THEY TRIED THEIR TRICK TOO OFTEN

A GANG OF SPANISH SWINDLERS DISRUPTED

Attempted to Work a Victorian—How They Operated With Success for Many Years.

Some time ago the Times published a letter received by R. H. Johnston, the nursery man of this city, from one Jean Richard Borrell, of Barcelona, Spain. The letter set forth that the writer was an inmate in prison being charged with bankruptcy, which accounted for the fact that he was anxious for the assistance of Mr. Johnston to recover the sum of £37,000, which was in a trunk, but which had been seized by the criminal court of Barcelona. He guaranteed the Victorian one-fourth of this sum if he would lend him his assistance, and asked the latter to send him a cablegram indicating his compliance with the request.

Mr. Johnston, however, "was not built that way." Instead of sending the solicited cablegram he handed the letter to the Times, and it was duly published. A dispatch from Madrid recently gives particulars of the disruption of this clever gang of swindlers. It says:

"The 'Spanish Prisoner' trick itself has been exposed too often to need any description here. The process never varied. It always began when the intended victim, in the United States, say, or in Russia, received a letter supposedly written by an officer languishing in a Spanish dungeon. Prior to his imprisonment, the recipient of the letter was informed, this officer had deposited a huge sum of money in a secret place, the situation of which he was prepared to reveal on condition that the person addressed would oblige him with a comparatively small sum of ready cash.

"Finally, in the early days of last May, the German consul general at Madrid, Herr Loeker, received a letter from a manufacturer at Strasburg, one Max Mathenberg, who wished to know if in prisons of Corunna there was a major of cavalry named Jaquet sentenced for a robbery. The 'major' had written to Mathenberg and offered to reveal to him through an agency office of Madrid the hiding place of a treasure of 500,000 pesetas, provided the German sent him 5,000 franc, which he needed urgently, through the same agency.

"This letter the consul general promptly handed over to the governor of Madrid, who called in the expert public inspectors, Senores Visedo and Puga, and Detective Morcatelli, with whose aid he arranged a simple but rather ingenious strategem for arresting the intending swindlers. Following out this plan the German consul general wrote Herr Mathenberg the following letter:

"'Sir: The major regarding whom you asked does not exist, and the agency office to which you refer is an association of swindlers against whom you ought to guard. The police authorities of Madrid have decided to arrest these criminals, and you must aid them in doing so, otherwise you will be considered as an accomplice. You, therefore, must write to the "agency" mentioned, announcing that you accept its proposal, and that you will come to Madrid in the South Express of the 22nd inst., to pay the 5,000 franc demanded by the supposed prisoner. At the same time, you will give your personal description and mention that upon your arrival in Madrid you will carry in your hand a blue handkerchief, in order to be known more easily. You will add also that you are somewhat deaf. It is possible that these swindlers have accomplices in Strasburg. Accordingly I advise you to absent yourself from your residence during some hours on the day on which you will be supposed to leave for Madrid. Finally, you will be kind enough to give me also a personal description of yourself exactly as you have given it to the pretended agency.'

"Soon afterward a reply was received from Mathenberg thanking the consul general and advising him that he had written to the agency in the manner requested. The German manufacturer also gave a detailed description of his personality and promised to preserve absolute secrecy regarding the matter as well as to absent himself from Strasburg on the date set for his supposed departure. This letter the consul general handed over to the police authorities. It was then arranged between Detectives Visedo, Morcatelli and Puga that the latter, who speaks excellent German, should impersonate the Strasburg manufacturer."

The trick was worked to perfection, with the result that the entire gang of swindlers were captured.

HUMP BACKS APPEARING.

Run of Sockeye Salmon Will Soon Be Over According to Present Indications.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

Word has been received from down the Straits to-day that the hump back salmon, which invariably follow the sockeye, have made their appearance. In the traps of Todd & Munsie there were yesterday found 4,000 of these fish, indicating that the sockeye season is drawing to a close. The run of spring salmon during the last two or three days has been pretty light, but trap men are expecting another run or two before the season is over. The humpback are taken as a sure sign that the end of sockeyes is near at hand, and it is probable that this week will see the run over. To-day's catches in the traps will not be known before evening, when 10,000 sockeyes are expected to arrive for salting purposes.

Quite a big fleet of cannery steamers were in port last night. The Unicon brought a party of United Cannery officials from the Mainland and left for Sooke this morning; the Belfast was in from Sooke on her way to the Mainland; the Kildonan left with a scow containing 10,000 fish from Findlay, Durham & Brodie's trap, which was lifted yesterday; the Escort arrived with four empty scows, and the Burrard with these scows and two others in tow left for down the Straits. The Phoenix was in on Sunday for repairs. She had some of her planks drove in and arrived to have these replaced.

DID NOT DISCLOSE ALL.

How Attorney-General Wilson Handled the Appeal in Highest Court.

An explanation of the course taken by Attorney-General Wilson in the appeal to the Privy Council in the case of Renwick vs. Nelson & Fort Sheppard Railway is given in the Rossland Miner by the counsel for the railway company. It will be remembered that the application was for dismissal of appeal. The Privy Council does not rescind the leave to appeal, but the appellant pays the costs.

Inquiry at the office of the solicitor for the railway company in this city, says the Miner, brought forth the following statement of the case:

R. A. Renwick, assessor in the Nelson district for the province, made an assessment of $1 an acre on about 500,000 acres of land owned by the Nelson & Fort Sheppard Railway Company and situated in the Nelson district. The railway company appealed to the court of revision from the assessment made by Mr. Renwick, and the question was tried before W. A. Jowett, as court of revision, and he decided that a fair valuation of the land was 45 cents an acre.

From Mr. Jowett's decision the railway company appealed to the Full court of the Supreme court. The case came before the Full court in June last and judgment was reserved. If the taxes were paid by July 30th there was a 10 per cent. discount. The company paid the taxes on the valuation fixed by Mr. Jowett in order to save the 10 per cent., with the understanding that if the Full court found that the land was of less value than the price per acre fixed by Mr. Jowett that it was to be refunded the difference. This was agreed to by the government. In deciding the case, an unexpected contingency came up, for the Full court threw out the assessment made by Mr. Renwick, as it was declared to be void, not having been made in accordance with the assessment act.

The railway company applied for the return of the sum which had been paid for taxes, amounting to something over $10,000. To this the government demurred and said it would appeal to the Privy Council. An appeal does not lie as a right, and the attorney-general applied for leave. The leave was given on an ex parte application on behalf of the province made by the attorney-general in December last.

Then several months were taken up in negotiations for a settlement between the parties at interest, but finally these were broken off, as an agreement could not be reached.

The railway company next presentetd a petition asking that leave to appeal to the Privy Council granted to the province be rescinded, on the ground that the province had agreed to abide by the decision of the Full court; that the province had not paid the money paid in by the railway company, as it had agreed to, and that the attorney-general should have disclosed all of the circumstances when he applied for leave to appeal.

The decision of the Privy Council is that the application of the railway company be denied, but that the province shall pay the railway company's costs for the application and shall refund to the railway company $10,000 paid in within six weeks, together with interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum, and until this is done all proceedings in the case are stayed.

The province, it is presumed, will proceed with the case as soon as it has complied with the dictum of the Privy Council.

A. H. MacNeill, K. C., of this city, has had charge of the case on behalf of the railway company, while Hon. Chas. Wilson, K.C., attorney-general of the province, has represented the province.

TEACHER OF SINGING.

Prominent Boston Instructor Spent Yesterday in the City.

Frank E. Morse, of Boston, who was a guest at the Driard yesterday, as noted in last evening's Times, is a teacher of vocal music of considerable standing in the Eastern States. The following from the Musical Leader and Concert Goer tells of his work:

"One of the always busy teachers in Boston is Frank E. Morse. His teaching is a good example of the old saying, 'Nothing succeeds like success,' for his pupils are more and more successful year after year. Among the professional singers who have studied with Mr. Morse and whose services are constantly in demand are Mrs. Genevieve Clark Wilson, of Chicago, one of the best oratorio and concert singers in the country; Miss Pauline Woltmann, mezzo-contralto of Boston, an excellent concert and oratorio singer, who has been in great demand this season, and Miss Anna Hickish, of London, England, who made a decided success in the Moody-Manners Grand Opera Company season at Covent Garden. Mrs. Cabot Morse (born Alice Burns), who received such a rousing reception at the Boston theatre a few weeks ago, for her singing the title role in Bimboni's opera, "Santuzza," was with Mr. Morse for four years, following him from the New England conservatory when he left that institution to teach privately. Mrs. Cabot Morse should sing in public much oftener than she does, for she has a glorious voice and any amount of temperament.

"Among pupils of Mr. Morse who are singing in concert a great deal are Miss Margaret Wither, a talented Scotch girl who sang the title role in 'Priscilla,' an opera given by the New England Conservatory Young Men's Club a few weeks ago; Frederick Hastings, baritone, who sang bass part in 'The Creation,' at Ruggles street church May 25th; Edward Kingsley, basso cantante, director of the Winchester, Maynard and Hudson singing societies, and Clarence H. Wilson, basso cantante, who sang so well at the last Apollo concert. We might go on and mention many more who are successful as singers and teachers throughout the country."

Mr. Morse was one of a party of the Appallachian Alpine Club who accepted the invitation of the Sierra Alpine Club to join them in an ascent of Mount Rainier.

Frank A. Hart, a wholesale liquor dealer, of the firm of Farran & Hart, Kingston, N. Y., was instantly killed yesterday by a falling barrel of whiskey. Hart was balancing the barrel on a wagon, when he slipped and fell, and the barrel rolled off, striking and crushing his head.

WANT CONCERTS AT THE GORGE PARK

COUNCIL DISCUSSED QUESTION ON MONDAY

Manager of Tramway Company Favors Joining City in Making Resort Entertainment Centre.

Before the council's regular meeting Monday night a conference was held between the mayor and aldermen and A. T. Goward, local manager of the B. C. Electric Railway Company, in respect to the advisability of holding Sunday afternoon band concerts at both Beacon Hill and the Gorge. It has been the custom of the city to set aside an annual appropriation providing for a series of six of these entertainments at the park during the summer months. Up to the present two have been rendered, leaving four yet to take place. Mr. Goward's reason for waiting upon the civic fathers was to submit a proposition for the transference of these and other concerts to the tramway company's park on the Arm. He agreed, providing the city expressed a willingness to co-operate, to give four musical entertainments in addition to those arranged by the civil authorities. Thus Victorians would receive eight instead of the four now assured.

The matter was debated at some length, Ald. Douglas and Fullerton taking a determined stand against the suggestion. Others, however, did not express any decided opinion. They agreed that the proposal was well worth considering and that it would give the citizens more entertainment than was possible to provide from the funds set aside by the council. Finally it was decided to give a band concert at the Gorge on Sunday next. It is understood that the entertainment will be rendered at the corporation park.

Discussing the question this morning Mr. Goward stated very clearly the position the B. C. Electric Railway Company was prepared to assume toward the city in respect to the arrangement of outdoor entertainments. He argued that the interests of the city and the company were so closely allied that it would be better for all concerned if the two worked together for the common good.

Victoria was in a peculiar position. There were any number of beautiful resorts; places where it was a pleasure to spend a warm afternoon. He mentioned Beacon Hill park, Oak Bay, Esquimalt and the Gorge. The latter undoubtedly was the prettiest in his estimation and in the opinion of the majority of citizens and visitors. At any rate it was the most pleasant for either an afternoon or evening concert. At the present time Victoria had a comparatively small population, and for this reason it was impossible to make each of the resorts referred to centres of attraction. He, therefore, thought that the better plan would be to chose one spot and make it the centre for summer entertainments and sports. Nobody could deny that the Gorge combined all the features essential to such a plan. The water was of a splendid temperature for bathing, the Arm provided exceptional attraction to boating parties, while the park just completed by the tramway company furnished all comforts and conveniences in the one of the prettiest spots on the Gorge.

Mr. Goward also stated that the tramway company would be willing to double the number of concerts given regularly by the city next year if the council agreed to co-operate to that extent. Respecting the financial part of the arrangement, he explained that the former would not realize to a particularly large extent as a result of the arrangement as the cars carried passengers to Beacon Hill, Oak Bay or Esquimalt just as well as to the Gorge. But a great deal of money had been expended on their park and it was hoped that every assistance would be tendered them in the endeavor to make Victoria's chief attraction a centre second to none in the northwest.

It had been argued, Mr. Goward continued, that the workingman and his family enjoyed the concerts at Beacon Hill park because of its accessibility. Now, he explained, the residences of the majority of this class are acknowledged to be in the Work estate, Spring Ridge and Victoria West districts, which are located much farther from Beacon Hill park than from the Gorge. Such a contention, therefore, is groundless and the average workingman may walk to the Tramway Company park at the Arm just as easily as to Beacon Hill.

"It is possible," concluded Mr. Goward, "that no credence will be placed in my remarks by many on the ground that I am a prejudiced party. What I have said, however, cannot be denied. The interests of the B. C. Electric Railway Company and Victoria are identical, the prosperity of one means the advance of the other, so why should we clash in the effort to make this city attractive to tourists as well as Victorians."

In the course of his interview Mr. Goward hinted at numerous improvements to the Gorge next summer. As an illustration of an out-door place of amusement he mentioned Lake Washington, near Seattle. He stated that at that resort individuals with a small amount of capital paid concessions to the city or whoever owned the property for the privilege of establishing side shows of different kinds. This was what the Gorge would develop into providing Victorians displayed the proper spirit of enterprise. Besides a bathing pavilion, the manufacture of a beach for inexperienced bathers, there would be the shooting-the-chutes, and other amusements connected with a watering resort.

One or two other matters came before the council in an informal way last night. The first was the advisability of arranging a conference between the mayor and council, and the city barrister and solicitor in order that the former might become thoroughly conversant with the status of the "secret" agreement between the city council and the tramway company. The suggestion met with favor and the meeting is to be held to-night. An effort also will be made during the week to arrange a meeting between the council and R. H. Sperling, general manager of the B. C. Electric Railway Company, who is expectetd from Vancouver to-night.

NOT READY FOR PEACE.

Japan Must Occupy Vladivostock and Harbin Before War Ends.

New York, July 31.—Nazajiro Ishikawa, editor of the Hachi Saimbun of Tokio, one of the men officially accompanying Baron Komura, the Japanese peace envoy, to-day said: "My people feel that this is no time for peace. First we must get Harbin and Vladivostock, for unless we get them we fear that by and by we shall fight again. We stop Russian ambition now once for all. We don't wish to fight the Russians again once peace has been concluded."

On the question of indemnity Mr. Ishikawa said he thought the people will be satisfied with $2,500,000,000. "Then Saghalien must be ceded for two reasons," he continued. "In the first place it was exchanged by Russia thirty years ago for the Chishima archipelago, but these other islands really belonged all the time to Japan, and it was only because Japan was at that time afraid of Russia that the deal was assented to."

THERE ARE MANY CHARGES.

Johann Hoch Has a Long List of Alleged Crimes to Answer.

Chicago, July 31.—With the possibility of Johann Hoch, reprieved wife-murderer, securing a retrial and acquittal here on the charge of murdering Mrs. Mary Walker here, the authorities of Cincinnati and St. Louis have been in communication with Attorney Healy relative to crimes of bigamy and murder that Hoch is said to have committed in those cities. Even in the event of the convicted man escaping prosecution in Cook county, he is elsewhere confront him sufficient to consume several years to come.

TRAP MEN LOOKING FOR ANOTHER BIG RUN

Floating Trap Experimented With Last Week Has Not Proved Successful—Dance at Sooke.

Tug Burrard arrived Wednesday with 200 spring salmon and a small scow load of sockeyes from Findley, Durham & Brodie's trap.

Captain Ramlose, of the steamer Selkirk, was the only arrival from the fish traps Wednesday. His vessel came in light. There were no salmon in the B. C. Packers' Association's traps yesterday, and the lifts, which, it was expected, would be made to-day, will be handled by the Mystery and Cascade, two other steamers engaged by the association. The Selkirk came in only for provisions.

Captain Ramlose reports that about the only lifts made Wednesday were at the traps of Messrs. Todd & Munsie. The number taken was 20,000. Ten thousand more were left in one in order to insure a lift to be made when the excursionists visit the trap this afternoon. Captain Ramlose says that the sockeye run is by no means over yet. Humpbacks have made their appearance, but they are the advance run of this fish. The sockeyes were plentiful in the Straits this morning, and all trap men, the captain says, are looking for another big run of them.

Last week the B. C. Packers' Association's steamers made three trips apiece to the mainland, the Selkirk having on one trip 20,000. The run, however, has fallen off considerably this week, and until the second big rush of sockeyes comes along the steamers of this and other fleets will not be very busy.

The floating trap planted off the Jordan river, and owned by a Mr. McCrae, of Vancouver, and others, was yesterday taken up and it is believed has been taken back to the Terminal City. It has not proved a success. It was experimented with last week, but all trials showed that it could not be held in place without the use of piles, because of the heavy tides and currents. If the net could have been held stationary it would be the most economical method of catching fish.

On Monday night the trap hands assembled at Charter's hall, in Sooke, and participated in an enjoyable dance. There was a very large number in attendance. Refreshments were served, and the dance did not conclude until 3 o'clock in the morning.

The following reports were received from Vancouver yesterday:

Fraser river and Vancouver—Yesterday boats averaged 250, high 507. This morning few boats in, one with 620.

Ewen's—Yesterday boats averaged 40, high 100.

English Bay—Yesterday boats averaged 120, high 316. Few boats in this morning, one with over 300.

Brunswick—Yesterday boats averaged 120, high 317. This morning average 150.

Phoenix—Yesterday boats averaged 200, high 493. Nothing in this morning; very foggy.

Imperial—Yesterday and this morning average 165, high 440. Reported few fish in traps, but a considerable number of spring salmon came up yesterday.

Report from the Sound kindly given by Mr. Deming:

Not so many fish showing up as previously.

Fished all traps yesterday.

Got 25,000 fish from Point Roberts, 35,000 from Cherry Point, 8,000 from Sandy Point, 35,000 from one trap at Lummi island, 32,000 from Salmon Banks and Lopez Island.

Seiners doing well. One got about 4,000 yesterday.

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A NEW INDUSTRY FOR THIS COAST

COMPANY TO EXPLOIT WEST COAST TIMBER

F. G. Pake Tells of Construction of a Saw-Mill Near Clayoquot by Eastern Capitalists.

Preparations are being made for the establishment of a lumbering industry in the neighborhood of Clayoquot which promises to develop into one of the most important of its kind on Vancouver Island. E. G. Pake, formerly a lumberman of Duluth, Minn., has charge of the inauguration of the business. He is the general manager of the Sutton Lumber & Trading Company, which has large holdings of timber lands on the West Coast, and is backed by considerable capital. According to Mr. Pake it is intended to erect a sawmill on a favorable location which has been selected. Nothing definite has been decided upon in this respect, but Mr. Pake states that the mill will be fitted with a plant sufficiently extensive to allow the handling of much more timber than any other mill on that section of Vancouver Island. Special attention will be paid to the development of the cedar timber controlled by the company.

One of the principal features of the industry will be the system of exporting. The timber is to be treated in the usual way and shipped in its rough state by sailing vessels around the Horn to New York for the trade of the New England states. Here the British Columbia product will come into direct competition with the white pine of the southern States, which is being sent to the eastern states in large quantities. But Mr. Pake expresses confidence in the British Columbia timber and affirms that it will easily be able to hold its own against the highest quality of that to be found in any part of the United States. He states also that those interested in the enterprise financially are equally confident and will spare no expense necessary in the development of the industry.

Mr. Pake has just returned from Vancouver and was accompanied by a number of men hired to assist in the construction of the mill. Quite a number of workmen are now engaged in clearing the site for the building and cutting logs in order to have a supply ready for the plant when it commences operation. It is expected that everything will be ready for business by the beginning of the year.

Mr. Pake is an experienced lumberman having for many years been superintendent at Duluth for Alger, Smith & Company. Having a thorough grasp of all the intricacies of the business and backed by capitalists of immense resource, Mr. Pake may be depended upon to build up a lumbering industry that will increase the commercial activity of the West Coast to a wonderful extent. While in the city he is a guest at the Driard hotel.

B. C. AT WINNIPEG.

Fruit From This Province Is Conceded to Be Best Shown.

Hon. R. G. Tatlow has received the following letter from R. M. Palmer regarding the British Columbia exhibit at the Dominion fair:

Winnipeg Exhibition, July 27th, 1905.

Dear Capt. Tatlow:—I am duly in receipt of yours of the 22nd instant. All is going well here so far as the British Columbia exhibit is concerned. The rush of work in connection with it has been so great and incessant, it has been impossible to keep up with it. Over 50,000 people passed the gates during the last two days alone, and our building has been thronged with visitors from morning till night. The British Columbia fruit exhibit is universally conceded to be the most attractive feature of the fair. The press notices are certainly very flattering. The Free Press published an illustration of the exhibit, and will give us an extended notice later.

So far as the exhibits are concerned, they are even better than I expected, particularly the peaches, cherries and early apples from the Okanagan; gooseberries, cherries, loganberries and plums from Victoria; peaches and cherries from the Kootenay, and blackberries and loganberries from the Fraser river districts.

We shall require a further supply of literature for Brandon and Indian Head; all we have will probably be gone by the close of this fair. Brandrith has been indefatigable and worked very hard.

The earliness of the season has helped the province wonderfully, and it is difficult to get many people to believe that all the fruit shown is this season's production. One marked result of the exhibit will be a great influx of visitors to the province the coming fall.

I will endeavor to send a more detailed account at the end of the week.

R. M. PALMER.

VISITED BUFFALO.

Minister of Inland Revenue Looked Into Ferry Service.

Buffalo, Aug. 1.—Hon. Louis P. Brodeur, the Canadian minister of inland revenue, is in Buffalo on a visit of combined business and pleasure. He is accompanied by his wife and by his private secretary. Mr. Brodeur arrived in Buffalo yesterday.

After spending the greater part of the day at Niagara Falls, he is engaged to-day in investigating the service and condition of the ferry which runs between Buffalo and Fort Erie, and will leave Buffalo for Montreal to-morrow evening. Some of the residents of Fort Erie have complained to the Canadian government that the ferry service between Buffalo and Fort Erie is unsatisfactory, and have made the request that the ferry company be compelled to run a boat from Buffalo at midnight.

The Chamber of Commerce of Coventry is investigating a charge that so-called "English" watches are made of material manufactured abroad.

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Dated at Victoria, B. C., 19th May, 1905.

THE GOVERNOR AND COMPANY OF ADVENTURERS OF ENGLAND TRADING INTO HUDSON'S BAY.

ACTION IS BEGUN.

Proceedings Instituted Against the Equitable Life Assurance Society.

New York, July 31.—An action was instituted to-day by Attorney-General Julius M. Mayer in the Supreme court of New York in the name of the people of the State of New York against the Equitable Life Insurance Society of the United States and James W. Alexander, Louis Fitzgerald, Chauncey M. Depew, Henry C. Deming, Cornelius N. Bliss, Geo. H. Squire, Thomas D. Jordan, Charles S. Smith, Valentine P. Snyder, Alvin W. Kreich, William Alexander, John J. McCook, James B. Forgin, C. Ledyard Blair, Brayton Ives, Melvin T. Ingalls, James H. Tyde, Alexander J. Casat, Julius H. Schiff, James J. Hill, T. Jefferson Coolidge, Alfred G. Vanderbilt, John Jacob Astor, William C. Van Horne, Gage E. Tarbell, Marvin Hughitt, Charles B. Alexander, Thomas Dewitt, Cuyler Marcellus, Hartly Dodge, Jos. Denavarro, Bradish Johnson, Jos. P. Low, John A. Stuart, E. H. Harriman, Levi P. Norton, August Belmont, Darius O. Mills, Robert T. Lincoln, Geo. J. Gould, John Sloane, Geo. T. Wilson, T. E. Tuckett, W. H. McIntyre, Henry C. Friel, Samuel M. Inman, Henry C. Haarstick, David H. Moffatt and Henry R. Winthrop.

A week ago before the papers were completed Edward H. Harriman, on the eve of his departure for Japan, accepted service of the summons in the proposed action, and to-day many of the other officials, including James H. Hyde, were served through counsel. The defendants were allowed twenty days to file their answers.

The complaint, which contains 21 sections and covers 33 pages of typewritten matter, refers to the Erick committee report and the investigation made by the state superintendent of insurance, Mr. Hendricks, and is based on information and belief. Attorney-General Mayer in his prayer says that the action was brought in the public interest.

WILL PRESS CLAIMS.

British Government Has Asked Russia For Compensation For Loss of Steamers.

London, July 31.—In reply to a question in the House of Lords to-day, Lord Lansdowne, foreign secretary, said the government had intimated to Russia its claims for compensation to the respective owners and crews of the British steamers St. Kilda and Ikhona, which were sunk by Russian auxiliary cruisers after the battle of the Sea of Japan would be pressed irrespective of the findings of the original prize court.

A NEW TREATY.

Japan and Britain Are Entering Into Another Alliance.

London, July 31.—Considerable progress is maintained with the new Japanese-Anglo treaty alliance. Some details have not yet been fully settled, but it can be definitely said that the terms will be decidedly more comprehensive than those governing the present alliance. The Associated Press learns that the British government's presumption is that its advice will be asked by Japan in the course of the peace negotiations and that it will then gladly offer what counsel may seem to be best calculated to ensure permanent peace.

QUIET RESTORED.

Settlement of a Teamsters' Strike in Chicago.

Chicago, Aug. 1.—Goods were removed from the wagons of many firms that have been strike-bound for four months. Correspondingly many union drivers were restored to their old places. The employers' association, following the determination of the lumbermen's associations to reinstate union teamsters in a body, has decided to lift the ban placed on all strikers a week ago.

The association had ignored the employers' threat not to hire any of the strikers till all should vote to call the strike off. The boycott against five big coal companies is still on.

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The objects for which the Company has been established and licensed are:

To carry on the business of life assurance in all its branches and in particular to grant or effect assurances of all kinds for payment of money by way of a single payment or by several payments or otherwise upon the death, or marriage, or birth, or failure of issue of, or the attainment of a given age by any person or persons, or upon the expiration of any fixed or ascertainable period, or upon the happening of any other contingency or event dependent upon or connected with human life, or the occurrence of any contingency or event which would or might be taken to affect the interest, whether vested, contingent, expectant or otherwise, or of any person or persons in any property subject or not to any such events as aforesaid happening in the lifetime of any other person or persons, or upon the loss or recovery of contractual or testamentary capacity in any person or persons:

To carry on the business of fire insurance in all its branches and to grant insurances against injury or damage to or loss of property caused by or resulting from lightning, hailstorm, tempests, earthquakes, explosions, the overflow or inundation of water or other misfortune whether of a like or of a different kind, and to grant insurances against injury or damage to or loss or damage of property during transit by land or sea, and against loss or damage of property by burglary or theft.

LICENSE TO AN EXTRA-PROVINCIAL COMPANY.

"COMPANIES ACT, 1897."

Canada:
Province of British Columbia.
No. 271.

This is to certify that "The Sovereign Life Assurance Company of Canada" is authorized and licensed to carry on business within the Province of British Columbia, and to carry out or effect all or any of the objects of the Company to which the legislative authority of the Legislature of British Columbia extends.

The head office of the Company is situate at the City of Toronto, in the Province of Ontario.

The amount of the capital of the Company is one million dollars, divided into ten thousand shares of hundred dollars each.

The head office of the Company in this Province is situate at Victoria, and Elliott S. Rowe, insurance agent, whose address is Victoria, is the attorney for the Company.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Victoria, Province of British Columbia, this 26th day of July, one thousand nine hundred and five.

(L.S.) S. Y. WOOTTON,
Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

The objects for which the Company has been established and licensed are:

To effect contracts of life insurance with any person, and may grant, sell or purchase annuities, grant endowments, and generally to carry on the business of life insurance in all its branches and forms.

"LAND REGISTRY ACT."

In the Matter of an Application for a Duplicate of the Certificate of Title to Section 53, Highland District.

Notice is hereby given that it is my intention at the expiration of one month from the first publication hereof to issue a duplicate of the Certificate of Title issued to Edward Cooper Arden on the 18th March, 1897, and numbered 328Ic.

S. Y. WOOTTON,
Registrar-General.

Land Registry Office,
Victoria, B. C., July 3rd, 1905.

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