# HAVE DESPERATE STRUGGLE FOR LIFE

## Boat Capsized by Big Wave and Four Men Narrowly Escape Death

Prince Rupert, Aug. 10.—After fighting for life with a capsized row-boat off the west coast of Graham Island, Austin Brown returned to the city from a land staking expedition, grateful after the narrow escape from death. In the desperate adventure Harry Edenshaw and his son, and Matthew Youmans of Masset shared.

The party had risked the mountainous waves of the west coast in an expedition on Edenshaw's launch to stake some oil fields for a syndicate of local business men. After being in the woods for five days they camped on Frederick Island. Before leaving they decided to go back and stake four more claims on Big River.

When in a row-boat four hundred yards from the shore they saw an immense wave coming to them and curling over. When it struck the boat it threw the four men clean out some distance away in the water. There was about forty feet of water there, and only Edenshaw could swim, while all were clad in gum boots and slickers. Fortunately the next wave threw the boat towards them, and the men clutched her, trying by climbing on her to get her righted.

Six times the boat rolled over, and the men exhausted with the cold and their struggles were about to give up the fight when Edenshaw and Brown being washed under the boat managed to clasp her, one at each side, keeping her balanced until she floated ashore. Had it not been that the tide was coming in they would have been lost.

The men lost all their effects, and were much bruised with being knocked against the rocks on the shore. Their watches are all stopped at the time of the accident at ten minutes to four.

Owing to their exhausted state they decided to leave the last four claims for someone else to find.

# MURDER AND SUICIDE IN FAR NORTH

## Prospector Kills Partner Who Refused to Go for Doctor

Dawson, Y. T., Aug. 11.—D. N. Aldson has arrived here from Fort McPherson, at the mouth of the Mackenzie river, via Forcupine river and Fort Yukon. He reports that a prospector, said to be named Oliver, from Edmonton, and his partner, were the victims of a double tragedy when one killed the other with his gun and then committed suicide. An Indian found the bodies in a cabin at the mouth of Salt river, 500 miles up the Mackenzie, from the mouth of the Peel.

It is reported that Capt. Beytz, of the mounted police, who was en route from Edmonton to succeed Fitzgerald, who perished on the trail last winter, buried the bodies.

One of the prospectors left a note saying that he had killed his partner because he himself had been taken sick and his partner had refused to go for a doctor. One man lived at Athabasca Landing.

The details are expected to be received at the police headquarters at Regina during September by the Hudson Bay steamer, which is now en route up the Mackenzie.

### STABBING AFFRAY.

New Westminster, August 10.—As a result of a stabbing affray which occurred at the corner of Columbia and McInnis streets on Sunday afternoon, Charles Hines appeared in the police court and was sent up for trial, and will be charged with stabbing with intent. It is alleged that Leonard Roberts was standing at the corner talking to another man named Grady when the accused stepped up and challenged Roberts to fight. Roberts refused, and Hines, it is alleged, struck him with a knife. Roberts did not see the knife, but witnesses were called who testified that Hines used the weapon. Roberts appeared in court with his hand bandaged, while his torn clothes were used as evidence.

### DEATH WAS ACCIDENTAL.

Vancouver, Aug. 10.—A verdict of "accidental death" was rendered by Coroner Jeffs' jury at the inquest into the death of James W. Pollard, who was struck by a street car at the corner of Hastings Street and Columbia Avenue recently and died as a result in the General Hospital. Five witnesses were called and nothing could be deducted from the evidence to show that blame could be attached to carelessness on the part of the motorman of the street car.

### WANT STATION.

Prince Rupert, Aug. 10.—A party of residents from Kitsumkalum is here engaged preparing data to be presented before the railway commission when it sits here this month. Fred Peters, K. C., will represent the residents of that valley before the commission. The company is making application to have a station put in at that point. The residents state that they have been well treated by General Superintendent Mehan and the G. T. P. officials, who have given them a siding and accommodated them as well as possible, but they desire a station to be built there in order to properly conduct all business for the future.

# MAY BUY WHEAT IN CANADIAN WEST

## CALIFORNIA MILLER OUTLINES HIS PLANS

## Carrying Out of Proposals Depends on Reciprocity and Reasonable Freight Rates

Vancouver, Aug. 11.—A momentous change of policy involving the purchase of millions of bushels of Canadian wheat annually is contemplated by the Globe Grain and Milling Company of San Francisco and Los Angeles, owning five flour mills in California and a mill at El Paso, Texas, with a joint grinding capacity of 20,000 bushels daily, the equivalent of 4,000 barrels of flour daily.

After a conference with R. Marpole, chief executive assistant of the C. P. R., yesterday afternoon, William E. Keller, president of the company, of Los Angeles, and E. J. Eisenmayer, second vice-president, announced that they felt confident that the railway would quote a rate to enable the milling company to ship grain from the prairie provinces to Vancouver.

Mr. Marpole, in view of their eagerness to make arrangements as soon as possible, has agreed to give them an official reply as soon as he has submitted their representations to the traffic department.

The Canadian wheat will be shipped from this city in the company's own vessels for distribution at San Francisco and San Pedro, the port of Los Angeles. Mr. Marpole informed them that if the business developed as expected, the C. P. R. would undoubtedly provide the required elevator accommodation. In this connection Mr. Keller said his own company is quite willing to erect its own elevators here, provided the railway company furnishes a site on the waterfront.

He thought storage capacity for 150,000 bushels could be provided by a wooden elevator at a cost not exceeding $20,000. A large plant would not be required owing to the frequency with which shipments can be made.

"Our plans are to a large extent contingent upon the question of a reasonable rail rate to Vancouver from the Canadian prairies and the adoption of reciprocity between Canada and the United States," said Mr. Keller to a representative of the Times at the Hotel Vancouver last night.

"There is no doubt about the superiority of Canadian wheat and we are extremely desirous of using it, as it makes the finest flour in existence. At present our company draws its supply from Kansas, Utah, Idaho, Nebraska, Oregon, and California. A great deal of it is soft wheat, but we get the hard variety from Kansas and Nebraska.

"Briefly stated, we propose to abandon a great portion of that field and buy instead 2,500,000 bushels of Canadian No. 1 hard wheat annually for manufacture into a first-class flour—500,000 barrels—as well as 1,250,000 bushels of the same quality annually for blending with American soft wheat in order to produce a flour of a lower grade.

"Our plants are located at El Paso, Texas; Los Angeles, San Francisco, Coulton, and San Diego, Cal."

# LINING UP FOR THE ELECTION

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Carberry, Man., Aug. 11.—Arthur S. Meighen was nominated by the convention of Portage la Prairie Liberals yesterday.

Winnipeg, Aug. 11.—The Social Democrats last night selected a candidate for the Winnipeg seat in the Commons. R. A. Rigg, president of the Winnipeg Trades and Labor Council, being the nominee. The Social Democrats have seven branch associations in this city. At the convention held W. D. Staples was the unanimous choice of the Conservatives of Macdonald constituency.

Moose Jaw, Aug. 11.—S. J. Rathwell, a well known farmer, was the choice of Moose Jaw Conservatives. Several others were proposed, but all withdrew in favor of Rathwell.

Lethbridge, Alta., Aug. 11.—The Liberals of Medicine Hat constituency yesterday selected W. A. Buchanan, M. L. A., as candidate for Lethbridge City in opposition to C. McGrath, Conservative nominee.

St. Scholastique, Que., Aug. 11.—The Conservatives of Two Mountains in convention here nominated Mr. Andrae Faulteux, advocate, as their candidate for the Commons.

Amherst, N. S., Aug. 11.—H. J. Logan will be candidate of the Liberal party in the approaching Dominion election. A week ago to-day the Liberal convention adjourned to give Mr. Logan one week to consider whether he would accept the candidature of the party. When the convention again convened Mr. Logan said he would enter the contest.

Calgary, Aug. 11.—Dr. Clarke is Liberal candidate for Red Deer. Sheriff Vanwert is Liberal candidate in Calgary.

### MILLION DOLLAR LOSS.

Antwerp, Aug. 11.—Fire on the Queensland docks, where much cotton is stored, did damage to-day amounting to $1,000,000. Immense quantities of saltpetre were destroyed.

# RALPH SMITH ON COMING ELECTION

## PREDICTS INCREASED LIBERAL MAJORITY

## Much at Stake in Present Issue for the Benefit of Canada

In splendid health, cheerful, optimistic and ready for fight, Mr. Ralph Smith, arrived in town Wednesday evening, says the Nanaimo Herald. Mr. Smith never felt that there was so much at stake as in the present issue for the benefit of Canada and so much in sympathy with his own convictions.

Asked about his trip to the Coronation he declared that event to be the greatest event in the history of the Empire. Through the hospitality of the committee of the House of Commons he was taken to every part of the British Isles. Regarding the political situation in Britain, Mr. Smith believed that the Liberals are entrenched in power as they never before had been. The Government was composed of men entirely in sympathy and favor with the rights of the masses. The Government's fight against wealth and the introduction of tariffs are noble aims in the interests of democracy. Tariff reformers and men of wealth and estate of every description are bitter against the Government on account of their hostility to tariffs, and just as bitter against Canadian Liberalism because of reciprocity reducing duties between Canada and the United States, as it is the death blow of tariff reform in England. Asked as to the ministers, Mr. Smith replied: "They were all great men, but Lloyd George was the motive power of the government, not only proposing real reforms, but also the power that made them law, a man of great courage and ability, whose instincts were all democratic."

On returing to Canada Mr. Smith found parliament dissolved because the opposition refused to provide the necessary supplies for public service, and persisted upon a campaign of obstruction to force the government to abandon its fight for reduction of duties. Sir Wilfrid Laurier said: "No, this is the people's issue, affecting the cost of living," and he dissolved the House to test the question throughout the country. This provides the greatest opportunity for the people to strangle protection and defeat the men who want to continue the system of taxation for the benefit only of the wealthy manufacturers.

Asked about the feeling in Eastern Canada, Mr. Smith said there was no doubt whatever that Sir Wilfrid's majority would be larger than ever. Mr. Bourassa, who has been reviled by the Conservatives, has been taken into their arms and joined Mr. Monk the leader of the French Canadian Conservatives. Mr. Sifton who was hated by the Conservatives, has suddenly become most acceptable to them and to the wealthy manufacturers.

Mr. Sifton's campaign will be, in the main, in Ontario but his great wealth explains the alienation of his sympathies from the masses in favor of protected interests, contrary to his former views, which goes to show that what Mr. Smith said in the House of Commons "that this question is big enough to drive men into their correct status, either for the rights of the people or the special interests of those profiting by tariffs."

From the Atlantic to the Rocky Mountains Sir Wilfrid Laurier's majority will increase and we con only hope that the great masses of the people in British Columbia will take this opportunity to benefit themselves and those who follow them."

The statement in Monday night's issue of the Free Press was shown Mr. Smith and he laughed heartily, and said he was talking to Sir Wilfrid the hour before leaving, and stated that Sir Wilfrid never was in better trim and the chief himself said: "This may be my last fight. I know they will respond in larger numbers than ever."

"Such dispatches are foolish and only indicate the desperate condition of the opposition," added Mr. Smith.

Asked as to his own fight he said he never had greater faith in the policy which he would ask the people to support and was glad of the opportunity to represent that principle in a fight in this district. "I shall stand for their rights against all class interests to the end."

### COWAN MAY RUN.

Is Is Believed He Will Allow His Name to Go Before Vancouver Conservative Convention.

Vancouver, Aug. 11.—Since the return of George H. Cowan to Vancouver from Ottawa last night and following interviews which a number of his friends have had with him, the impression is to-day gaining ground in Conservative circles that he will allow his name to go before the Conservative nominating convention which will be held on August 22. He will on Monday night meet the members of the executive of the Vancouver Conservative Association and discuss the political situation of this constituency. Following this conference, it is expected that Mr. Cowan will definitely announce his intentions.

Hon. W. J. Bowser, attorney-general, on his return from England arrived at Quebec yesterday, proceeding from there to New Brunswick, where he will spend a few days visiting his mother at Rexton, Kent county. In a telegram to a friend in Vancouver to-day, Mr. Bowser stated that he would leave the east for Vancouver shortly, and he expected to arrive here on August 22.

# FROM NORTHERN PRAIRIE CAPITAL

## BOARD OF TRADE MAN HERE FROM PRINCE ALBERT

## Metropolis of the Prairies is Forging Ahead Fast—Record Crop in Prospect

The map of Canada is being rolled back daily, as is very evident from conversation with anyone from the frontiers of present settlement. Further evidence of this was gleaned by the Times Friday from a chat with Julius S. Woodward, who is secretary of the board of trade of Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, at present the most northerly city of that growing and foremost prairie province.

It is not so long ago that the idea was prevalent all over the country that Prince Albert was too far north to raise anything but icebergs, and yet to-day, said Mr. Woodward, there is a prosperous settlement over fifty miles north of that raising wheat with splendid regularity and getting no more frost than they do in Winnipeg.

The city of Prince Albert itself is starting a demonstration station seventy-five miles north of the city to show just what can be done in the north, having been granted a section of land by the Dominion Government for this purpose. The splendid nature of the land to the northeast of the city has induced a company of British financiers to project a railroad through that country to Hudson Bay.

This company, which is known as the Hudson Bay and Pacific Railway Company, has already surveyed over a hundred miles and had their plans approved by the Minister of Railways, and it is expected that a start will be made on construction early in the spring. Prince Albert itself is very prosperous, said Mr. Woodward. The increase in population since last census will be found to be remarkable, with building permits for this year so far over five hundred per cent. ahead of last year's figures. The city has several miles of paved streets, permanent sidewalks, boulevards, parks, sewers, waterworks, municipal lighting, and at present is having a power station built at Colles Falls, on the Shell river.

Questioned as to reciprocity, Mr. Woodward remarked that it looked now as though Saskatchewan would return a solid ten members to Ottawa in favor of the pact.

"Our farmers," he said, "know tariff relief when they see it, and opposition to the pact, while noisy, is confined to a few centres which by no means represent the views of the people as a whole. The very best that the opposition can hope for is that the state of the parties west of the lakes will be unchanged when the smoke has blown away. The forcing of an election by the opposition before a redistribution bill has been passed, depriving the west of a large number of seats, is going to have a serious effect on thinking people. The general impression in our part of the country is that the Government will go back with certainly as large a majority as they have now and probably a slightly increased one."

Crops, said Mr. Woodward in conclusion, are looking the best ever. While in some sections of the country they seem a little behind last year, in the northern parts of Saskatchewan they are, if anything, ahead, and a huge wave of prosperity seems destined to flow over the entire west this fall and next spring.

Mr. Woodward is on a pleasure trip and will visit Seattle, Portland and other centres before returning home.

# PAYMENT OF MEMBERS OF BRITISH HOUSE

## Resolution to Pay $2,000 Annually Carried by Vote of 256 to 159

London, Aug. 11.—A radical departure from the principle of gratuitous public service which hitherto has prevailed in the House of Commons, was provided last night when the House by a vote of 256 to 159 adopted a resolution to pay its members $2,000 annually for their services.

The resolution providing for the payment of members was moved in the House of Commons by the chancellor of the exchequer, David Lloyd George. The chancellor said that Great Britain was the only country in the world that did not pay members of parliament.

The Unionists opposed the payment plan on the ground that it would be a violation of the principle of gratuitous public service, as well as improper for members to vote themselves salaries.

Arthur Hamilton Lee, Unionist, who moved the official Unionist amendment against salaries, argued that the effect of the chancellor's bill would be to keep out the best type of men and fill the parliament with professional politicians.

James Ramsey McDonald, Labor leader, denied that the measure would cause corruption, and said it would "tend to help the tide of purity which is flowing over American politics."

### TEACHERS VISIT WALES.

Bangor, Wales, Aug. 11.—The Canadian teachers are now visiting North Wales. To-day they ascend Mount Snowdon, after which they visit Carnarvon Castle, where the Prince of Wales was invested a short time ago.

# PASSING OF THE VETO BILL

## LORDS DECIDE TO DROP AMENDMENTS

## Over Twenty Conservative Peers Vote With the Government

London, Aug. 11.—Premier Asquith's government, which claims to represent the democracy of Great Britain, last night enforced its will upon the peerage by the narrow vote of 131 to 114. By this vote the House of Lords decided to accept what the Liberals contend is the will of the people, and adopted Viscount Morley's motion not to insist upon the Lords' amendments to the parliament bill, which practically limits the power of the House of Lords to a year's suspensory veto and vastly increases the prerogative of the House of Commons.

The great constitutional struggle which began when the House of Lords nearly two years ago rejected the budget of David Lloyd George, chancellor of the exchequer, is ended, for a time at least, with the greatest change to Great Britain's working constitution since the passage of the reform bill.

The process of voting consumed nearly an hour, and the result trembled in the balance until the last moment. The "Die Hards" mustered greater strength than was anticipated, and the government owes its victory to the votes of between 20 and 30 Conservatives who threw in their lot with the Liberals to save their own castle from loss of prestige and the King from the necessity of exercising the royal prerogative for the creation of a large number of new peers, from which everyone believes he was extremely anxious to be saved.

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York and nine bishops also lined up with the government, although the ecclesiastics generally keep aloof from party questions. The Bishops of Bangor and Worcester went with the Halsburyites, the "last ditchers."

The Archbishop of Canterbury announced that he had come into the House with the expectation that he would be able to abstain from voting without doing anything detrimental to the interests of the country, but that the debate had changed his opinion.

"I have especially been influenced," the archbishop continued, "by the callousness, I might almost say levity, with which some of the noble lords seem to contemplate the election of five hundred peers, which would make this House and the country the laughing stock of the dominions beyond the seas and of countries, the history of whose constitutional life and progress has been so largely modelled on our own. In these circumstances I feel it my duty to give my vote against insisting on the amendments."

It was noticeable that the highest rank of the nobility furnished the fewest supporters of the government. The Dukes of Norfolk, Leeds, Marlborough, Newcastle, Northumberland, Somerset, and Westminster voted with the opposition, while the remainder abstained from voting.

"Drinking the hemlock" has become a historic phrase in the late months, and the gathering in the ancient chamber last night to witness this memorable humiliation was worthy of the occasion.

Peeresses, ambassadors and commoners packed the galleries, and a group of privy councillors, exercising the prerogatives of their positions, sat upon the steps of the throne. The benches, aisles and floor were crowded.

Lieut.-Colonel Arthur Lee, in speaking in the House of Commons yesterday, said this would be a black day in England's history if the House of Lords accepted the veto bill and the House of Commons cut adrift from the traditions of centuries to bestow salaries on its members.

Apparently the sentiment of the peers was in full accord with this description of the occasion. Lords frequently forgot the oppressive dignity which customarily marks the proceedings in the upper chamber and fought for a hearing with great strenuousness.

The Earl of Halsbury once went so far as to make a formal motion that one of his supporters be heard in preference to one peer who favored the government.

When the voting began Lord Lansdowne withdrew to a position behind the throng, but his followers watched the issue clearly. The bishops on both sides walked through the tellers first. A thrill of excitement marked the appearance of each notable, but none was greater than when Lord Rosebery appeared as a supporter of the government.

As soon as the result was known several members of the House of Commons rushed from the galleries and into their own chamber and whispered the news to the members. A great cheer followed the announcement of the government's victory.

The question of the hour is what effect the decision will have on the future of the Conservative party. Viscount Morley's announcement that enough peers would be created permanently to swamp the upper house if the government did not prevail, apparently swayed a few wavers and decided the issue.

### FIRE FOLLOWS EXPLOSION.

Louisville, Ky., Aug. 11.—Fire, believed to have been caused by an explosion in the engraving department, this morning wrecked the building of the Louisville Herald and destroyed the plant. The explosion occurred after all the editions had been published and comparatively few persons were in the building at the time. The loss, including the damage to the building, will amount to about $125,000. Pending the completion of the Herald's new building, started several months ago, the Herald will be published in the plant of the Evening Post.

# STRIKE CAUSES CLOSING OF MINES

## GRANBY COMPANY TO SUSPEND OPERATIONS

## Shutdown Due to Low Price of Copper and Cost of Importing Coal

Vancouver, Aug. 11.—Announcement of the suspension of operations at the Grand Forks smelter and the mines at Phoenix, Boundary district, of the Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting and Power Company was made to-day by F. H. Sylvester, assistant general manager, who is here on his way north to inspect its recent acquisition, the Gidden Creek group of copper claims at Goose Bay, Observatory Inlet, Portland Canal district. About seven hundred miners and smeltermen will be thrown out of employment.

The shut-down is attributed to the low price of copper as well as the expense involved in using Pennsylvania coke at the smelter, owing to the failure to secure coke from the Crow's Nest Pass district, as a result of the strike of coal miners there. It is reported that the Trail smelter and the reduction plant of the British Columbia Copper Company at Greenwood are also likely to close down very shortly.

"We will close down our smelter and mines to-morrow night. There is no other alternative, as we found that we could not operate at a profit in view of the low price of copper, coupled with the cost of laying down Pennsylvania coke after paying freight charges," said Mr. Sylvester to-day. "Our first suspension occurred in April, after the coke reserves from the Crow's Nest district became exhausted. Rather than have our employees drift away, the management decided to resume operations by resorting to the expedient of using Pennsylvania coke, realizing that additional expense was involved. The experiment, to say the least, has not been a success. For the past fortnight we have been only operating four of our eight furnaces in the blast. Our normal treatment capacity is about 4,000 tons daily.

"Regrettable as it is, the step just taken, could not be avoided. I see no prospect of resuming work until a settlement of the coal miners' strike in the Crow's Nest Pass district is effected."

Mr. Sylvester added that development of the company's new group at Goose Bay is progressing very satisfactorily. About one hundred men are employed there and the payroll is being increased every month. The company, states Mr. Sylvester, has adopted a programme involving the expenditure of several million dollars during the next few years. The plans also provide for the building of a smelter in the north. With a view to ascertaining the prospects of securing customs tonnage, Mr. Williams, consulting engineer to the company, is now making a tour of the mining districts of Alaska and the southern portion of Yukon district.

On his trip to Goose Bay, Mr. Sylvester will be accompanied by Jay P. Graves, general manager of the Granby and one of the founders of the company. Mr. Graves, after amassing a fortune out of his mining operations, built a traction system in Spokane. He is rated in the millions.

# PREMIER ASQUITH'S GREAT VICTORY

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the chief planks of which will be the repeal of the parliament bill and the reform of the House of Lords, as outlined in Lord Lansdowne's bill.

The Earl of Selbourne, the only possible leader of the Unionists outside of A. J. Balfour, will rejoin the leaders under this policy, and a majority of his followers and the bulk of the Opposition party will fall in line. The Earl of Halsbury, the most unrelenting of the "die hards," is now too old to take up the leadership of even a section of the party, and he probably will retire from active politics.

A few insurgents like Lord Willoughby de Brook and other fighting peers will remain always in the party ready to attack any sign of leaning to the democracy, but as they have always done this the effect will not be serious.

The Irish leaders are confident that the way is now open for Home Rule, and from the statement of Home Secretary Churchill in the House of Commons that the government intended to pass a Home Rule measure during the present parliament their confidence appears to some extent justified.

It must be remembered, however, that the Lords will still be able to delay the passage of such a bill two years, and that they can be depended on to delay Home Rule as long as it is possible for them to do so.

At the earliest the bill could not be introduced until next spring, and it will be strongly fought in the House of Commons. The Lords would then throw it out and some time must elapse before it could be again presented, so much depends on whether the government will be able to hold out that long.

An election with the parliament bill as an issue probably would result favorably to the government, but an election over the question of Home Rule for Ireland is another matter.

There is an increasing number of people in England formerly opposed to Home Rule who are now prepared to give Ireland a local self-government, which is all that John Redmond asks at present. Accordingly the prospects of an election on this issue are not as threatening as heretofore.

### FOUND DEAD IN BED.

Vancouver, Aug. 10.—A man, registered at the Windsor Hotel as J. Bryant, was found dead in his room at the hotel.

# ROYAL CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSES TENDERS

## Awarded Contract to Firm Tendering $10,000 Above Figures of Another Company

New Westminster, Aug. 10.—The question of letting contracts to the lowest tenderer was the subject of much discussion at the regular meeting of the city council. At the previous meeting a contract for the new West End sewer system was let to the Sinclair Construction Company for $79,373, while the lowest tender was that of Kibler & Roseleaf of $68,970. The resolution was adopted with only one alderman voting against it, Alderman Dodd. He asked the mayor if he had signed the contract and was answered in the negative. He then asked Mayor Lee if he was in favor of the contract and was told by the mayor that he was always in favor of letting the contract to the lowest bidder, if they were qualified to do the work. Alderman Dodd then asked if the mayor would exercise his powers, and veto the resolution, but the mayor replied that he had expressed his views at the time it was passed, and the council had voted on it regardless. He promised, however, to consider the matter and report at the next meeting.

Alderman Bryson said that the contractors who were awarded the work were some $70.00 lower than the highest tenderers for the work, and about $4,000 less than the city engineer's estimate.

Appropriations for various works throughout the city were made, and improvements will be carried out as rapidly as possible.

On the recommendation of the board of works, it was decided to spend the $500 appropriated to Tenth avenue by the 1909 bylaw, and Burnaby will call for tenders for the work. New Westminster and Burnaby each pay half the cost of the work on this street. Seventh avenue will be cleared from First street to Colborne at an estimated cost.

# UNDERGROUND TELEPHONE WIRES

## Nanaimo City Council Desires Statement From B. C. Telephone Company

Nanaimo, Aug. 10.—At the regular meeting of the city council Ald. Shepherd reported he had had an interview with the general manager in reference to placing telephone wires underground along the streets to be paved, and he had stated the company's willingness to do so provided the city would bear one-third of the total cost which he estimated at $1,000.

Mayor Planta thought there must be some misunderstanding as the engineer had informed him it would be necessary to carry the poles along the rear of the business houses for the wires being carried to the residential district, and conduits for the business houses, the whole work to cost in the neighborhood of $3,000.

Ald. Wilson considered the council should have something definite before it before taking any action, and he moved the clerk be instructed to write the management of the telephone company for a definite statement of what it proposed doing in the matter.

Ald. Shepherd introduced a by-law authorizing the paving of certain business streets of the city, the by-law being given the first reading and to come up for the second reading at the next meeting.

The permanent sidewalk construction No. 5 local improvement by-law was considered in committee and given the third reading. Further consideration of the tramway by-law was deferred to the next meeting, and the sewer rental by-law was given the third reading.

### TO BEAUTIFY LAKE SHORE.

Summerland, Aug. 10.—At a meeting of the council the board of control was authorized to spend a sum of money not exceeding $500 for investigation and development work necessary for storing water in Aeneas creek for irrigation purposes, and they were further authorized to expend an amount necessary for the further storing of water on Trout creek, also for irrigation purposes.

It was proposed that R. Edgar Randolph, the New York landscape architect who is now at Naramata laying out the grounds for J. M. Robinson, be consulted while here as to the best plan of procedure for beautifying the lake shore and park. A sum not exceeding $100 was allowed for this purpose. Mr. Randolph will prepare photographs and reports which will be helpful for the forming of an intelligent plan of general improving and beautifying.

### CASE ADJOURNED.

New Westminster, Aug. 10.—An adjournment was taken at Burnaby police court in the charge of unlawful wounding brought against Patrick Keenan, a penitentiary guard, who is alleged to have shot Charles R. Legg, a gardener, in mistake for the missing convict, James Scott.

As prisoner was unrepresented Warden J. C. Brown, of the B. C. penitentiary, sought an adjournment, to receive instructions from Ottawa. He had already forwarded an account of the case to the department.

Keenan was remanded till Saturday, when probably a further enlargement will be granted till the following Wednesday for the case to be proceeded with by the court. Accused was allowed bail of $1,000.

Only an unusually pretty girl can afford to be stupid.