Uncle Sam May Have Visitation

French Expert Figures That the Russians Will Call at Philippines.

The Baltic Fleet May Now Be Skirting the North Coast.

Close Proximity to the Japanese Base Renders Battle Imminent.

PARIS, May 22.—Reports in circulation here to the effect that colliers belonging to the Russian fleet intended to rendezvous at the Babuyan islands, north of the island of Luzon, Philippine islands, is not based on precise information, but it is the result of figuring on the latitude and longitude where a portion of the fleet was last observed. If this course is continued, it is pointed out it would take the ships into the Balintig channel, near which are the Babuyan islands. It is therefore inferred that the Russians will rendezvous in that locality for the purpose of coaling.

Much attention is given here to Vice Admiral Rojestvensky's probable passage into the Pacific north of the island of Luzon and suggestions are made that the reported intentions of the Russians to rendezvous at the Island of Babuyan will give the American authorities in the Philippines the same difficulties in preserving remote points against the incursions of Admiral Rojestvensky that the French authorities experienced in the waters of Indo-China.

Avoiding Japanese

The naval expert of the Temps lengthily points out that the information brought by various steamers to Chinese ports confirms the previous view that Rojestvensky is skirting the north of the Philippines into the Pacific, thus avoiding the possibilities of Japanese torpedo attacks and the mines in the straits of Formosa and the subsequent concentration of the Japanese fleet in the straits of Korea. Further, Rojestvensky, by this means, will be able to make a long detour and reach Vladivostok through one of the northern straits of Japan. It is pointed out, however, that the presence of the Russian fleet north of the Philippines places the Russians only a few hundred miles from the Japanese naval base at Kelung (in the northern part of Formosa), and that a fight is still possible before the detour commences.

A KENTUCKY MURDER.

Glasgow, Ky., May 20.—News has just reached here of the murder and robbery near Burksville of James Skinner, a prominent man in Cumberland county. His body was found in a lane near the Cumberland pike, about a mile north of Burksville. There was a bullet hole in his right temple and three in his breast. His watch, a bill case containing $2,000 in currency and a short sack of silver he had with him when he left town, and a bundle of legal papers, are gone.

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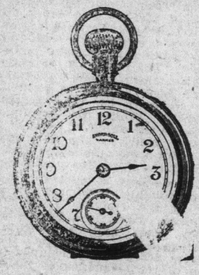

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LINEVITCH HEARD FROM.

Russian Commander Reports Minor Affairs at Front.

St. Petersburg, May 22.—Gen. Linevitch, in a despatch from the front, dated May 21, announces that two Russian detachments occupied the valleys of the Kaak and Khanda rivers on the Mandarin road, after dislodging some Japanese cavalry and infantry.

The despatches add that Gen. Martynoff's detachment from Tadlu also drove back the Japanese advanced cavalry outposts. Gen. Linevitch also reported fighting near Shahotse May 18, but did not give the result. He said a Russian detachment east of the railroad approached the village of Shahotse and was attacked by a force of Japanese from the coal mines south of that place.

LOWER INSURANCE RATE.

Vancouver Underwriters Decide to Make a Change.

Vancouver, May 22.—The committee of fire underwriters met on Saturday last and decided to reduce fire insurance rates. The drop will be from fifteen to twenty-five per cent. for brick and stone blocks. Other risks will be on a graduated scale. On Tuesday a general meeting of the Mainland board of fire underwriters will take place, and it is expected the announcement will be made shortly after. It is said that the objection raised by the increase of rates after the Toronto fire and the fact that many risks were being placed elsewhere than in the line companies, has caused the underwriters to consider a reduction of the rates.

Jack Grey, a logger of Drury inlet, had his leg torn off in an accident at Ford's camp Thursday last. Grey was a donkey engine driver and in some unaccountable way wound a log against his leg, horribly mutilating it. He died from loss of blood and shock.

PHILADELPHIA PROBLEM.

Council Wrestling With a Gas Deal Similar to That of Montreal.

Philadelphia, Pa., May 20.—The first action taken by Mayor Weaver in his opposition to the consummation of the gas lease was the suspension today of Oscar Noll, an assistant commissioner of highways, pending an investigation into the part taken by Noll in the passage of the gas lease ordinances by the council last Thursday. Noll, who is the Republican leader of Thirty-seventh ward, was appointed assistant commissioner by the mayor. It is alleged that Noll influenced Walter Sykes, select councilman from that ward, to vote for the gas lease against the mayor.

Mayor Weaver had a conference with the leaders of several other wards. The leaders of the party say that the ranks of the advocates for the lease stand solid, and that the ordinance will be passed over the mayor's veto, in the event of the chief executive's non-approval.

DOMINION NEWS NOTES.

Kingston, Ont., May 20.—Fire at an early hour this morning did damage to the extent of $8,000 to the Gananoque Inn, owned by the Brockville Carriage Company. The loss is covered by insurance. The guests had to be aroused.

Montreal, May 20.—Mr. W. H. Hargreave, assistant manager of the Eastern Townships Bank, this city, has been appointed manager of the Vancouver office, which will be opened in a few days.

Toronto, May 20.—The commission of enquiry appointed by the senate of the University of Toronto to investigate "certain anonymous charges" made against President Loudon and Prof. McLennan in connection with 1851 scholarship awards of 1900 and 1904, have presented their report. The commission acquits President Loudon of charges of bad faith and incapacity against him. It attributes lack of harmony and dissatisfaction among graduates to the wide range of the president's duties and multiplicity of detail attached to his office. Prof. McLennan is cleared of the charges against him. The commission unanimously found that the 1900 award was irregular and ought not to have been made. The responsibility was laid on both President Loudon and Prof. McLennan for having treated on equal terms candidates who had and others who had not submitted thesis in that year. They found no fault with the 1904 awards.

HOME AGAIN FROM THE WHEAT FIELDS

Mr. D. R. Ker Returns From a Trip to Great North-West and Gives Impressions.

Mr. D. R. Ker, of the Brackman-Ker Milling Co., has returned to Victoria after an absence of close on a month, during which time he was looking after the company's interests in the great Northwest and through the Boundary and Kootenay country.

Seen by a Colonist reporter yesterday, Mr. Ker stated that he was more than pleased with his trip from the business point of view. The influx of immigrants into the Northwest is, he says, scarcely credible, so continuous is the stream in all directions. "And they are a very superior class of people, too," added Mr. Ker. "Last year was considered a good one in this respect, but this year the number of arrivals from the Old Country is greater than ever, and apparently of a most practical class. The weather has been favorable, and once the settler arrives there is no time lost in getting on to the land and starting active operations. Very encouraging reports have evidently been sent home from the Barr colony, which would account for the large number of Old Country people now flocking in. From the United States also there are very day arrivals of settlers, many of them bringing with them their stock, implements, machinery and household effects—all ready to start work without delay. I believe this influx from the south has done much to infuse new ideas and methods. For instance, it is expected that there will be about 2,000,000 bushels of fall wheat harvested this year—and this is something new. Of this there is a large acreage, especially south of Calgary, which, with favorable weather, ought to be ready to cut about August, thus avoiding the danger of injury from frost. This is something new.

Railroad Building.

"There is a great deal of railway construction going on," added Mr. Ker, "and by this means immense areas of country are being opened up. Anything within twenty miles of a railway is readily taken up, and hence the activity in railway building. Edmonton and the district is going ahead with wonderful strides, and so is Alberta; in fact, the whole country is in a state of activity, with assured prosperity ahead. So as to be prepared for increased business, we are putting in a reinforced concrete elevator at Strathcona, the first of its class in Canada. It will have a capacity of 100,000 bushels, and will be in readiness by the time the fall wheat is coming in. We are also putting in a couple along the Canada Northern and the C. & E. railways. There will be an immense business done in that part of the country this year."

Mr. Ker also speaks highly of the Kootenays and the Boundary country, where he reports business brisk and prospects bright.

BUILDING TORPEDO BOATS.

Vienna, May 20.—The minister of marine has placed a preliminary order for six torpedo boat destroyers and ten torpedo boats with a firm of shipbuilders at Flum. They will be the first of such vessels to be built in Hungary and will cost $3,000,000.

Wild Disorder In Commons

Imperial Parliament the Scene of Most Unprecedented Uproar.

The Liberal Leader Charges Mr Balfour With Breach of Pledge.

Lyttleton Attempts a Reply and Speaker Closes House in Tumult.

LONDON, May 22.—The sitting of the House of Commons tonight was marked by scenes of the wildest disorder, growing out of a motion by Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman to adjourn the House that he might discuss the charge against the premier of having violated his pledge not to deal with the subject of colonial preference without first appealing to the country. Alfred Lyttleton, secretary of state for the colonies, rose to reply to the Liberals but members of the opposition shouted down his attempt to speak, even after the premier had demanded a hearing for the secretary. Finally the Speaker, after he had exhausted every effort to quell the turbulence, put into force, for the first time, a new rule empowering him to adjourn the House in case of grave disorder.

The matter came up at the afternoon sitting, when Premier Balfour, replying to questions on the subject, said he did not consider himself pledged to inaction in regard to colonial preference, except so far as parliament was concerned. He reiterated that the government did not intend to deal with the fiscal question in the present parliament. The matter of colonial preference might, however, be submitted to a colonial conference in 1906.

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, the Liberal leader, charged Mr. Balfour with violating the pledge he had made in his Edinburgh speech and moved the adjournment of the House to discuss the matter.

Plain Answer Demanded

The debate on the motion came up at the night session and was marked by disorder. The Liberal leader demanded a plain answer from Premier Balfour, and Mr. Lyttleton, secretary of state for the colonies, rose to reply. The members of the opposition drowned the efforts of the secretary with cries of "Balfour, Balfour." After continuing for about ten minutes, Mr. Lyttleton sat down.

After several members had failed to secure a hearing, the premier rose, and a temporary lull followed.

Mr. Balfour said he thought it highly improbable that he should be immediately expected to follow the leader of the opposition. He said he had known the opposition to refuse to hear a minister, and he insisted that the House should hear Mr. Lyttleton as otherwise the dignity of the House could not be maintained.

Mr. Lyttleton again attempted to speak, but the disorder was renewed.

Finally the Speaker said it was clear that the scene would continue, and he would therefore adjourn the House under the rules empowering the Speaker to take such action in cases of such grave departure from decorum.

The Speaker had been unable to secure even a semblance of order, the constant howl lasting over an hour. The action of the Speaker and the scenes in the House created a tremendous sensation in the lobbies.

Disappointed Visitors

The galleries were filled with peers and other distinguished persons, who gathered in the House expecting to hear an interesting debate on the fiscal question.

Tonight's unprecedented and undignified scenes in the House of Commons grew to some extent out of the Balfour-Chamberlain controversy with the addition of the heat engendered on the opposition side by the premier's alleged breach of his pledge not to consider the subject of colonial preference without appealing to the country.

The members generally were in feverish expectation that the debate would indirectly provide the terms of Mr. Balfour's answer to Mr. Chamberlain's compromising proposals. It was also anticipated that Mr. Chamberlain himself would make an important speech on the fiscal question. Then when Secretary Lyttleton was put up to speak instead of Mr. Balfour a storm burst forth, such as has not been seen in the House of Commons for many years.

The opposition interpreted the government's course as an attempt to stifle discussion, although moderate members admit that Mr. Balfour's attitude was perfectly correct. The premier himself in appealing to the House to permit Mr. Lyttleton to speak, maintained that he (the premier) was a prisoner in the dock, and not to be heard until he heard the accusations against him.

Lyttleton's Perseverance

Mr. Lyttleton also showed great self-possession. Standing at the treasury tables, times out of number he tried to speak, always beginning "the prime minister," and always being shouted down with cries of "Balfour, Balfour," and "let him fight his own battles."

The Liberal leaders after adjournment held a conference, and it is expected that a vote of censure on Premier Balfour will be moved tomorrow by Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman.

London, May 23.—It is understood that a colonial conference will meet in London early in 1906.

The Liberal papers this morning interpret Premier Balfour's remarks on the subject in the House of Commons yesterday as showing that some sort of compact has been arrived at between him and Joseph Chamberlain to defer the dissolution of parliament until next year.

Mr. Chamberlain himself dined with his supporters last night. He remained within the precincts of the Commons, but never entered the House during the scene.

AIR OF EXPECTANCY.

St. Petersburg, May 22.—There is an air of expectancy at the admiralty which indicates that news of importance regarding Admiral Rojestvensky's fleet is awaited at any moment.

MINING AT ROSSLAND.

R. E. Lee Group Is Leased—Shipments for the Week.

Rossland, May 20.—Messrs. Stevenson, Howard and Johnson have leased the R. E. Lee group from the R. E. Lee Gold Mines Co. for a period of a year, and have begun work on the properties. They are prospecting the ledge on the surface for the purpose of determining the best method of operating the property. The lease is for a year. There are two claims in the group, the R. E. Lee and the Maid of Erin, and it is thought they will be able to make a good profit out of the lease.

The shipments for the week ending tonight were as follows: Le Roi, 2175 tons; Centre Star, 1740; War Eagle, 1350; Le Roi No. 2, 90; White Bear, (milled), 330; Jumbo, 200; Spitzee, 90; total for the week, 5,975; and for the year, 134,089.

SERVIAN MINISTER RESIGNS.

Postponed Action Finally Is Acted Upon.

Belgrade, May 22.—The Pasics ministry has resigned. The cabinet, formed Dec. 11, 1904, under the premiership of M. Pasics, resigned Feb. 6 last in consequence of court intrigues against the premier. King Peter requested the ministers to retain office until he had conferred with the politicians, and the cabinet resignation was withdrawn Feb. 8.

THE SULTAN BALKS.

His Highness of Morocco Declines French Methods.

London, May 23.—The Times' Tangier correspondent learns that the Sultan of Morocco will reply to the French proposals admitting that reforms are necessary but regretting his inability to conform to French wishes unless all signatories to the treaty of Madrid agree as to the means for carrying it out.

APPEAL AGAINST JAPAN.

Hague Tribunal Gives Decision Affecting Internal Tax.

The Hague, May 22.—The arbitration tribunal today issued an award upholding the appeal of Great Britain, France and Germany against Japan for levying the house tax on buildings in the old foreign concessions. The tribunal holds that the buildings were exempt.

MEMORIAL TO HARVARD.

Ambassador Choate Fittingly Closes His Work in England.

London, May 22.—United States Ambassador Choate today unveiled a memorial window to John Harvard in Saint Saviour's church, Southwark, in the presence of a large gathering. The ambassador, in presenting this, his parting gift, to Great Britain said he desired to signalize his long residence and work in Great Britain, and there was no more fitting manner than as a loyal son of Harvard to dedicate a window to John Harvard.

This was Mr. Choate's last public function in England.

WESTERN CANADA PULP AND PAPER CO.

The World's Paper Supply to Be Helped by British Capital and Enterprise.

Financial News.

"Apart from investment in government and municipal securities, railway bonds and the like, the British public at home remain indifferent to Canadian industrial developments, preferring risky ventures in South America and equally doubtful quarters, when there are such unlimited opportunities in Canada, immeasurably safter, far more profitable and tending at the same time to build up and strengthen the greatest of the Empire's colonies." This is a quotation from a paper read by Mr. C. F. Just, of the Canadian government service, before the Society of Arts, on February 28 last. It has been a standing complaint of Canadians for a long time that the Mother Country neglects the Dominion as a field for investment. Canada, in fact, sees with alarm the control of her vast forest lands passing gradually into the possession of American capitalists. The forests of the United States, of course, are becoming exhausted, and American pulp and paper making companies depend more and more on Canada for the raw material.

In the paper referred to, Mr. Just also pointed out that, "in regard to timber and wood-pulp lands, Americans have been specially active in acquiring control of raw material and water-powers for those industries in the Eastern provinces; American capital is also largely invested in the new Canadian power works." Last year upwards of 500,000 cords of pulp were carried across the border by rail, to be made into pulp and paper in American mills. Canadians do not like to see the raw material, on which little labor has been spent, passed over the border to feed the manufacturers in a country which does its best to keep out Canadian products. Every week, therefore, public opinion is demanding protection. A recent issue, for instance, of the Canadian Gazette contains the report of a speech by Mr. Denis Murphy, president of the Ottawa board of trade, in which he laid emphasis upon the duty of protecting the Canadian pulp and paper industry. There is a general belief that Canadian public opinion on the matter will soon find expression in legislative action, in the form of an export duty on wood to the United States.

We have ourselves largely to blame for allowing American capital to secure such a valuable hold on the unexploited and inexhaustible resources of Canada, and it is interesting to find that British enterprise is beginning to assert itself. This is all the more gratifying because the more accessible forests of the United States are almost depleted. In Scandinavia and Northern Europe little scope is left for development; so that the world is depending more and more on Canada. The great resources of Canada safeguard the future of cheap paper. Speaking at the Society of Arts on February 28 last, Mr. S. Charles Phillips, editor of the Paper Maker, and a well-known expert, said: "Canada has been the means of keeping the price of raw material from undue inflation and from that high price which would have prevented the launching of some of the greatest newspaper ventures." Canada is only beginning to realize her full importance as the best country for the supply of paper. Besides being the granary of the Empire, she is destined to become the world's centre for wood supply, more particularly the wood from which paper is made. Of course, it is only in certain parts of the province that a combination of favorable circumstances can be found to guarantee the cheapest production; and in the competition for the most advantageous concessions, the Western Canada Pulp and Paper Company, Limited, of Salisbury House, London, believes that it has been fortunate enough to secure what it regards as the choicest section in this veritable paradise of the pulp and paper maker. The western coast of British Columbia, washed by the waters of the Pacific, is considered to contain the trees most suitable for paper-making. The wood is not unduly hardened by the severity of the winters; there is no risk from fires, as the spruce forests remain always moist. The lakes and rivers never freeze in winter, so that the production can be carried on under the most favorable conditions all the year round.

British Columbia is probably destined within the next few years to see the greatest development in this paper industry. Vancouver City is an almost unequaled centre for cheap distribution, whether to Western America, Australia, Japan or China. The long journey by sea to London is counteracted in this case by the exceptional cheapness of production of the paper, and we can probably look forward in a few years to the completion of the Panama canal, which would still further improve transit by sea to Europe. The European markets, however, are not taken into account by this company, as those of the Pacific, which from its position it will control, already absorb about 800 tons per week of "news" paper, and the demand is increasing. There is, however, the growing market in the Far East, which is the Near West from Vancouver. Moreover, New Zealand has passed a reciprocity act, giving Canadian products the preference over American, and probably this intercolonial preference will be extended to Australia in the near future. All these facts are claimed as favoring the programme of the Western Canada Pulp & Paper Company, which will be developed in harmony with home interests, as some of the leading firms of paper manufacturers in England are stated to be associated with it, and it has contracted with an English house for the sale of the major portion of its output.

Dominion News Notes

Textile Company About to Acquire Property of Montreal Cotton Co.

Hon. C. S. Hyman Sworn In as Minister of Public Works.

Thirteen Year Old Girl Held for Infant's Death in Toronto.

MONTREAL, May 22.—It was stated this morning that the Dominion Textile Co. had, with the exception of a few details, completed arrangements to take over the Montreal Cotton Company. The question of price seems, however, not to be finally arranged.

J. Westley Allison and G. E. Weldrum of this city have secured possession of the charter of the Canadian Iron Plate and Sheet Steel Co. of Toronto, and with a number of American capitalists will erect mills at Morrisburg, Ont., securing their steel requirements from the Dominion Steel Co. It is expected the new company will be able to control the Canadian market.

Minister Sworn In.

Toronto, May 22.—Hon. C. S. Hyman, was sworn in as minister of public works in the Dominion cabinet by His Excellency Earl Grey.

Workman Killed.

London, May 22.—While at work on the Grand Trunk bridge at Hyde Park this morning, W. J. Plante was struck by a jigger and instanty killed. The jigger struck his neck, breaking it.

Youthful Murderess.

Toronto, May 22.—Thirteen-year-old Josephine Carr was arraigned in the Police court at noon today on the charge of murdering Mrs. Murray's baby. The session was practically private, being in the children's court. The child was not asked to elect or plead. She was represented by counsel. She was a passive spectator of what took place and appeared scarcely interested. She was remanded to the children's shelter for one week. She will remain there until her preliminary hearing. J. J. Kelso, superintendent of neglected children, urges her committal to the girls' industrial school until she is twenty-one years of age. Chief Coroner Johnston thinks the baby died of exposure rather than violence.

Drowned From Canoe.

Huntsville, Ont., May 22.—Fred. and Norman Anderson were drowned in Vernon Lake yesterday. They were out in a canoe with another boy named Booth, and were upset. Booth was rescued.

Conservative Nominated.

Woodstock, Ont., May 22.—J. C. Wallace, barrister, has been nominated by the North Oxford Conservatives for the House of Commons.

New Towns Opened.

Winnipeg, May 22.—Immigration from the States to southern Alberta has been so heavy this spring as to settle whole districts where a year ago not a homestead claim had been filed. Land that was quoted at $3 an acre in that part of the territory is now held at $10, and many new towns have been opened.

Another big milling enterprise is contemplated here. Parish & Lindsay and the Kelly Milling Co. of Brandon and McGaw of Goderich, Ont., having organized into the Royal Canadian Flour Mills Co. They will expend $250,000 on a plant in St. Boniface if exemptions are granted and will erect a 4,000 barrel mill.

C. P. R. Extension

Moosejaw, N. W. T., May 22.—Mr. Seymour, secretary of the board of trade, has received a letter from Mr. William Whyte, general superintendent of the C. P. R., containing the information that the president has recommended that a survey be made of the proposed road from Moosejaw to the elbow of the Saskatchewan, as the road will then open up a large district of good farming land tributary to the city.

Accidentally Shot

Clear Springs, Man., May 22.—Katherine Auger was accidentally shot in the back by a rifle with which a boy was playing in the house.

Now no More Dual Inspection

Co-Operation of Canada and the U. S. Respecting Steamship Regulations.

Freedom of Anchorage at Esquimalt n Times of Peace.

The law which makes it necessary for all vessels which run between Canadian and American ports has been so arranged that it will now be necessary for the vessels to undergo only one inspection. In former years it was the law that all vessels plying between American and Canadian ports should be inspected by the inspectors from both American and Canadian cities. This was a great nuisance to Canadian shipowners, as the inspectors of the American government called for different qualifications as to the inspection of the boilers, the number and make of life buoy, the number of boats, and several other items. It has often been said about town that an arrangement by both governments for one inspection would be satisfactory. It was not until yesterday that any definite word has been received. Capt. Troup is in receipt of a communication from the department of commerce and labor at Washington, informing him that the American authorities will hereafter be satisfied with the certificates of Canadian inspectors. The Americans, on being presented with a copy of the Canadian certificate, will satisfy themselves that the Canadian rules are being carried out. The following is a copy of the letter that was received by Capt. Troup from Washington:

Department of Commerce and Labor,
Office of the Secretary, Washington.
May 6, 1905.

To supervising and local inspectors of steamboats, collectors of customs and masters, owners and agents of Canadian merchant passenger steamers:

This department having been officially advised by the Hon. the Secretary of State that the authorities of Canada will recognize as valid the steamboat inspection certificates issued by the authorities of the United States to American steamers, and in the case of vessels of the United States having unexpired certificates of inspection issued by officers of the United States government, will dispense with any further inspection as regards hull, boilers, machinery and equipments, including life-saving appliances, except such as is necessary to satisfy the inspectors that the condition of the vessel, her boilers and life-saving equipments are as stated in the said current United States certificate of inspection, it is hereby ordered, under the authority conferred upon the secretary of commerce and labor by the amendment to section 4400, revised statutes of the United States, approved Feb. 15, 1902, that hereafter and until otherwise directed, the merchant passenger steamers of Canada, sailing from ports in the United States, and holding unexpired certificates of inspection issued by the duly constituted officers of Canada shall be subject to no other inspection than necessary to satisfy the local inspectors that the condition of the vessel, her boilers and life-saving equipments are as stated in the said current Canadian certificate of inspection.

The masters, owners or agents of Canadian merchant passenger steamers, other than steamers holding certificates of inspection issued by the authorities of the United States, shall, immediately upon arriving at ports in the United States, file in the office of the local inspectors of steamboats having jurisdiction in such ports a copy of their current Canadian certificate of inspection.

Masters, owners or agents of Canadian merchant passenger steamers holding an unexpired certificate of inspection, shall also furnish the local inspectors with a copy of their current Canadian certificate of inspection upon arrival at a United States port on their last voyage preceding the date of expiration of the current United States certificate held by such steamer, and it shall thereafter be examined and certificated in the manner provided herein.

The local inspectors will, upon the receipt of the copy of the Canadian certificate of inspection, proceed at once to make the examination necessary to comply with the requirements of the Act of Congress heretofore referred to. (The full text of said act will be found in treasury department circular 35, dated April 1, 1902.)

If, after such examination, the local inspectors shall find that the existing conditions of the vessel, her boilers, machinery and life-saving equipments conform to the provisions of the steamer's current Canadian certificate of inspection, they shall furnish the master, owners or agents a certificate to that effect on Form 989 (Old No. 2178). Said certificate will be dated to expire on the date of expiration of the said steamer's Canadian certificate on file in the inspector's office.

The inspectors will also send to the collector of customs for file in the custom house a duplicate of the certificate issued by them, as evidence upon which the clearance may be granted—this in lieu of Form 987 (Old. No. 2177), formerly required to be on file for this purpose, to comply with the provisions of section 4498, revised statutes.

V. H. METCALF,
Secretary.

ANCHORAGE AT ESQUIMALT.

Respecting the question of anchorage at Esquimalt harbor, Charles McIntosh, secretary-treasurer of the Esquimalt District Liberal Association, has received the following letter:

"Ottawa, May 12, 1905.

"Sir,—Your communication of 16th of February last, addressed to the first lord of the admiralty, on the subject of the anchorage of Esquimalt harbor, having been transmitted to the Governor-General of Canada by the secretary of state for the colonies, His Excellency desires me to inform you, at the request of Mr. Secretary Lyttleton, that the lords commissioners of the admiralty have no objection to the removal of the reservation in question in ordinary times.

"J. HAMILTON (Colonel),
"Gov.-General's Sec."

TROUBLE IN TENNESSEE.

Nashville, Tenn., May 20.—The negroes here are considerably wrought up over what they term the reckless shooting of members of their race by policemen. During the past two weeks three negroes have been shot by officials, two of whom have since died. At a mass meeting of negroes, a league was formed for the purpose of raising money to prosecute the policemen charged with the shooting.

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R. D. Evans, discoverer of the Famous Cancer Cure, desires anyone suffering with cancer to write him—two days' treatment will cure any cancer, external or internal.
R. D. EVANS,
Brandon, Manitoba.

WHOLESALE MARKETS.

Wholesale Market report, corrected daily by the Sylvester Feed Co., 87-89 Yates street, Victoria, B. C.

Wheat, per ton	$36.00
Oats, per ton	$32 to $34
Barley, per ton	$28.00
Hay (Island), per ton	$14.00
Hay (Fraser), per ton	$12.00
Straw, per ton	$10.00
Potatoes, B. C.	$25.00
Potatoes, Island	$30.00
Potatoes, Yakima	$26.00

FRUIT TREES, PLANTS, BULBS
The Best Nursery Stock at the Lowest Prices
NOTICE OUR GREAT BARGAIN OFFER
The best nursery stock at reasonable prices is our motto. Our trees are free from insect pests and diseases. We retail at wholesale prices.
If you expect to plant a large orchard or only a few trees and plants, it will pay you to send us a list of your wants for special prices. When you buy of us you get strong, vigorous, hardy trees, true to name, at the lowest possible prices.
To introduce our superior stock to many new customers, we make the following remarkable bargain offer. Order now before the trees are all sold. We will hold stock until you desire shipment made, or will send at once, whichever you prefer.
Offer No. 1.—For one dollar and twenty-five cents we will send the trees and plants named below:
10 peach trees, two each of the following varieties, which are the very best of the new varieties: Carmen, Fitzgerald, Kalamazoo, New Prolific and Greensboro, all hardy and prolific, but if preferred we will send eight apple or pear trees, buyer's selection of variety, in place of the ten peach trees. 2 Climax plum, the wonderful new Japanese plum, largest and best, full crops every year. 2 early Richmond cherry, five trees, best variety. 12 Dunlap strawberry plants, the best variety among all the new strawberries, immensely productive, finest quality.
All the above, fourteen trees and twelve plants, all for one dollar and twenty-five cents. Satisfaction guaranteed. Order before it is too late. Remember, for one dollar and twenty-five cents we send you the twelve plants and fourteen trees. Order now. If you are not satisfied with the trees when you receive them, we will return the money sent for them.
Offer No. 2—For twenty-five cents we will send, prepaid, one dozen Mammoth Gladioli bulbs from our wonderful collection, embracing every color and kind known, and many new seedlings never sold before. Bulbs equal of this collection have never been sold for less than fifty cents to one dollar per dozen, but for this short time we make this special offer of one dozen Mammoth Gladioli bulbs of this rare collection for twenty-five cents. Order now before our supply is exhausted. If the blooms from these bulbs do not surpass anything you have grown before in the way of Gladioli, we will return the money sent us and you keep the bulbs.
Offer No. 3—All the above varieties are the very best to be had anywhere and both orders should be accepted at once by all who want the best fruits and finest flowers, but to make it so liberal that all will try them and thus advertise our low prices and superior stock, we make this remarkably liberal offer. To all who send for both the above orders, we will send, absolutely free, two fine two-year-old Campbell's early grapevines. Campbell's early is the largest, hardiest, most productive, and best quality of all early grapes. For home use or market, Campbell's early is the best of all. Do not miss this opportunity to secure two of these valuable grapevines free. Write to us if you are interested in the best fruit.
STRAWBERRY SPECIAL.
For two dollars we will send 1,100 first class strawberry plants as named below. These are strong, first class plants, good as can be grown anywhere and the varieties are the best.
500 Senator Dunlap, unequalled for a general purpose berry; 500 Babauch, immense in size and yield; 100 General De Wet, best and new late variety, very valuable. Or, if you prefer other varieties, you may select 1,100 plants from the following list: Haveland, Jessie Warfield, Glen Mary, Clyde, Gandy, Sample, Brandywine, Crescent, Sharpless, Mitchell's Early, Beederwood, Lovett, Marshall, Gladstone, Wm. Belt, and McKinley.
If a smaller number is preferred, we will send for one dollar 500 plants, our selection of varieties from the above-named varieties. And we will add to these 50 General De Wet plants. Remember the plants are the very best.
SPECIAL GRAPE OFFER.
For sixty cents we will send one dozen grape vines, purchaser's selection of varieties from the list given below. These vines are extra select, two-year vines, first-class in every way. Satisfaction guaranteed. The varieties are Concord, Moores Early, Warden, Moores Diamond, Delaware, Ives Seedling, Catalpa, Salem, Lindley, Niagara, Champion and Elvira and Vergennes. Why do without a good supply of grapes when you can secure the best varieties at these bargain prices?
SPECIAL POEONY OFFER.
In our new Victorian Poeony we have the best variegated variety known today. A very profuse bloomer and as hardy as any forest tree. Blooms very large and full, being almost double the size of other poeonies.
The color is a beautiful pure white with the centre of the petals striped and dotted with the most beautiful shades. Not only is the color of this variety the most beautiful of all poeonies, but added to this is the fact that it has a fragrance as sweet as any tea rose.
What more can be asked for? Hardy anywhere, a never failing bloomer, immense blooms of unrivalled beauty and exquisite fragrance. All this and more may truly be said of our wonderful Victorian Poeony.
Variegated poeonies are seldom sold for less than 75 cents to $1.50 each, but, having a good supply, we make a special price of 35 cents, all charges prepaid. Four poeonies for one dollar, as follows: One each red, pink, white and one Variegated Victoria Poeony.
Rare Offer—For one dollar we will send, prepaid, ten Fine Hardy Roses. Best varieties, finest colors, extra fine plants. Every plant a hardy, vigorous grower and continual bloomer.
Money may be sent by post office or express money orders, registered letter or bank draft. When sent in any of these ways we will send an extra vine or tree to cover cost of sending. Note.—All prices are given in U. S. Money.
INDIANAPOLIS NURSERY Co.
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., U. S. A.

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TIMBER LIC

Notice is hereby given
after date I intend to ap
Commissioner of Lands a
special license to cut
timber from the following
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River, Renfrew District:
a post marked Leo Green
corner; thence north 40 ch
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containing 640 acres.
Dated at Port Renfrew
of May, 1905.
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TIMBER LIC

Notice is hereby given
after date I intend to ap
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special license to cut a
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situated on the north side
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a post marked M. H. N
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Dated at Port Renfrew
of May, 1905.
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FRA
May 6, 1905.