

Some of Them Granted, But Others  
Not Considered Advisable  
Just at Present.

As to the suggestion that the city school boards be allowed to regulate teaching time, the council decided that these classes may be dismissed at 11:30 a.m. and at 2:30 p.m. The council also decided that the superintendent force which makes the time for dismissing such classes at 3 p.m. from October 1 to 15, 1910.

In answer to the request to allow option in extending the summer vacations, the council decided that the school board may extend the summer vacation to and inclusive of the first Sunday in September, provided the school has kept open the same number of days in the summer as the number of days extension of the vacation in September.

The council did not see the way to grant the request that German and Spanish be included in the subjects taught in the High School.

The council decided that the subjects already taught is sufficient for the present. The council also declare that it is not in favor of any change in the law governing the length of teachers' engagements.

The superintendent has expressed himself as pleased to receive suggestions from the trustee boards relative to changes in the present school system, calculated to improve the same.

**An Interesting Recommendation Sent to the  
Legislature Yesterday.**

The proposition, it is understood, is to relieve the revenue of the expenditure for educational purposes. Ten years ago this was but \$71,000; in five years it had grown to \$182,000, and last year's total was \$180,000. A considerable burden is thus placed on the general fund. According to the plan to be submitted to the house land was sent out to be sold at auction from time to time, to an extent not greater than 50,000 acres in any one year, and the proceeds were to be used for the purpose of raising a fund to meet the expenses of education annually voted by the legislature. These warrants will be for blocks of 160 acres to be located within a limit of time after the purchase. There are to be probably three classes of warrants, represented by the following figures: for agricultural lands the minimum prices suggested are \$1 an acre for pastoral lands, \$2.50 for agricultural lands, and \$5 for timber lands.

**He Is Remanded for Examination at Westminster—Will Plead Guilty.**

Asked if he had any objection to raise against his being remanded to Westminster for the preliminary hearing, Mr. Warwick replied that he had not; all he wanted was to get it all over as quickly as possible. He was therefore remanded and goes to Westminster this morning.

LITTLE Walter Lawry, who disappeared from his home, at 12 Humboldt street, on Saturday last, is still missing, and the parents are almost frantic with anxiety. Several clues were followed up on Sunday and yesterday, but none disclosing the whereabouts of the boy. The little fellow, though only four years old, was prone to wander away from home, and there are probably no business men in the quarter of the town in which he lived who do not know him. The majority are of the belief that the boy has fallen into the harbor.

The report laid before the legislature yesterday with respect to the settlement of the dispute between the Dominion and Provincial governments as to the titles to lands within the railway belt, contains little that was not made public at the time of the settlement. The terms formally proposed by the Dominion government were approved of by a committee of the executive council of British Columbia, who, on the 6th of December, 1897, reported recommending procedure to give effect to the agreement, and among other things as follows:

The province shall by order in council make provision for the registration of titles and the registration of the land registry office of the province.

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The Steamer "Mary Hare" a Total  
Wreck Near Cherrington With  
Heavy Loss

Mass River Dam in France--The  
"Queen Mary" Arrives From  
Japan.

Captain Michael Hare, master and owner of the steamer Mary Hare, which for the past year has been operated among the islands of the Gulf in cooperation with the United States and Sydney, New York, arrived at the port of San Francisco from the various yesterday, bringing news of the loss of his little boat. The notification of the loss of the boat was received by a wire from Captain Hare to the United States and Sydney, New York, and the Captain and the boat were expected to arrive in San Francisco today.

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Mr. Booth took the chair at 2 p. m.

Mr. Hunter presented the third report of the private bills committee.

Hon. Col. Baker presented a statement of the bonds deposited by provincial government employees.

Mr. Smith introduced a bill to amend the B. C. Southern railway act. Read a first time.

Mr. Kellie introduced a bill to incorporate the Nelson electric light company. Read a first time.

CARMANAH POINT WIRE.

Mr. Rother moved: "Whereas a telephone is before this House pointing out the great necessity there is a vessel to render assistance to vessels and their crews in case of shipwreck on the west coast of Vancouver island and where in order to render such assistance of the greatest utility it is desirable that relay stations be established to be maintained with as little interruption as practicable; and whereas the telegraph line now existing between Victoria and Carmanah Point on the west coast of Vancouver island is owned and operated by a private company and its communication is frequently interrupted at intervals on account of the wire being down; and whereas this service is one which is of great public importance and efficiency and economy if it could be established and controlled by some of the departments of the Dominion government; therefore I am inclined to state that the Government intend to acquire the right to the H. H. Hartveit cable system connecting the two points mentioned." Mr. Rother asked leave to withdraw his motion.

percent, royalty on the ores taken out.

HON. MR. TURNER, in answer to Mr. Macpherson said it is not the intention to amend the assessment act (relative to the so-called tax on mortgages) at this session.

RETURNS PRESENTED.

HON. COL. BAKER presented a supplementary return of papers in connection with the appointment of a commissioner for the revision of the statutes.

HON. COL. BAKER presented a return showing the terms upon which the settlement of the railway land question between the Provincial and Dominion gov-

Report from committee on the mischievous animals bill was considered, together with several proposed amendments, and further consideration of the report was adjourned.

**SCHOOL LANDS.**

Hon. Mr. MACFARLANE presented a message from the Lieutenant-Governor transmitting a bill to provide aid for educational purposes by the sale of public lands.

The house went for committee on the bill, Mr. MacFarlane occupying the chair, and having adopted the clause in the bill authorizing the purchase of school property.

**AID TO POLICE.**

Mr. MacFarlane presented:

1. And there any person who has been convicted of any crime shall be liable to imprisonment in the penitentiary for two years; how many?
3. If any, raised were such grant or salary and appointment or appointments made?
- For the trial did not give rise to such question.

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by the house. In answer to the assertion that the credit of the province has been annihilated, he read from a statement from the London stock exchange showing that in the week preceding January 25 British Columbia three per cent was quoted at from 97 to 99—the highest credit except that of the Dominion of Canada.

MR. KITCHEN said the word "annihilated" might have been an unfortunate one to use, but it about represented the real state of the case. He pointed out that there is at present no demand for land, and that no private individuals

now try to sell any except on compulsion. The government having promised not to borrow any more money for three years, and now only owing for a million dollars of the last loan on hand, evidently want to raise the wind by putting the land on the market when there is no demand for it. He asked if there are a few capitalists now existing, who proposed to acquire the land and hold it for a rise.

Mr. KELDER offered an explanation of the proceedings this afternoon. He had been in the city for some days, and he said last night, when it was determined to endeavor to draw the government in to stop the bill, but he hoped the government would not be caught this way. Mr. Kellogg asked what the capitalists proposed to do with the land, and Mr. KELDER said they would use it as a source of revenue for the province.

Mr. BOWEN then said it is similar to the charge as Mr. Kellogg has stated, as afraid that the government would be deceived, and the government is to dismiss the bill, and the committee seem to have overruled the government and give the committee such information as they possess on the subject.

conditions of life insurance policies in this province to those in force in other

"4. Where the loss (if any) under any policy has, with the consent of the company, been made payable to some person or persons or company other than the assured as mortgagee or mortgagees said policy shall not be cancelled, altered or otherwise dealt with by the company upon the application of the assured, and in any case not without reasonable notice to the said mortgagee or mortgagees.

"(a) In cases where the loss under any policy is, with the consent of the company, made payable to a mortgagee or other person having an interest in such policy may be made by such mortgagee or mortgagees."

In addition, the bill provides that the act as amended shall come into force, on the 1st day of July next, instead of, as before provided, on the 1st day to be proclaimed by the Lieutenant-Governor-in-council.

MR. WILLIAMS objected to the proposed repeal of the provision whereby a policyholder may cancel a policy after consenting to its transfer from the original holder to a mortgagee or other interested person who perhaps has lent money on the strength of the transfer of the insurance policy.

MR. KENNEDY moved the adjournment of the debate until Monday next. Agreed to.

CO-OPERATIVE ASSOCIATIONS.

MR. KENNEDY moved the second reading of the bill respecting co-operative associations. This, he says, embodies the best features of the Manitoba and

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