B. Twitchell, formerly of the ticket department at Revelstoke. Mr. Twitchell has arrived and will remain for probably two months. It is expected that Mr. Wells' successor will then be chosen.

LINES REORGANIZED.

Portland, Ore., Oct. 11.—Plans for the reorganization of the Harriman lines in the Northwest were announced by J. D. Farrell, newly elected president of the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation Company, while in Portland yesterday.

They include the complete segregation of the Southern Pacific and the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation properties, the appointment of a separate set of officials for the Southern Pacific lines in Oregon and the extension of J. P. O'Brien's jurisdiction as general manager over the Seattle as well as the Portland district of the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation Company.

Mr. O'Brien will be relieved of authority over the Southern Pacific lines in Oregon and a general manager will be appointed to that place. R. B. Miller will be relieved of authority as traffic manager over the Southern Pacific lines in Oregon, but President Farrell did not indicate who his successor will be.

WESTMINSTER MASONS LAY A CORNER STONE

Temple to Be Built on Agnes Street Will Be Worthy of City

New Westminster, Oct. 10.—In a downpour of rain Friday afternoon the corner stone of the new Masonic temple on Agnes street was "well and truly" laid by Most Worship Master F. J. Burde, of Vancouver, assisted in the ceremony by Most Worshipful Bro. H. H. Watson, M. P. P., of Vancouver, grand treasurer; Right Worshipful Bro. S. Cawley, M. P. P., of Chilliwack, grand deacon; Right Worshipful Bro. J. J. Miller, acting deputy grand master; Right Worshipful Bro. J. B. Rudd, G. S. W.; Right Worshipful Bro. J. Stark, acting grand J. W.; Most Worshipful Bro. T. J. Armstrong, chairman of the building committee; Worshipful Bro. William Astley, director of ceremonies, and a number of other prominent craftsmen of this province.

The members of Union, King Solomon and Lewis lodges of the city marched to the scene of the new temple now under construction, to witness the beautiful and impressive ceremony. With the singing of the familiar ode "Hail Masonry Divine," by the members of the order, and with prayer by Bro. Bishop de Pencier, the solemn proceedings were opened. Most Worshipful Past Grand Master T. J. Armstrong then called upon the grand secretary to read the list of articles to be deposited in the corner stone and upon the grand treasurer to put them in place. Among other things safely buried in the stone were copies of the Daily News, the by-laws and constitution of the Masonic order and the coins of the realm. The fine corner stone was then lowered into place, the grand master using as mason's tools a silver trowel and a gold banded ivory gavel, gifts of the contractors, to be used for the occasion.

With a few words in eulogy of the Masonic craft in general, Grand Master Burde then formally dedicated the temple for the purpose of fostering friendships, morality and brotherly love among the fraternity in the city.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE.

California Voting To-day on Constitutional Amendments.

San Francisco, Cal., Oct. 10.—California to-day is voting on twenty-three proposed amendments to the state constitution, three of them providing for a radical change in the method of state government. These three, if successful, will give women the right of suffrage, will provide for the recall of all state, county or court officials, including the juriciary, and will introduce the initiative and referendum.

The recall and the initiative and referendum amendments have been urged strongly by Gov. Johnson and by many of the influential newspapers of the state.

Los Angeles, Cal., Oct. 10.—More than 100 women of Los Angeles, who have been prominent in the campaign for equal suffrage received their first taste of real politics to-day. The suffrage amendment and that covering the initiative and referendum and recall appeared to be uppermost in the minds of the voters, not only in Los Angeles, but elsewhere. Early indications were that an unusually heavy vote would be cast.

The suffragists became so militant in their electioneering methods in the fashionable West End and University district that Captain J. J. Bradish, commanding the University Police station, sent out patrolmen with instructions to arrest the women poll workers.

TAFT AT TACOMA.

Tacoma, Oct. 11.—President Taft varied the monotony of his long train trip yesterday by sailing across Puget Sound, from Seattle to the Bremerton navy yard and from Bremerton to Tacoma.

Last night the president spoke in the armory here, and this morning left for southwestern Washington and Oregon.

The president's party were taken from Seattle to Bremerton in a fast Sound steamer loaded with bunting and bearing proudly the president's flag. Rear-Admiral Cottman, commander of the yard, and his aide were on the wharf at Seattle and made the trip over. There was little breeze and no sea, and the sail was uneventful.

At Bremerton the president visited the old battleship Oregon, lying snug between the St. Louis and the Pennsylvania that towered high above her.

HOTEL GUESTS ESCAPE.

Portland, Ore., Oct. 10.—The twenty or more occupants of the Hotel Sacry, a fourth-class boarding house in this city, narrowly escaped incineration in that hostelry last night. W. H. Uhm and H. J. Lee and wife, of the place, are in jail charged with arson. Awakened by the crackling of flames, one of the guests aroused the occupants, who were confronted by blazing rooms. After a strenuous battle the fire department ,assisted by the lodgers, extinguished the fire. Investigation showed that a desperate effort had been made to burn down the building. Kerosene-soaked papers and clothing were found everywhere and the gas had been full turned on in a number of rooms.

PACIFIC NAVAL RESERVE.

Washington, Oct. 11.—Carrying out its policy to create a large naval reserve on the Pacific coast, the navy department yesterday placed the armored cruiser St. Louis in commission as a reserve ship at the Puget Sound navy yard. The St. Louis will have a crew of about one-fourth of a full complement, which may easily be expanded in case of emergency. The men will keep the ship in order and ready to sail at a moment's notice. Ultimately there will be from four to six cruisers in reserve at the Bremerton navy yard.

HER SKIN SEEMED ON FIRE

Every Other Treatment Failed But "Fruit-a-tives" Cures

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"My wife was greatly distressed for three years with chronic Eczema on the hands, and the disease was so severe that it almost prevented her from using her hands. The doctor gave her several ointments to use, but none of them did any good. He also advised her to wear rubber gloves and she wore out three pairs without getting any benefit. As a last resort, I persuaded her to try "Fruit-a-tives," and the effect was marvelous. Not only did "Fruit-a-tives" entirely cure the Eczema, but the Asthma, which she suffered from, was also quickly cured.

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TELEGRAPH MANAGER ON INSPECTION TRIP

Advantage of Train Despatching by Telephone Over Old Method of Telegraphing

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

The visit of James Kent, manager of C. P. R. Telegraphs, of Montreal, and B. S. Jenkins, superintendent at Winnipeg, on their customary tour of inspection, was a brief one to Victoria on this occasion, as they did not arrive till evening yesterday, and returned to Vancouver on the night boat.

In an interview Mr. Kent said: "The C. P. R. has over 4,000 miles of wire over which freight and passenger trains are dispatched by telephone. This method, with a few unimportant gaps, is now in vogue from the Atlantic coast to Kamloops whence, within a few months it will be extended through to the coast.

"Experience has shown that the use of the telephone in the handling of trains is an improvement over the despatchers' telegraph wire. This new system reduces the liability to accidents and enables the conductor to keep in touch with the despatcher from any point. The train hands, apart from their ability to telephone from every station, are provided with portable telephones and if stalled between stations from any cause, are able to tap a wire and communicate with the despatcher's office," added Mr. Kent.

"During the past year our company has strung 12,000 additional miles of telegraph wires, 80 per cent. of which were of copper, and owing to the demand for increased facilities due to the great development in progress throughout Canada, at least much additional mileage will be added to the service during the coming year. A through wire between Vancouver and Montreal is in constant operation between Vancouver and Montreal and no less than four others are also required for purely commercial business between the coast and Winnipeg. This is exclusive of the wires used for railway purposes. Another through wire is also virtually monopolized in the transmission of cable business between Great Britain and Australia. Our company is erecting a sixteen-storey office building in Toronto. The top storey will be occupied by our telegraph department."

Mr. Kent is a veteran in the service, having risen from the ranks, owing to his administrative capacity. As a sender and receiver he had no superior in his young days. For many years he spent the parliamentary sessions in Ottawa in handling the press dispatches. On one memorable budget night his staff transmitted over one million words, constituting a new record in the annals of Canadian journalism. Mr. Kent succeeded Mr. C. R. Hosmer in the management of the telegraph department. He has a charming personality and is one of the most popular officials in the service of the company.

STRIKERS MAY ARBITRATE.

Des Moines, Iowa, Oct. 11.—The acceptance of G. S. Gilbertson, former state treasurer, of the appointment as third man on the arbitration board in the controversy between the Des Moines city railway and its employees was the only thing expected at a late hour last night to avert a strike tomorrow. The strike order calls for a general walkout at 10.30 a. m. A final effort to affect a reconciliation between the parties to the controversy failed late to-day, when General Manager Harrigan of the company told the union executive that he would not reinstate the three men recently discharged for alleged violation of the company's rules.

STRIKERS PAID OFF.

Chicago, Ill., Oct. 11.—The four thousand striking shopmen formerly employed at the Burnside shops of the Illinois Central railway were paid their wages for September to-day. The payroll aggregated $200,000 and a large force of clerks was busy disbursing the checks. The strikers were paid from four booths which previously had been built in the fence surrounding the plant.

CIVIC JUGGLERY OR HIGH FINANCE

Protest From Hon. J. S. Helmcken—Terms Harsh to Property Owners

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

Hon. J. S. Helmcken sent a long letter to the city council last evening dealing with the expropriation proceedings in connection with his property, for the extension of Douglas street from Humboldt to Elliot streets, a matter he brought before the Provincial Tax Commission in this city recently. The letter was passed on to the city solicitor without discussion, and is self-explanatory. It is as follows:

"Gentlemen—Your petitioner, the undersigned (J. S. Helmcken) respectfully deposes that your honorable body of your own will, have determined and decreed by advertisement and otherwise to widen Douglas street from Humboldt to Superior street to one hundred (100) feet in width, and to do so intend to expropriate a large portion of my lots, viz. numbered 1245 and 1246, by taking therefrom a strip of land 60 feet fronting on Belleville street; running thence by a diagonal line to 20 feet on Elliott street, thus including the whole of their frontage on Douglas street and thus taking away the more valuable portion of this, my property. To widen the road so greatly is unnecessary; the cost of its construction and maintenance too great and unbearable.

"Your petitioner has been officially informed that the annexed statement or table is simply an official estimate of the estimated cost of acquiring the expropriated land and the compensation therefor, and has nothing to do with the construction of the road; that in fact the cost of constructing the road will have to be paid for additionally in accordance with the Local Improvement By-law.

"It is maintained that the Municipal Clauses Act makes a difference between the expropriation of land and construction of works.

"With regard to the compensation to be given by your honorable body for the portion of the lots, there is no mention presumably because your petitioner has first to state his price, but according to the annexed official table or calculation of your honorable body, it appears that your petitioner has to pay for the expropriation of his own land two hundred and eighty-seven dollars, and twenty-five cents ($287.25) annually for fifty years, and if not paid, the amount will be levied of the remnant of the lots in question with interest! simple or compound? And this for your honorable body's expropriation of my land! Does your honorable body consider the sum granted to be a loan to be repaid with interest? Your petitioner believes the condition ought to be exactly the reverse. It seems that whatever sum the arbitrators award to your petitioner must be returned to your honorable body in yearly installments, so he gets nothing and loses his land! Gets nothing but taxes! An evident plan of financial juglery!

"This is so manifestly unjust, so contrary to all conceptions of honesty and fair dealing, that your petitioner feels that your honorable body have misinterpreted or misunderstood the true meaning of the Municipal Clauses Act, for it is beyond belief that the Provincial government of British Columbia could have passed such an act so redolent of opportunities for fraud of every description in these days of moral reform, too!

"The cost of the expropriated land should be paid by the corporation i. e. the public to whom the property will belong and not by your petitioner.

"Your petitioner therefore humbly suggests that the legal points and bearing in a friendly manner, be placed before a judge of the Supreme court for his opinion in this to all concerned a very important matter.

"Your petitioner assumes that the Arbitration Commissioner has nothing at all to do with explanation or settlement of legal questons, so my legal adviser has pro forma already sent to your honorable body or your representatives or servants, a statement of the value of the land in question, but the estimate must be understood to be without prejudice or in any way a bar to obtaining the friendly act and assistance asked for in this humble petition from.

Your humble servant.

J. S. HELMCKEN.

"P. S.—It is a question whether such extensive public improvements should or should not be paid out of the general city revenue and not by the individual."

COMPLETED SURVEY.

Vancouver, Oct. 10.—A. O. Wheeler, F.R.G.S., who for the last three weeks has been in charge of a party engaged in making a topographical survey of the Yellowhead pass and the surrounding region, has returned to Vancouver. The expedition was organized by the Alpine Club, and was supported by the British Columbia government and the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company. The party made a circuit of 100 miles around Mount Robson, and made complete maps of the enclosed area. They were accompanied by Konrad Kuhl, the Alpine Club's guide; Byron Harmon, the club photographer, who obtained some splendid views of the country, and several scientists representing the Smithsonian Institute of Washington, who were commissioned to make a study of the fauna of the region, and obtained over 800 specimens. According to Mr. Wheeler, the Alpine Club will have to abandon the idea of holding next season's camp in the neighborhood of Mount Robson owing to lack of trails and transportation facilities.

WESTERN STEEL AFFAIRS.

Seattle, Oct. 11.—The Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company to-day commenced suit against the Western Steel Corporation for $563 on a note dated July 25 and due in 60 days.

ABBOTSFORD NEWS.

Abbotsford, Oct. 10.—Mr. Cotham, the provincial fruit inspector, was a visitor here, largely to inspect the upland fruit ranch and nursery here, owned by D. H. Nelson.

Mr. Cotham was greatly impressed by the great progress being made at this nursery and the cleanliness of the fruit trees. Four years ago Mr. Nelson, having sold his fruit holdings at Murray's Corner, in the Langley district, moved here. In this small period he has changed his land from an uncleared waste, as far as profit to this locality was concerned, into one of the full fruit farms and nurseries of the province. He has also done a great good in showing how eminently fitted our upland soil, with its 80 per cent loam and sub-irrigation, is for fruit raising.

The nursery and fruit ranch is specializing on Gravenstein, King and Wealthy for fall; and the Northern Spy, Grimes, Golden and Jonathan for winter apples. In these Mr. Nelson has now in his nursery 10,000 trees from one to two years old, raised from seedlings shipped from France, for upland farm.

NEW AND VALUABLE DEPOSITS OF IRON

Are Located on One of the Islands Near Prince Rupert

Prince Rupert, Oct. 10.—What is said to be one of the finest iron properties yet found in the district has just been located on one of the islands within a few miles of Prince Rupert. As soon as further investigation of the property have been made, development will proceed. The claims are in the hands of Messrs. Mawson, Hudson and Benson, who have been prospecting the district during the past few months.

Indications of iron followed up by surface investigation by expert prospectors lead to the certainty that a large lead of ore exists on the spot. From the quality of the samples submitted to test it is estimated that the iron deposit represents the finest of ore. While other rich iron discoveries have been made on the Queen Charlotte Islands, this set of claims is on one of the smaller near in islands, and development can be all the more speedily undertaken. James Sword is said to be interested in the find.

TEAMS TO TOUR EUROPE.

Athletics of St. Catharines May Go to Olympic With V. A. C. Lacrosse Team.

St. Catharines, Ont., Oct. 11.—Joe Timmons, secretary of the Athletic Lacrosse Club, has received a letter from a man now in the west inviting the Athletic's team to go to the Olympic games in Sweden next year and also to tour Europe. Two Canadian amateur lacrosse teams are to be taken, the Vancouvers being the other team. It looks as if the St. Catharines team was sure to go. Games are scheduled at Stockholm for July 23 and 25. The team will leave Canada on May 27 and be gone for four months, during which time they will visit the principal points on the continent and in Great Britain and Ireland.

LARGE LUMBER ORDER.

Seattle, Oct. 11.—One of the largest lumber orders to be placed by the government in many months will be awarded November 4 by the United States quartermaster in Seattle. The government is in the market for 2,795,960 feet of lumber for use in the Philippine islands. The government wants the lumber delivered at Seattle, Tacoma or other Puget Sound point, or at Portland. The bulk of the contract calls for timbers, although a considerable quantity of boards and finishing lumber is also wanted. Owing to the condition of the lumber market and the keen competition for business, lumbermen expect that a large number of bids will be submitted.

HOW ACCIDENT AT COLWOOD OCCURRED

Inquest on Italian Victims Reveals the Circumstances of the Explosion

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

The inquest into the circumstances surrounding the death of Dominico Grilli and Oliscino Salvatori, who were killed by a premature blast in one of the C. N. P. construction camps near Colwood on Monday was commenced yesterday, but owing to the failure of several Italian witnesses to appear it was not completed. It will be continued this afternoon.

Thomas Williams, time-keeper at the camp, the only witness whose evidence was taken yesterday, told how the accident occurred. Shortly before 9 o'clock on Monday morning he was standing talking with Grilli, who was charging a hole in the hard pan with the intention of blowing down the face of a cut in which six Italians, among them Salvatori, were working. Three or four kegs of black powder were used and on top of this sixty per cent. dynamite sticks placed. He, the witness, left the spot when Grilli had attached the fuse and was tamping down sand into the hole. He had not proceeded more than 200 feet when he heard a shout followed immediately by an explosion. He did not hear the customary cry of "fire."

Calling for assistance to a gang of Italians working at the other end of the cut Williams rushed back and found the face of the cut caved in and the men, who had been working there completely buried, the only signs of their existence being the hand of one protruding from the earth. The workmen, who had answered his call became panic stricken and he found it necessary to summon the steam shovel gang, working a short distance off, to disinter the buried men. The resident engineer happened along at then and he collected all the men he could and they returned to the scene of the accident.

Nearly an hour elapsed before the forty men engaged in the work of rescue had uncovered the last of the Italians. All but Salvatori were alive.

Witness then went in search of Grilli, the remains of whom he found about 80 feet from the explosion. Grilli had been blown over a fence and into a tree from which he had fallen to the ground. The body was badly mutilated. On the bank in which the charge had been placed were found a long piece of fuse attached to a stick of dynamite with caps in position. This had not been exploded.

Williams thought that the premature explosion had occurred owing to the fact that the hole in which the charge had been placed had not been allowed to cool properly after the "springing" for which purpose the last charge had been placed at about 7 o'clock. Under the circumstances black powder would be more dangerous than dynamite. Grilli had used a wooden tamping stick and the sand used in tamping was not fine.

The witness further stated that Grilli had held a sub-contract under Grant, Smith & Co., the contractors in charge of the railroad work. Salvatori was in the employ of Grilli. He thought that Grilli, who was in complete charge of the work on his own sub-contract, was a good construction man and competent to handle explosives.

Before the adjournment was decided on John Meston, foreman of the jury, asked that evidence be produced defining the exact relationship between the deceased and the chief contractor so that if the jury should find that the accident was the result of carelessness the responsible parties might be brought to account.

ALASKANS COMING OUT.

Nome, Alaska, Oct. 11.—The annual exodus to the States is now in full force. The steamer Victoria, which sailed for Seattle to-day, took out 60 passengers, making more than 100 who have gone south for the winter during the last two weeks.

REWARD.

WHEREAS five years ago the word Zam-Buk was unknown in Canada, and Zam-Buk is to-day admitted to be the finest cure for skin injuries and diseases;

AND WHEREAS it has been represented to us that there are still some good Canadians, and even some mothers and heads of families who have not yet tried this great balm, we hereby offer a REWARD of one free trial box of Zam-Buk to every person who has not yet tried this wonderful balm;

PROVIDED they send by mail to us this proclamation together with one-cent stamp to pay return postage of such box;

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Given under our hand this day.

ZAM-BUK.