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OF BOARD AITS ON ALDERMEN

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Vednesday's Daily.)

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SETTLERS FROM ACROSS BORDER

MANY HAVE ARRIVED IN SASKATCHEWAN

Claims for Damages Arising out of the Recent School Disaster in Montreal.

Saskatoon, Sask., April 1.—Two trains with settlers and effects arrived in town yesterday, and another came in this morning. The new arrivals are mostly Americans, from Illinois and Iowa. This morning a train of 21 cars pulled in from Warman. They were all loaded with settlers and effects.

Immigrants at Winnipeg.

Winnipeg, April 1.—To-day's arrivals of immigrants will total up to 600 or more. A special of nine coaches came in this forenoon, and nine coaches carrying immigrants were attached to the transcontinental express from the East arriving this afternoon. Two other specials are en route from Montreal, and will arrive to-morrow. They will carry 630 passengers, of whom 600 Britishers and the remainder Scandinavians.

Lead Found.

Fort Saskatchewan, April 1.—Great excitement has been caused here by the discovery of large deposits of lead a few miles from town. The discovery was made by a homesteader on an adjoining quarter section. A party of four, headed by Frank Walker, M. P. P., at once left for the spot and upon their return to the town confirmed the report of the homesteader. In the meantime other parties hal stepped in and bought the quarter section on which the find was made and the adjoining quarter, and they have refused numerous offers to resell at greatly enhanced prices.

Seeking Damages.

Montreal, April 1.—One of the results of the disastrous fire in the Hochelaga Protestant school some weeks ago, is an attempt on the part of parents of the little victims to obtain from the Protestant school board some compensation for their deaths. The secretary has received notification of claims for damages representing a total of some $12,800, or $800 for each of the sixteen children.

Montreal Suicide.

Montreal, April 1.—Thomas George Bumblay, 48 years of age, living at 304 Maddalene street, cut his throat to-day. He was a married man, and no reason is assigned for the act.

C. P. R. Dividend.

Montreal, April 1.—This month the Canadian Pacific will pay out $5,015,867 in dividends.

New Buildings.

Toronto, April 1.—The building permits for March amounted to $1,600,000, half a million ahead of last March.

Sudden Death.

St. John, N. B., April 1.—Dr. Mason A. Sheffield died suddenly. He went to bed feeling out of sorts, and died in a few minutes. He was 70 years old, a native of Cornwallis, N. S., and resident here since 1872. Heart trouble caused his death.

Twelve Thousand Collection.

Hamilton, Ont., April 1.—At Christ church cathedral yesterday a special collection was taken up to reduce the mortgage debt of $18,000. Over $12,000 was contributed.

Is Seriously Ill.

Kingston, April 1.—Mrs. John Duff, sister of the late Sir Oliver Mowat, is seriously ill. Her children have been called to her bedside.

Request Refused.

Toronto, April 1.—The creation of a department of health as a branch of the government was urged upon Premier Whitney and other members of the government by a deputation representing the Ontario Medical Association. It was refused.

Degrees For Clergymen.

Toronto, April 1.—The degree of Doctor of Divinity will be conferred upon the following clergymen at Knox Collegee on Thursday evening: Rev. R. E. Welsh, M. A., Rev. J. C. Shearer, B. A., Rev. J. P. Ratchliffe, B. A., and Rev. Hugh MacKay, B. A.

Death Rate in Ontario.

Toronto, April 1.—Returns from 765 registrars to the provincial board of health show that out of a population of 2,128,320, or 98 per cent. of the inhabitants of the province, the total number of deaths during March were 2,760, or a rate of 15 per thousand.

In Critical Condition.

Toronto, Ont., April 1.—Hon. Speaker St. John's condition this evening is practically the same as this morning. He is still unconscious, and the doctors say he is in a very critical condition. Injections of oxygen are still being made in order to sustain life. It has been discovered that the patient was affcted with diabetes.

Presentation to Priest.

Fredericton, N. B., April 1.—The parishoners of St. Anthony, St. Mary's, York county, have presented Rev. Father John J. Ryan with a purse of $600 in gold as a mark of their esteem.

Will Case.

Ottawa, April 1.—Mr. Justice Clute will preside at the spring assizes, which open to-morrow. An action to test the validity of the will of the late Pierce Mansfield is among the suits. Rev. Canon Sloan has $10,000 of the estate to be distributed in charity, and appears as defendant.

Trapping Wolves.

Dauphin, Man., April 1.—Alex. Bole, who lives a few miles southeast of town, claims the record for trapping wolves during the past winter. He has 200 to his credit. Allowing $200 for the skins and $400 for bounty, the catch nets him $600.

THE TRIPLE ALLIANCE.

Prince Von Buelow's Mission to Italy—Relations With Austria.

Rapolla, Italy, April 1.—Originally it was intended by Prince von Buelow, the German imperial chancellor, and Signor Tittoni, Italian minister of foreign affairs, that not the slightest political importance should be attached to their meeting here to-day; but after the conference yesterday it was decided to issue an official statement, which follows:

"There took place a long and amicable discussion between Prince von Buelow and Signor Tittoni. Although the conference was not brought about by political reasons, naturally the subjects of conversation were the political questions now occupying the international field. The conversation demonstrated again the complete and full correspondence of the ideas of the two statesmen."

Although the strictest secrecy is maintained concerning the meeting of the diplomats, it seems that the chief discussion was concerning the efficiency and strength of the triple alliance and that it was especially agreed that reciprocal relations between Austria and Italy should be strengthened, as the greatest danger threatening the two powers was a conflict between themselves, which the triple alliance wished to avoid. It is expected the conferences will end when Prince von Buelow and Signor Tittoni meet Baron Achrenthal, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister.

It is asserted that the German chancellor is not opposed to the principle of a general limitation of armaments, but that he will reserve his actual adhesion to it until a practical way for its application is found.

COPPER ACTIVITY AT WHITE HORSE

Captain John Irving Adds to His Properties--A Good Season Expected.

News of deals in copper properties in the vicinity of White Horse is told by C. W. Pedlar, who recently visited Vancouver from the North. "We do not call ourselves mining men," he said at the Vancouver hotel last evening, "but we have handled a few properties, not to develop them and work the mines, but to get people interested in the locality, get them to come in and open up the country," says the Vancouver News-Advertiser.

Mr. Pedlar is the junior partner of the firm of Messrs. Whitney & Pedlar, general merchants at White Horse. They have extensive interests all over the country, and the mining properties which they are intimately connected with are very numerous and valuable. They own one belt of copper 12 miles long which promises to be exceedingly rich, and they have but recently concluded the sale of the Grafter to Robert Lowe, member of the Yukon council, for a handsome figure. Mr. Lowe was acting for other parties, whose names have not as yet been disclosed.

"It is just a little early yet to say with any certainty just what will be done when the winter breaks," replied Mr. Pedlar, "but from the general look of things the mines are to be exploited extensively and much of the country will be opened out. Capt. John Irving, of Victoria, who owns the Arctic Chief, together with some Spokane people, will operate very largely this season. He has recently purchased another good mine, seven miles from White Horse, called the Best Chance, from Angus McKinnon. Yes, it brought a good figure, even part interests fetch good money, and Capt. Irving paid $50,000 for the Best Chance. Extensive work will be carried on at the Pueblo, four miles from White Horse, which is owned by Byron White, of Spokane, who was the original owner of the Slocan City in British Columbia. Mr. White is also interested in another mine, the Puebla Concession, which looks very good. The government has done a great deal toward the development of the country, for they have built excellent roads connecting all the mines with White Horse."

Mr. Pedlar stated that the White Pass & Yukon Railway Company were enlarging their shipyards, building their own boats, extending their connections and making great improvements in the development and opening up of the territory.

"We have only one branch store at Conrad," said Mr. Pedlar in conclusion. "Years ago we had several, but have given them up one by one. I went to Juneau in 1894, long before the excitement began or Dawson was thought of in the Yukon. When the first rush started, we followed along with it and established stores, first at Dyea, then at Bennett and at Dawson, but all these we have given up and now we only have the branch at Conrad and the White Horse house. I am one of the old-timers in that northern country and 13 years seems a long time."

VENTURE IN PORT.

After experiencing rough weather in northern waters the steamer Venture, of the Boscowitz SS. Company, reached port late Monday. Although she encountered snowstorms, she reports that the weather is moderating in the north. News of great activity comes from the canneries along the coast. Numbers of workmen are going up there by each boat. The Venture on her homeward trip brought 11,000 cases of salmon from the Skeena River district to Vancouver. She had 27 passengers, all of whom were landed at Vancouver.

FIRE IN HOTEL.

New York, April 2.—Fire broke out in the Saranas on Broadway to-day. Some of the guests had narrow escapes and many of them were forced to climb down the fire escapes. The flames were extinguished without serious loss. It is believed that no lives were lost.

JEROME WISHES TO EXTEND INQUIRY

MRS. THAW TO APPEAR BEFORE COMMISSION

District Attorney Desires to Show Prisoner's Mental Condition Prior to White's Death.

New York, April 2.—District Attorney Jerome will strive determinedly to-day to have the sanity commission in the case of Harry K. Thaw permit him to present such expert testimony as he wishes to prove that Thaw is a paranoiac. It was only after strenuous agrument at the latest session of the commission on Saturday that the district attorney was granted the right to call his alienists to the stand, and even then he was instructed that his examination of the experts must be limited to showing what the present mental state of the prisoner is, but Mr. Jerome insists that he is empowered to question these medical men as to the prisoner's mental condition prior to White's death, and at the time of it. Mr. Jerome contends that Thaw is now insane.

Justice Fitzgerald instructed the jury in the case to report for duty again on Thursday. This is taken to mean that the justice expects the commission to conclude its labors by that time. It is reasoned, therefore, that the commission will not spend much time hearing the state's alienists. The commission must decide that Thaw is mentally sound or the reverse. If the former his trial will be resumed, and each side will sum up; if the latter, Thaw will have to be committed to an asylum.

There is some conjecture as to Mr. Jerome's motive in calling Mrs. Evelyn Nesbitt Thaw for appearance at the session to-day. She was much disturbed over the move. She was afraid she would have to testify against her husband.

Dr. Macguire Examined.

New York, April 2.—Dr. Frank Maguire, the Tombs physician, was the first witness before the Thaw lunacy commission this morning.

Before the Commission.

New York, April 2.—District-Attorney Jerome had a large array of witnesses awaiting the pleasure of the Thaw lunacy commission this morning, among them Mrs. Evelyn Nesbit Thaw. The young woman was dressed in a black cloth suit, trimmed with leather of the same shade. She were a black straw sailor hat and automobile veil. Dr. Charles F. Bingman, the Thaw family physician, from Pittsburg, also was present this morning. Other witnesses included Frederick W. Longfellow, the attorney formerly employed by Thaw, Dr. Allan M. Hamilton, Dr. Austin Flint and most of the other alienists, who appeared either for Thaw or the state during the trial.

Dr. Frank Maguire, the Tombs physician, was the first witness. He said he had seen Thaw two or three times a week since last June. Dr. Maguire said he had also seen Thaw every day of his trial.

"Was his condition such at any time during the trial as to attract your attention?" asked Chairman McClure, of the commission. "No sir," said the doctor.

"You have talked with him in the Tombs since the trial began?" "Yes sir."

"Was his talk sensible?" "Yes sir, very sensible."

"Have you ever heard the defendant say or seen him do any irrational thing?" "Do you mean since the trial?" asked the witness.

"Since the trial began," said Mr. McClure. "No sir, nothing."

"Have you at any time seen him do anything irrational?" "No sir."

Dr. Maguire was asked about the book in which he kept a record of the prisoner and which Mr. Jerome produced before the commission on Saturday. He said the book contained mostly hearsay matter and but few original entries by himself.

Questioned by Mr. Jerome Dr. Maguire said he had never made a special examination of Thaw to determine his sanity or insanity. He also said he had been refused permission to be present at Thaw's examination on June 28th last by the alienists for the defence. He said he had not talked with Thaw regarding his trial or his mental condition. Their conversations had been confined to current topics.

Dr. Hamilton's Evidence.

The commission to-day allowed Dr. A. Hamilton to testify as what he knows of Thaw's mental condition. This action was taken over the continued protest of the defendant's attorneys. Dr. Hamilton declared it to be his belief that Thaw is suffering from a progressive form of paranoia or delusional insanity, and declared the opinion that the defendant is not capable of realizing the nature of the charges against him.

Many attaches of the Tombs, Michael Delahanty and Franklin J. Shoredsm, guards; Mrs. E. S. Walker, Rev. John A. Wade, chaplain, and Rev. J. L. Evers, Roman Catholic chaplain, testified that Thaw had always seemed to them to be rational.

Dr. Hamilton's statement in which he said Thaw was suffering from chronic delusional insanity, is the only one who claims Thaw is insane.

The famous alienist, Dr. Evans, has not been heard from, and much is centred on his statements.

PEDDLER SHOT.

Father and Son are Held Charged With Murder.

Portland, April 1.—A special to the Oregonian from Woodland says that James Foster, said to hail from Cleveland, was shot and killed by Tom Baxter, or his son George, and that George Baxter lies probably mortally wounded and Tom Baxter slightly hurt by shots from a posse. The three men are tramps, who have been peddling cheap articles of jewelry.

About midnight Saturday a shot was heard in the neighborhood of the depot and the town marshal with a posse went thither to investigate. Foster's dead body was found near a freight car and, after a search, the Baxters were found hiding inside the car. The posse crawled under the car to await developments and a moment later the Baxters jumped from the car and ran. Shots were fired at the fugitives, one bullet striking the younger man in the back and another inflicting a flesh wound in the leg of the father. The younger man fell and the other retreated to the car.

The sheriff arrived within a short time. Emboldened by the reinforcements, the posse boarded the car in which Baxter, sr., had taken refuge, and the fugitive submitted to arrest without resistance. A coroner's jury formally accused the Baxters with murder.

Tom Baxter admits the shooting, but tells conflicting stories. At one time he gave the officials the dead man's name and later he said Foster was unknown to the Baxters; that they thought him a robber and shot him in self-defence. Baxter's statement that Foster was not known to them was controverted by the sheriff, who testified that he had seen the three together at Kalama and had run them out of town.

ON WALL STREET.

New York, April 2.—The local market at noon rose briskly to well beyond yesterday's closings for the more important stocks. Canadian Pacific rallied three points, but quickly dropped down to the low point again.

EMMERSON TAKES PROMPT ACTION

WILL BRING SUIT AGAINST NEWSPAPERS

Minister of Railways Instructs Counsel to Prosecute Several Eastern Journals for Libel.

Ottawa, April 2.—Hon. H. R. Emmerson has telegraphed to Fredericton and Toronto to counsel to take legal proceedings against the Fredericton Gleaner and the Toronto World for publishing what he declares to be libellous and defamatory statements affesting his character. The same course will be taken against the Halifax Herald and all newspapers which have published the alleged libel, which he declared to be devoid of truth.

When the House meets to-day Hon. Mr. Emmerson will take the first opportunity of giving an emphatic contradiction to the Gleaner's statements, and will state that he has taken legal proceedings to clear the aspersion cast upon him.

It is also understood that the minister of railways has offered his resignation to the Premier so that the first minister and government may not suffer through the slanders which are being circulated against him, feeling satisfied that as soon as the case can be brought to trial he will be honorably acquitted.

The Premier and the Speaker of the New Bruswick legislature and twenty-one members have telegraphed to Hon. Mr. Emmerson heartily approving his position in combating the attempt made by his enemies to destroy his future.

MORE WRECKAGE IS DRIFTING ASHORE

Thought That It Belongs to Old Wreck Breaking Up in Spring Gales.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

According to recent advices from the West Coast of the Island wreckage is continuing to be driven in on the shore in the vicinity of Clo-oose. There is no information, however, available which serves to identify the vessel from which it has come or to decide whether it is from a recent wreck or one of the ships lost at a previous time off the coast.

The wreckage is supposed to be from a square rigger judging from the part of the yard picked up. There is also a considerable quantity of pannelling and doors apparently from the cabin work coming ashore near Clo-oose. There has also been an ash oar about eight feet long picked up, and the pieces of the ship's boats which have come in are copper rivetted.

The absence of anything in the shape of freight or supplies, which would assuredly have been reported had they drifted in, lends color to the belief that the wreckage may be from some vessel lost some time ago, and which is now breaking up.

CANADIAN INVENTION.

To a Canadian belongs the honor of an invention described as marking "a revolution in the method of coastwise markings by buoys." The United States government has completed tests of an automatic acetylene gas-buoy, the invention of Mr. Thomas L. Willson, a native of Woodstock, Ontario, who lives at Ottawa. It is explained that a strong, clear light is thrown by the acetylene gas, visible for a long distance at night, while the rays can penetrate through a fog sufficiently far to warn vessels, travelling at slow speed, of danger. Mr. Willson is to submit his invention to the British admiralty.

CHANGES ON THE GRAND TRUNK

M'GUIGAN NEEDED BY GREAT NORTHERN

Hill Requires Official of Canadian Railway to Block Morse's Plans.

Mr. F. H. McGuigan, fourth vice-president of the Grand Trunk system, passed through Toronto recently en route to Montreal. Though pressed to make a definite reply to the report that he had resigned to become first vice-president or general manager of the Great Northern, Mr. McGuigan would say nothing. He said his visit to Chicago had nothing to do with any new situation for him. However, the general credence given to the statements that Mr. F. H. McGuigan has resigned to accept the new position with the Great Northern brings him prominently before the public eye and also arouses considerable curiosity as to who will succeed him.

Two Names Mentioned.

There are two men mentiond in railway circles as the most probable persons to be chosen by Mr. Hays from among his own officials. They are Mr. Geo. C. Jones, manager of the Central Vermont railway, and Mr. W. G. Brownlee, superintendent of the middle division of the Grand Trunk. Both are comparatively young in years but well qualified with knowledge and experince in railway activity. Mr. Jones is mentioned as first in line of promotion.

Mr. McGuigan is one of the most widely known railway men in Canada to-day, and has won the reputation of being one of the most gifted in ability for construction. He began his career as a boy in an humble way, and in connection with track work, a branch of the service for which, it is understood, Mr. J. J. Hill has been desirous of procuring a particularly proficient official. Passing through the various details of this department he climbed, when quite a young man, to a position of responsibility on the Wabash railway.

Strained Relations?

When Mr. C. M. Hays came to Canada in 1896 to take hold of the G. T. R. as second vice-president and general manager, Mr. McGuigan came with him and was made manager. When Mr. F. W. Morse, vice-president and general manager of the Grand Trunk Pacific, left the vice-presidency of the G. T. R. to fill his present office, Mr. E. H. Fitzhugh was brought from the C. V. R. to succeed Mr. Morse. There were reports at that time that Mr. McGuigan was sought by another road, and the office of fourth vice-president was created to retain him. Since then the relations between Mr. Morse and Mr. McGuigan are claimed to have been somewhat strained, and it is a matter of comment in railway quarters that Mr. Hill is not only seeking the latter because of his capability, but because Mr. Hill has ambitions to build lines through Canada, and he thinks Mr. McGuigan is one of the best men in sight to defeat, or at least retard some of the constructive schemes under Mr. Morse. The belief that Mr. McGuigan is wanted to pierce the West with lines for the Great Northern seems particularly well founded. He is a man whose affability and good nature make a strong impression on the public.

Great Northern Railway.

The Great Northern and its subsidiary roads have a total mileage of 6,319 miles. It runs from Duluth to Minneapolis, Sioux City, and a number of other cities in the middle and western states, to Vancouver and Seattle, crossing the border line at Manitoba and British Columbia. It is one of the great traffic gatherers of the United States.

HINDU FOUND DEAD.

Died From Cold and Want of Proper Nourishment.

Death from cold and want of proper nourishment is the rather pathetic fate of Mangal Singh, a Hindu, who came to Milliside a few days ago looking for work, says the New Westminster Columbian.

His dead body was found in his bunk in the Hindu quarters at the mill on Friday. Dr. Rothwell, coroner, went out and reported that death was probably due to cold and lack of nourishment, being generally worn out.

From a ticket found in the pocket of the dead man, it would appear that he went to Vancouver from Bellingham ten days ago. From there he went to Port Moody and later walked from Port Moody to Milliside in the search of work. Arriving at Milliside Wednesday he was given shelter in the Hindu lodging house, but as the men in the building were not of the same caste he did not eat of their food. On Thursday evening he came in, and as he was looking far from strong he was offered something to eat and drink. He, however, said he did not feel like eating and retired to his bunk. Friday morning, when the other men got up, one called him, but got no response. On investigating it was found he had died during the night.

He was apparently 35 years of age and was from the Punjab district.

GAYNOR-GREENE CASE.

Again in United States Circuit Court of Appeals.

New Orleans, La., April 1.—The case of Benjamin D. Greene and John F. Gaynor, convicted of defrauding the government of over half a million dollars in Savannah harbor improvements, came up to-day in the United States circuit court of appeals upon a writ of error from the federal court at Savannah.

The case thus enters its eighth year of legal contest. A. A. Lawrence, of counsel for Greene and Gaynor, occupied the entire session, and had not concluded argument when the court adjourned for the day.

A demurrer to the first indictment for conspiracy was argued. It was contended that when this indictment came up from Judge Brown of New York, he condemned the first eight of the ten counts, whereas afterwards on the same indictment Judge Speer, of Savannah, condemned the two counts which Judge Brown had sustained, and sustained the eight counts which Judge Brown had condemned.

Next the famous extradition of Greene and Gaynor was attacked. It was argued that they were extradited from Canada for participation in fraud by an agent or trustee. In Savannah, Mr. Lawrence said they were tried upon a charge of conspiracy, and this amounted to trying them for different offence than that for which they were extradited.

As for their indictment for embezzlement, it was contended that the proof in the Savannah court showed that the alleged payment of money for their use occurred in New York. The defence insisted, therefore, that only the courts of the southern district of New York had jurisdiction over the embezzlement charges. The last point in the day's argument was upon the use of at least a carload of brokers, trust employees, etc., which the government introduced as evidence at Savannah. The defence asserted that these were placed in evidence by the government without its producing the persons who made the entries of proving their death or inaccessibity.

SIX TRAINMEN KILLED.

Fort Worth, Tex., April 1.—Six trainmen were killed in a head-on collision between two freight trains on the Missouri, Kansas & Texas railroad near here to-day. Fire broke out immediately and two brakesmen were cremated before assistance could reach them. More than three hundred head of cattle were burned and eight cars of merchandise destroyed. Failure of the southbound train to receive an order is said to be responsible for the wreck.

PREPARING FOR A BIG CELEBRATION

Local Young Men's Christian Association to Develop Their Building Project.

The local Young Men's Christian Association has arrangements just about completed for a big anniversary celebration. Sunday coming, April 7th, will be the chief day when association officers from different parts of the Coast will be on hand to assist. Among those who have already promised to assist are General Secretary Allan, of Seattle; State Secretary Willcox, of Washington; General Secretary Nevins and Physical Director Booth, of Tacoma; General Secretary Graham and Physical Director Smith, of Vancouver; and in all probability W. M. Parsons, international field secretary, of Minneapolis. A monster men's meeting will be held in the New Grand theatre at 4 o'clock, and at 8.30 p. m., when the church services are closed, a mass meeting will be held in the New Grand to be addressed by a number of the visiting officials on the development of the Y. M. C. A.

The Ministerial Association of the city is assisting the movement to the extent of recognizing April 7th as young men's day in the churches. The visiting officers will occupy the various pulpits of the city and speak on Y. M. C. A. matters.

Taking advantage of the presence in the city of so many able and experienced Y. M. C. A. men, the directors of the local association have issued invitations for a business men's informal banquet to be held in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium Monday evening, April 8th, at 6 o'clock, to discuss the new Y. M. C. A. building proposition.

Mr. C. W. Wilcox, state secretary, of Washington, will exhibit by stereopticon views and plans of modern buildings. This meeting will be for a frank discussion of the needs and possibilities of a new building in the city. No pains are being spared to make the evening interesting and profitable.

DROWNED WHILE FISHING.

Thirteen-Year-Old Boy Lost His Life in Lake Union, Seattle.

Seattle, March 31.—Rupert La Prell, the 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John La Prell, of 2517 Westlake avenue, was drowned in Lake Union yesterday afternoon shortly before 1 o'clock. It was three hours later that a party of searchers dragged the corpse from the water.

The boy fell from the Westlake boulevard trestle. Although his companions tried to save him, they were powerless and he sank from sight before their eyes.

Rupert and Valentine La Prell brothers, and Albert Carton were fishing from the trestle. Valentine hooked a fish and landed it. He handed the fish to Rupert and asked him to hang it on a line they had for that purpose. Rupert took the fish and crawled along the trestle to where the line was suspended. He slipped and fell into the water. He rose to the surface calling for help and the other two boys extended their poles toward him. Rupert grabbed the end of the pole extended to him by Valentine. The boy was dragging his brother toward the trestle when the pole broke. The little boy again sank from sight and did not again reappear. Valentine and young Carton ran for assistnce and soon several men were engaged in the work of recovering the body. With hooked lines the body was finally caught and dragged to the surface of the water. Life was extinct.

HEROISM REWARDED.

United States Consul Smith has received $40 from the United States government for distribution among four sailors of the D. G. S. Quadra, who were instrumental in saving ten lives from the wrecked barque Coloma. Their names are Cox, Evans, Fisher and Roche. Evans and Roche are now in the Yukon, and their gifts will be held by the consul pending their return. Registered letters were forwarded to Cox and Fisher, and were received by those two sailors when the Quadra was at Vancouver a few days ago.

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—Dan Kilpatrick and J. W. Bryden, mill men of Courtney, have purchased the steamer Mist from Capt. Stromgren of Nanaimo. The new owners left Monday morning to take their boat to Comox. When off Nanoose Bay, a sudden squall sprang up, and the boat had to be taken into Nanoose Bay for shelter.

RUSHING WORK ON NEW ROAD

GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC IS FORGING AHEAD

Will Probably Soon Start Laying Steel in Port Essington Region, Says a Resident.

Mr. J. D. Wells, of Port Essington, who is largely interested in mining and timber properties on the Copper Kitsilas and Skeena Rivers, recently returned north, accompanied by Mr. Mutter, Mr. Wells came down to Vancouver to close several deals the nature of which he did not care to divulge, says the Vancouver News-Advertiser.

When asked regarding the general development work now being carried on in this part of the province, Mr. Wells seemed very optimistic as to the great future in store for Northern British Columbia. "The mineral riches of the numerous copper countries," said Mr. Wells, "is greater than can be realized by anyone who has not been through them and seen for himself." Asked as to what districts he referred, he replied: "The Kechaco, Oosta Lake, Lake Defrancaio and Stewart Lake countries all abound in mineral wealth. There are also large areas of available land, suitable for horticulture, cattle and grain raising. Although the horticulture area of the Skeena valley is somewhat limited (being about 40 or 50 miles in length and 3 or 4 miles wide), the soil is exceedingly rich. Throughout the Bulkley Valley some of the best farming land in the world is to be found. Settlers are going into the country rapidly and although there is room for thousands and thousands of people, it will soon be all taken up. Land values are increasing rapidly, which goes to show that the district is what it is reported to be. The land is comparatively easy to clear and when the G. T. P. is completed the facilities for getting out farm produce will be excellent."

"When do you think the G.T.P. will start to lay rails in B. C.?" asked the interviewer.

"The company have kept their survey parties working away and the men are doing splendid work under severe conditions. Judging by the rapidity with which the surveying is being prosecuted and by investments made by persons who should be in a position to know what the authorities at Montreal purpose doing, it looks as if some of the track in our section will be laid this year."

"Is the timber industry in as flourishing condition around Port Essington as in other parts of B. C.?"

"Yes, there is a great deal of timber being cut and many large mills are being projected for the manufacturing of lumber, ties, etc., which will be in demand as the population increases. I think that an amendment to the Lands Act of the province providing for the removal of the tax of 50 cents a cord on ties which are to be utilized outside of B. C., would be a commendable one. If it were changed to read 'outside of Canada,' I feel sure it would give an impetus to the manufacture of ties in the province. At present the 50 cents imposed amounts to about 1¼ cents a tie, which seems to me to be quite a hinderance to the growth of trade in that finished product of the mill, with other provinces of the Dominion.

"You might also mention that I have another suggestion to throw out," said the mining man. "If the government were to open up a road between Fraser Canyon and the Kitsalas, suitable for the bringing out of copper ore to the G. T. P. railway, it would open up a tremendously rich district. This would be about 65 miles southeast of Hazelton. Extensive deposits of native copper have been found in the country between the places mentioned."

Mr. Wells was asked if there was any likelihood of Kitimat becoming the terminus of the new trans-continental road instead of Prince Rupert.

"I think not," he said. A branch will very likely run from Hazelton to Kitimat by virtue of the rights of the P. & O. charter which the G. T. P. has acquired." Mr. Wells says that Prince Rupert town lots will be put on the marked early in August.

KILLED BY STREET CAR.

German Cobbler Crushed to Death in Seattle.

Seattle, March 31.—Frederick Schaper, a German cobbler, of 617 Seventh avenue, on his way home with a bundle of shoes to mend, was ground to death beneath the wheels of a Lake Union car last night at 9:30 at Second avenue and Cherry street. He was crossing Second avenue, when the car, which was going at a high rate of speed, struck and almost instantly killed him.

Several women saw the man with his bundle drawn beneath the wheels, and their shrill screams startled an unusually dense and gay Saturday evening crowd that moved along Second avenpe intent on preparations for the Easter celebration of the morrow.

Schaper was endeavoring to cross on the south side of Cherry street from the west to the east side of Second avenue. He was dragged for five or six feet more. Shoes were scattered along the track for several feet. The car did not come to a stop for 50 or 60 feet after it struck Schaper.

After a consultation between Chief Wappenstein and Deputy Corner Wittsie, Motorman Aiken was locked up in the city hall to await the inquest.

Schaper was about 40 years old and a bachelor. He has lived for two years at 617 Seventh avenue, where he had his shoe shop.

GOLD FOR STATES.

New York, April 2.—The announcement was made to-day that the firm of Lazard Freres had engaged $2,250,000 in gold in London for importation.