

BUSINESS MEN FAVOR SCHEME

CAPITAL OF PROVINCE SHOULD BE BEAUTIFIED

David Spencer Urges Great Importance of Work—Otto Weiler's Opinion.

If the voice of the people is anything like as powerful as it is claimed to be, by an old saying which attributes to it almost Divine influence, and if the representatives of the people will listen to the voice which they are to-day beautifying of Victoria will take place at no very distant date, and will be completed with a thoroughness that shall last for all time.

From every section of the community the Times hears the same story. This morning a representative of the prominent business men in the city—David Spencer and Otto Weiler. Both these gentlemen combined enthusiasm with interest and tempered the combination with practicality.

"I am most decidedly and emphatically in favor of the scheme by which the provincial government should grant a sum of \$30,000 for the beautifying of the capital city, and I certainly think that they should be glad and proud to do it," said Mr. Spencer.

"I do not believe that there is a single member in the House who will not willingly vote in favor of such a measure when it is brought up. Victoria is the capital of the province, and as such has a right to adorn the body of the province. The provincial government is forever spending money upon some district or upon some town in the province, and Victoria is certainly entitled to a share of the money which is thus distributed. It is impossible for the government to say that it has not got the funds after the surplus which has been shown in the last two budgets. But, as I said before, I do not think that any of the members would raise an objection of any kind.

"It is of the utmost importance that if work of this kind is taken in hand, it should be properly done. Work of this kind, which has been done in the city in the past, has not always been done in the best way. There are many places, which have been planted on Beacon Hill. They have not been cared for. They have been planted in the wrong places, and instead of being a source of pleasure to the people, they are a form and dejected appearance and mean in the wind, like the souls of the unfortunates dead.

"In Southern California, where matters of this kind present far more difficulty than they do here, the cities, and even the smaller towns, spend not only infinite money, but what is more, they spend it in a wasteful manner. This is a point upon which I would lay great stress. Let the money be spent by all means, and let it be spent in this way, but let it be spent wisely and with discretion. Do not let the city find that in five years or so all the money has been wasted, and that there is nothing to show for it, except a few withered trees and a few shrubs.

"Again, looking at the question from a business standpoint. Look at it as an investment. An investment should be a paying one, or else it is useless. This scheme would be a paying investment for the city and the money which was spent upon it would be returned to the city a hundred fold in the way of the increase to population which it would bring about. My wife and son have recently spent a month in Southern California, and although that part of the world has an immense reputation as a tourist resort, and although they would have done better if they had spent their month's holiday here in the city of Victoria. In my opinion, and I am but one of hundreds of Victorians who possess the essential which go to make up an ideal tourist resort. And to these Californian cities, notwithstanding the fact that the water, which is so necessary for the plants and for the trees, is hard to obtain, have spent large sums of money and much pain, and they have found that they compare favorably with the city of Victoria to-day in this respect.

"Let the scheme go through. Let the money be obtained from the people whose duty it is to provide it, namely, the provincial government, and when these two steps have been taken let care and circumspection be used so that the beautifying of the city may be a lasting blessing and not a waste of money to no purpose."

Otto Weiler commenced the interview with a very positive statement. "A good scheme is one which tends to increase the population of the city and can be nothing else. Yet there are many steps which might be taken by the provincial government themselves which would render the city more pleasant and more attractive. They might pull down the ugly shacks which disfigure so many of the streets which are in the centre of the town and which compel people who are looking for residences to build farther out, thus rendering a large portion of the property right in the city of little or no value. This would be an immense benefit to the city and would have the additional advantage that the tourists would go away with the belief that the city was a whole than they do at the present time.

INTERESTING CASE AT NELSON.

Great Northern Sued by Former Land Agent for Commission on Timber Limits.

Nelson, March 2.—Before Mr. Justice Martin there has been started in the supreme court the case of A. Buckworth against the Nelson & Port Sheppard Railway, a branch of the Great Northern, for commission on land sold. S. S. Taylor, K. C., appeared for the plaintiff and A. H. McNeill, K. C., for the defendant.

Up to a year ago Buckworth was agent of the Great Northern at Tmir. In that capacity he claimed that he negotiated the sale of the Porto Rico timber limits for \$70,000 to E. R. C. Clark, of Toronto, which limits are now being worked by the Clarksons brothers, sons of the purchaser. Immediately on the close of the negotiations Buckworth was informed that his agency was discontinued, and that that concern was acquiring the limits and other deals were no longer payable. This communication, he says, came to him from Charles H. Babcock, head of the Great Northern land department in St. Paul, through Charles Scott, head of the land department of the same railway in the Kootenay, residing at Nelson.

E. A. JAMES IS SELECTION.

Winnipeg, March 2.—The Railway Telegraphers of Canada have endorsed E. A. James, of Victoria, for chairman of the Western railway commission board.

TWO POWER STANDARD MUST BE MAINTAINED

British Cabinet is Determined to Keep Command of the Sea.

London, March 3.—The Radical members of the House of Commons who are agitating for a broad measure of disarmament, received scant support from the cabinet in the House yesterday afternoon, when they introduced a resolution inviting the government to take action in support of their views.

"Herbert Asquith, chancellor of the exchequer, was the spokesman for the government. He maintained that if Great Britain was to retain command of the sea, this position must be safeguarded against all contingencies. The government believed it to be its duty to maintain the present two power standard in the matter of naval strength.

WILL HAVE RIGHT TO ENTER VICTORIA

Vancouver Island and Eastern Railway Bill Reported by Committee.

Ottawa, Feb. 25.—The railway committee this morning reported the Vancouver Island & Eastern Railway Company bill. The proposal is to start at Victoria, to run along the eastern shore of Vancouver Island as far as Seymour Narrows, where the Straits of Georgia contracts to four miles width, and to cross there by ferry and to proceed by either Butte or Frederick Inlet to the Yellow Head Pass to Edmonton. The bill as printed made the railway start at Esquimalt.

TRAGEDY OF ICE BOAT COLLISION

Even Year Old Boy Killed Instantly on St. Lawrence.

Kingston, March 3.—In a collision of ice boats at Clayton, N. Y., on the St. Lawrence, Roy O'Brien, aged 11, son of Frederick O'Brien, a steamboat engineer of Thousand Island park, was almost instantly killed, and his comrade, Rosewell Herman, aged 13, was badly injured.

NOMINEE IN EAST SIMCOE.

Orillia, Ont., March 2.—J. E. Tudhope, M. P. E., was renominated by East Simcoe Liberals for the legislature.

GRANBY SMELTER TO BE ENLARGED

REDUCTION WORKS NOW RUNNING FULL CAPACITY

A. B. W. Hodges Tells of Great Activity at Phoenix and Grand Forks.

A. B. W. Hodges, the general manager of the Granby smelter, is in the city for a few days, staying at the Empress hotel. When seen by a Times representative last night he stated that the mines at Phoenix and the smelter at Grand Forks were both working at their capacity. That means that they are turning out an average of 3,400 tons a day, practically all the ore coming from their own mines.

"Few people realize," said Mr. Hodges, "that the Granby smelter is the third largest in the world, and we intend to enlarge it still more, making its capacity about 4,500 tons a day. This work will be done during the present year if our plans materialize. Already we employ a thousand men, and of course, with the increased capacity of the smelter more will be required."

STATISTICS OF SUICIDE AGE

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Berlin, March 3.—Statistics relating to suicides in Prussia during 1906 are as follows: The larger the number of suicides available and present some very significant figures.

In the twelve months no fewer than 2,288 persons, 5,684 men and 1,714 women, ended their own lives. The reasons leading to self-destruction are declared by the statistic department as very difficult to establish in many cases, but it was proved that of each 100 persons who had died of life, 6.8 men killed themselves from disappointment with their conditions, and 3.6 of women from the same cause, owing to physical suffering, 10.3 men and 8.8 women; nervous disorders, 3.3 men and 6.5 women; insanity, 21.1 men and 33.3 women; weakness of intellect, 40.0 men and 2.2 women; alcoholism, 11.8 men and 10.3 women; attacks of passion, 2.8 men and 6.3 women; consequences of immorality, 0.5 men and 0.2 women; sorrow and despair, 8.4 men and 7.4 women; shame at their own actions or guilty conscience, 7.3 men and 6.9 women; anger and quarrels, 1.6 men and 1.8 women; while 24.5 per cent. of the men and 21.6 per cent. of the women took their lives for unknown reasons.

'FRISCO GRAFTER HAS REMARKABLE GALL

Sues Prosecuting Officials for Prison Expenses—Amount Involved \$4,659.

San Francisco, March 3.—Abe Ruef has brought a return against the city of San Francisco for the amount of \$4,659 prison expenses from September to January, when Ruef to avoid going to jail was quartered at Fillmore street and Pacific avenue and staid the expense.

CRESCENT SHIPPING.

Phoenix, B. C., March 2.—A new shipper was added in the Boundary last week, the Crescent mine, located about two miles and a half from Phoenix, and an equal distance from Greenwood, having sent out a carload of high grade gold and silver ore, with the expectation of shipping one or more cars each month in the future. The ore was hand sorted and shipped by sleigh to Greenwood, whence it was taken to the Consolidated smelter at Trail.

MOROCCO SITUATION.

Paris, March 3.—Advice from General D'Amade, the commander of the French forces in Morocco, report that after the recent engagement with the Madrake tribesmen in the large number of the French were killed or wounded, the troops continued their march, completely traversing the Madrake region and penetrating for some distance beyond. They encountered no resistance.

WILL NOT ADMIT CLAIM.

Toronto, March 3.—The Independent Order of Foresters, through its officers here, has refused to recognize the claims of Mrs. Oronhyateka, widow of the late Dr. Acland Oronhyateka, for \$2,000 and \$3,000, but the reasons for doing so are not given out. An appeal will be lodged with the higher authorities.

HOPPE WON FIRST BLOCK.

Chicago, March 3.—Willie Hoppe, the professional, beat Calvin Demarest, the amateur champion, by 400 to 385 in the first block of the points in their 3,000-point billiard match here last night. Hoppe was playing in 181 style in preparation for his coming battle with Jake Schaefer, and Demarest was knocking off the caroms at 187. In the strength of the opening session Hoppe is a little more than twice as strong a billiard player as Demarest, for 181 is at least twice as difficult.

LEVIATHAN LAUNCHED.

Belfast, Ireland, March 3.—The steamer Rotterdam, the 410-ton Holland-American liner, was successfully launched here to-day. An attempt was made on February 23rd to launch the Rotterdam, but the liner refused to take the water, owing to the tremendous pressure of the ways, which had not been properly greased.

DEATH OF MILLIONAIRE.

South Bend, Ind., March 2.—James Oliver, a millionaire plough manufacturer, died here this morning.

WINNIPEG BANK RAID.

Police Working Hard on Nena Street Case—Work of Educated "Breakers."

Winnipeg, March 3.—Working without descriptions of the robbers who made such a spectacular and desperate effort to rob the Nena street branch of the Union bank on Saturday night, the police yesterday endeavored to apprehend the bold highwaymen. W. F. Sussex, the bank clerk who was shot in the fusillade fired by the robbers, is on duty to-day in spite of his wounds.

9,000 APPLY FOR SEED GRAIN.

Regina, March 3.—Nine thousand farmers have applied for seed grain, for which the Dominion government has voted a large appropriation.

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AT WAR WITH TAKKA KHEL

BRITISH TROOPS TO PUNISH INDIAN REBELS

Troublesome Tribe That Cut Up Detachment in Afridi Campaign.

Seven thousand troops marched out of Peshawar one Thursday recently, to begin operations under Major-General Sir J. Willcocks against the Zakkia Khel tribe of Afridi, who have been stirring up trouble on the northwest frontier of India.

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"NAVAL" KOEPENIK.

Germany would seem to be a land of dupes. Since Christmas the inhabitants of Greis, the capital of the principality of Reuss, have been duped by a clever rascal named Specht. Clad in a mate's uniform, decorated with a China medal, he gradually became a familiar and admired figure at the restaurants. He told exciting stories of his adventures in China, of thrilling escapes from the Boxer's hands, and of having been ordered to having a drink at his hearer's expense. Soon he extended his methods of operation, and gave lectures on his Chinese experiences. He also made friends with the parents of naval cadets and presents for their sons.

Altogether the rascal had a capital time, until he was clapped on the shoulder by a remorseless constable and taken to goal. Then it was revealed that Specht had been expelled from the army for repeated misconduct. He had never been to China, nor even seen the sea.

MINISTERS ENTERTAINED.

Last evening the ministers entertained the members of the legislature at dinner in the grill room of the legislative building. A splendid meal was served by the caterer, James Robson. After partaking of the dinner they adjourned to the ministers' room, where a cheerful hearth fire had been kindled. Here with instrumental music and songs the remainder of the evening was pleasantly spent.

ASSUME RIGHTS OVER CANNERY BUSINESS

The Provincial Government Introduces Legislation for Control of Fisheries.

(From Tuesday's Daily.) The ever vigilant attorney-general, W. J. Bowser, has undertaken to introduce a bill into the legislature which will test the rights of the province to exercise authority over the fisheries.

The bill is one which provides for the collection of a license from all salmon canneries in British Columbia. The imposition of such a tax presupposed jurisdiction over the cannery business and thus over the fishing interests.

It is even claimed that the move is made with the endorsement of a certain class of the cannery men who want the question settled as to authority.

The bill provides that it shall be unlawful for any person to operate a cannery or fish packing establishment in the province unless and until such person shall have been duly licensed under this act, and shall have paid the license fee and obtained the license.

The license fee is an annual one, and is set for one year, from January 1st to December 31st.

The license fees are as follows: For the operation of a one line cannery, \$100.

For the operation of a two line cannery, \$200.

For the operation of a three line cannery, \$300.

For the operation of a four line cannery, \$400.

For the operation of a fish-packing establishment, for each establishment, \$100.

All such fees must be paid in full for one year, and will not be accepted for any proportionate part of a year.

APPREHENSION FOR SPANISH ROYALTY

Concern in Madrid Over Visit of Sovereigns to Barcelona.

Madrid, March 3.—Considerable concern is being felt in this city for the safety of King Alfonso and Queen Victoria on their approaching visit to Barcelona, which has been fixed for March 12th.

WINNIPEG TAX COLLECTOR.

City Council Turns Down Mayor Ashdown's Choice.

Winnipeg, March 3.—The city council has turned down Mayor Ashdown's choice for a tax collector, R. D. Waugh, appointing H. R. Pattison, the assistant collector, to the position.

MEXICAN BANDITS MADE BIG HAUL

Relieved Bank of \$300,000 and Escaped—Large Reward for Capture.

El Paso, Texas, March 3.—A telegram received from Chihuahua, Mexico, yesterday, says the Banco de Minerio, a bank established in Chihuahua, has been robbed of \$300,000 in Mexican money. No persons have been arrested. Officers here, however, have been obtained to watch the border closely.

The bank was robbed of \$235,000 in bank notes of the \$1,000, \$100 and \$50 and \$20 denominations. A liberal reward has been offered for the capture of the bank robbers.

SUMMARY DISMISSAL.

Toronto, March 3.—Seventeen employees of the Toronto Railway Company have been summarily dismissed, and the company's officials decline to go into particulars as to the reasons. The grievance committee of the union has been appealed to.

DENTISTS TO FORM COLLEGE

FOR THE REGULATION OF THE PROFESSION

Bill Was Introduced Into the House at Sitting Yesterday Afternoon.

(From Tuesday's Daily.) A bill was introduced into the legislature yesterday afternoon by the attorney-general which provides for the organization of a college of dental surgeons in the province. All members of the profession authorized to practice in the province are to be members of the college. The council is to be composed of five members. The first council is to be composed of the board of examiners now provided for by statute.

The council is to have the powers usually attaching to such bodies. It controls the examination, fixing the curriculum, etc. The council also has power to appoint a board of examiners. These seeking a license are to pay according to the following scale: For each registration as a student, \$10; for each intermediate examination, \$20; for each final examination, \$50; for registration as a member of the college, \$10.

The council or executive committee is given power to erase names from the register for fraudulent representations, by which registration was obtained or for infamous or unprofessional behavior.

FOUND DEAD.

Samuel Taylor, of Nanaimo, Fell Prey to Heart Disease.

Nanaimo, March 2.—When members of the household of James Taylor, of Irwin street, went to arouse Samuel Taylor this morning they found the aged man lying dead. He had expired some time during the night, evidently from heart disease. Samuel Taylor was 68 years of age, a native of Oldham, England, and had been in this country for the past 21 years. He leaves to mourn his loss one son, James, and one daughter, Mrs. Wm. Sartwright, of South Wellington.

GROWING PORT OF NEW WESTMINSTER

Custom Returns for February Show Rapidly Increasing Prosperity.

New Westminster, March 2.—That New Westminster is again coming to its own as a port is evidenced by the customs figures for the month of February. The total for January was a hundred per cent of an increase over the returns of the same month in 1907. For February the receipts amounted to \$13,137.14, as compared with \$8,467.14 in February of last year, an increase of over fifty per cent.

This port has all the necessary qualifications and in addition almost all of those that are not necessary, but highly desirable, for a terminal for the large ocean liners, and during the past year one of these, the Canada-Mexico line, one of whose boats arrived a couple of days ago, has made it a port of call. This was the start and others are soon expected to realize the great benefits to be derived from coming up the Fraser river. Many smaller lines are also making this city their headquarters, and the result of this increased trade is marked in the ever growing customs receipts.

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