

Evidence Completed

Arguments of Counsel in the North Victoria Impersonation Cases.

Defence Claims That Law Does Not Cover Offence Charged.

The Court Suspend Their Judgment Until Monday Evening Next.

The case of Rex vs. Robinson—the man accused of inducing different members of the expedition of 26 or more paid impersonators, who were taken from Vancouver to Galena Island on the steamer "Cassidy" to vote for T. W. Plummer—was continued in the Police Court last night before Messrs. McClellan and Iverson, justices of the peace.

The defence called no witnesses, and because of this fact, Mr. Powell claimed the right to close the addresses. This led to a lengthy debate between the two parties, each of whom held out for "the best" and each advanced rules, arguments, etc., to uphold his right to the best word.

Mr. Powell claimed it as the inherent right of the defence, when a witness was called, to have the last word in the address to the court; and Mr. Cassidy said that as he was appearing for the Attorney-General, he had the right to close.

Mr. Cassidy combated the fact that Mr. Cassidy had the right to close, as he had not produced written authority to show that he was acting for the Attorney-General, and that, therefore, no such right was given him.

Mr. Cassidy urged otherwise, and the authorities were searched, rules were quoted, and argument followed, until, finally Mr. Cassidy said the matter was purely an academic question, and he would go on, although he did not wish to reply.

There were other cases to follow, in which he could state anything brought out to which he wished to reply. Mr. Cassidy said the prosecution had been laid under section 176 of the Electoral Act, and that he was not prepared to give any person a ballot for every person who applies for a ballot in the name of another, whether living or dead or fictitious, or having voted once, applies for a ballot, or is guilty of personation and is punishable by a fine not exceeding \$400 and imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year with hard labor.

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Strike Is Not Ended

C. P. R. and Men Again Meet Difficulties in the Way.

But Another Conference Is Held and Other Terms are Offered.

Expectation That a Satisfactory Solution Will Soon be Reached.

Vancouver, March 7.—In spite of the expectations of a settlement, the conference of the C. P. R., the Board of Trade committee and the German representative broke up this morning without reaching a settlement.

Mr. Haggis, of Revelstoke, has offered his services as mediator in the strike, and Mr. Haggis, the conciliation committee, and Mr. Marpole, the board of trade, met this afternoon, and later called in President Estes, of the striking Brotherhood, and his executive committee.

At 3:30 President Estes announced that there was no hope of a settlement, and he would call on 200 more of the Brotherhood at Calgary and Winnipeg. A mass meeting in front of the Opera house at 4:30, however, was disbanded by Mr. Harry Cowan, who announced that negotiations for a settlement had been agreed upon.

The conference was then in progress. The conference lasted till 6 without anything being done.

At 11 o'clock tonight Mr. Marpole resigned a signed proposition from Mr. George Estes and committee through the conciliation committee of the Board of Trade. At midnight Mr. Marpole was still considering the proposition.

The following are the demands of the Brotherhood as set out in the C. P. R. strike, as submitted to the board of arbitration of the Board of Trade:

The striking employees of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company agree to return to work immediately, on condition that they shall be reinstated in their former positions, with their former rates of pay, and under the conditions existing prior to the strike, which consisted in the payment of the full amount of wages to those who have been guilty of bodily injury to persons, or willful damage to property, during the strike, and that it will be an attempt to discriminate against any employee or discriminate against any person who has been in sympathy with the strikers, and the company agrees not to object to the return of any employee to his former position, or to object to the return of any employee to his former position, or to object to the return of any employee to his former position.

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Divorces in Afghanistan

Ameer Sets the Example By Retaining Only Four Wives.

Way of Dealing With Grain Combine More Effective Than Western Laws.

Breach of Promise.

London, March 7.—Mail advices from Kabul say that the Ameer of Afghanistan has divorced all but four of his wives. The women are allowed to re-marry at their pleasure, and the Ameer has promised life-long support to those who do not marry again.

His Highness has decreed by fiat of his authority that no man hereafter has more than four wives, and that all in excess of this number shall be divorced.

The Ameer is also suppressing evil-doers with an iron hand. In a recent proclamation he ordered that any one convicted of transmitting and spreading rumors of his religion will be blown from a cannon's mouth.

Another proclamation, evidently aimed against those who attempt to corner grain, decrees that anyone possessing grain in excess of what is absolutely necessary for the support of his family shall be liable to a fine, and if he fails to do so, his whole supply will be taken for sale.

LAURIER ON TRIAL. Montreal, March 7.—The 'New' London cable says: The Morning Post says there is no denying that Canada is the sonnet and one of the most profitable countries in the world, and that it is in which the British colonist has invested himself and his capital from time to time.

Fast Atlantic Line Tenders. Dominion Government Issues Call For Steamship Bids Tomorrow.

Service of Eighteen and Twenty-One Knot Boats to be Considered. Ottawa, March 7.—The government has decided to issue a call on Monday for tenders for the fast Atlantic steamship service.

WALTER GILLEY DEAD. Well Known Resident of Westminster Is No More.

NEW WESTMINSTER. March 7.—(Special.)—An old resident, whose death was not wholly unexpected, passed away last night in the person of Walter Gilley, father of the partners of the well known local firm of Gilley Bros. Deceased was a native of St. Albans, N. B., where he was born in 1818, and has resided here for 17 years.

Fire Damp Explosion

One Chinese Dead and Seven Injured in Union Colliery.

Accident Supposed to Be Due to Cave In at Air Intake.

Damage to Mine Very Slight and Fire is Extinguished.

From Our Own Correspondent. Cumberland, March 7.—By an explosion of fire damp in No. 6 mine here this morning one Chinese was killed and seven injured, and one white driver was slightly hurt, his hair being scorched.

The explosion is supposed to have occurred in No. 10 place of the long wall section of the mine, and was probably from a cave in on the intake airway.

Of the Chinese hurt, four are severely burned and three slightly. There is no damage to the mine, which is now clear of gas and the fire extinguished.

HAMILTON STEEL COMPANY. Plant May be Purchased For Harvesting Works.

Winnipeg, Man., March 7.—(Special.)—The Manitoba court today dismissed the appeal of certain property of the C. P. R. for which the company in return will construct a new station on Main street and erect a subway station and hotel.

ACRES OF AUTOS. Emperor William Receives a Novel Salute to Royalty at Berlin.

Winnipeg, March 7.—(Special.)—A special meeting of the Winnipeg City Council was held today on which a by-law was passed which provides for the leasing of certain property to the C. P. R. for which the company in return will construct a new station on Main street and erect a subway station and hotel.

HOTEL FIRE. Guests of Dinorwic Hotel Have Difficulty in Escaping With Lives.

Winnipeg, March 7.—(Special.)—The Dinorwic hotel and post office at Dinorwic, Man., were burned last morning. The occupants had a close call escaping in their night clothes. The fire raged furiously, owing to the wind, and both buildings and contents are a total loss.

Nineteen Men Are Drowned

Ferry Boat Loaded With Workmen Capsizes in Hudson River.

Glen Falls, N. Y., March 7.—Nineteen men are dead as a result of the capsizing of the ferry boat used by workmen at Spier Falls. The accident occurred when the ferry, which was loaded with workmen, capsized in the Hudson river.

THE RAILWAYS. Edmonton Wants Canadian Northern Shops—N. P. Bill Passed.

Edmonton, March 6.—(Special.)—Business men here have decided to raise \$15,000 required by the Hudson's Bay Company to secure the location of the Canadian Northern shops for Edmonton, which is to be made a divisional point for workshops between Winnipeg and Toronto.

NOVA SCOTIA SURPLUS. Provincial Accounts Fifty-Two Thousand Dollars Ahead.

Halifax, March 6.—The financial returns for Nova Scotia for the last year were presented to the House last night. The revenue was \$1,140,216.51; increase over the estimate of \$88,110.69. The expenditure was \$1,082,005.92, leaving a surplus of \$58,210.59.

YOU TAKE NO CHANCES. All druggists and dealers guarantee every bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy will return a refund if it does not relieve a cough, cold, croup, whooping cough, and is instant relief to take. It prevents any tendency of a cold to result in pneumonia.

MONKEY BRAND SOAP removes all stains, rust, dirt or tarnish—but won't scorch clothes. Stocktaking sale, men's overcoat half price for cash. B. Williams & Co., 1000 Broadway.

DOMESTIC FLOUR CHEAPER THAN IMPORTED. WEILER BROS. FURNISHERS TO THE PEOPLE. VICTORIA, B. C. Kitchen cupboard, 4ft. 4in. wide, \$12.00. Oglvie Company intend erecting a Plant at Fort William.

C. P. R. Strike Is Settled. Conference Between Officials and Men Result in Understanding. At Early Hour This Morning Details Were Still Being Arranged.

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