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Another Day Over Drawing

Further Session Yesterday of Commission Over South Park School Trouble.

Superintendent Eaton and Some of the School Trustees Are Examined.

(From Thursday's Daily.) The royal commission appointed to enquire into the alleged use of rulers in free-hand drawing at the South Park school was resumed yesterday forenoon before his honor, Judge Lannaman, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

The first witness called was Alex. Robinson, superintendent of education. In his evidence he stated that he was graduate of Dalhousie college. He had been conducting the teachers' examinations at the High school when the books were examined. It was a general thing with the books to be examined by him that there was anything of a special nature about them, and that one had been seen drawing books from the South Park and North Ward schools at Victoria and Mr. Pleasant and Situations of Vancouver were all submitted to him for examination.

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Typhoid Situation in the Interior

Provincial Health Department Taking Active Steps for Suppression of Disease.

Milk Supply in Boundary District Said to Be Cause of Outbreak.

Provincial Health Officer Dr. J. C. Pagan was yesterday in receipt of a telegram from Dr. J. E. Spangle, temporary provincial health officer for the Boundary district, who writes that the typhoid situation in the interior is a serious one. The outbreak is being traced to the milk supply in the Boundary district, which is said to be the cause of the outbreak.

The Green-Eyed Monster. Giddy Theapian the Cause of Fatal Shooting in Illinois.

Danville, Ill., Dec. 27.—Charles H. Smith of New York, a member of the company of the Green-Eyed Monster, was shot and fatally wounded this afternoon by a bullet from the Green-Eyed Monster. The shooting occurred in a room in the Stratford Hotel.

Notes from the Royal City. New Westminster, Dec. 27.—(Special.) The city council last evening passed an agreement with the W. W. & Y. R. Co. for the purchase of the waterworks.

Preparation for Opening of House. Some Arrangements Made for the Approaching Session of Legislature.

With the opening of the provincial parliament on the 11th January next, interest more being centered on the arrangements for the session. The house will be opened by the speaker, and the session will be a busy one.

Failure to Report Typhoid. Mr. Burns says that the typhoid situation in the interior is a serious one. The outbreak is being traced to the milk supply in the Boundary district.

John Burns' Debut. Labor Member of Cabinet Makes a Characteristically Vigorous Speech.

London, Dec. 27.—John Burns, member of the first cabinet since his entry to the cabinet, has written in the election campaign at Battersea today. He has been elected to the cabinet, and his speech was a notable one.

Advertising Canada. Eminent Scottish Newspaperman Expresses His Views.

George Bain, editor and proprietor of the Nainaimo Telegraph, Scotland, has written an interesting little booklet descriptive of the Dominion. It is entitled "A Day Through Canada," and his observations on the country, its people and conditions, from the time he landed at Montreal until he reached Victoria, are valuable.

Three Negroes Killed. Meridian, Miss., Dec. 27.—In a battle between a posse of white men and three negroes near Williams cross, three negroes were killed and one captured.

Monkey Brand Soap cleans Kitchen utensils, steel, iron and tinware, knives and forks, all kinds of cutlery.

Ask your dealer for Amherst sole leather shoes.

London, Dec. 27.—The correspondent of the Daily Telegraph at St. Petersburg, as an instance of the struggle conducted at Kharkov, relates as follows, which he calls a "typical incident."

A little boy was seen approaching Komny's square, where a detachment of Cossacks were stationed. The Cossacks brutally drew a line on the child, but the boy was allowed to approach them. On arriving at the spot, he swung his right hand vigorously and then turned and ran. A violent explosion prevented the Cossack noting his further movements.

A despatch from St. Petersburg to the news agency says it is reported that the railway for 100 miles south of Minsk has been captured by the revolutionaries, and that there has been a serious rioting at Kolpino, near St. Petersburg.

To Succor French Residents. Brest, Dec. 27.—It is now confirmed that the French cruiser Cassini will proceed to Cronstadt, from Copenhagen. The government has placed the cruiser at the disposal of M. Bompard, French ambassador at St. Petersburg.

Paris, Dec. 27.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Journal, in a despatch dated December 27, says: "Another bomb was thrown at the village station today when the German express arrived there. The missile was badly made, however, and the explosion which resulted did not cause serious damage."

Jack O'Brien Issues a Challenge to Ex-Chief Jefferies. Bellinham, Dec. 26.—The terrific rain and wind storm which raged yesterday was renewed again this morning, but has subsided tonight. There has been no serious marine accidents are reported. Telegraphic and telephonic service is crippled extensively in the vicinity.

Blaine Man Still Missing. Mr. Charles A. Chambers, wife of the Blaine bookkeeper whose disappearance was reported last week, has returned from Everett, where she found that the man in the hospital and reported to have been aptly called the "City of Homes" in Victoria, is one in a hundred who has been done tomorrow. While the business habits of Vancouver are of a brisk order, I confess I liked Victoria, and it was very much to my liking to see the report of the Canadian health officer as the duty of the European visitor.

ROQUOIS' EXCITING TIME. The Nainaimo Free Press in its issue of yesterday said: "Considerable anxiety was expressed yesterday by the passengers who were on the steamer Roquois. The steamer left Victoria in the heavy weather, and all went well until Retreat Cove was reached, when the packing blew out of one of the cylinders. She put out an anchor, but she was unable to get her way. The damage was repaired, but they were unable to get her way. From the meagre particulars to hand the steamer must have had an exciting time battling with the gale, but was enabled to get under way, and finally return to Victoria, using one cylinder. The City of Nainaimo arrives today with her freight."

CONCENTRATED TEA. U. S. Government's Satisfactory Experiments with Tablets.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 27.—The latest novel experiment to be made by the United States department of agriculture is the preparation of concentrated tea tablets out of which will be made a delicious cup of tea. As a result what was ordinarily made out of a big package of tea has been placed in a space about the size of a safety match box. It has been the object of the department for some time to find means of providing tea for army and navy which could be prepared satisfactorily. It is now believed by the officials of the department that the tablets will fill not only government requirements but those of general merchandise and family use.

FROM GRAND FORKS. Items of Interest From the Busy Boundary Mining Camp.

Grand Forks, Dec. 24.—An unconfirmed report is current here that a deal is pending for the purchase of the Pathfinder property on Pathfinder mountain, some twelve miles from here. It is intimated that the parties likely to take the property over are an American syndicate, the price to be paid will likely be in the neighborhood of \$150,000, which would put the value of the stock at ten cents per share, the capitalization of the present company being 1,500,000 shares—the Pathfinder is probably one of the best known properties on the north fork. It can be put on a shipping basis at small cost and is right on the line of the proposed North Fork railway.

DAVE EVANS, the well known freighter left here yesterday with three tons of provisions, being supplies for the Kettle valley line survey party, which are now camped at the Forks of the river some 30 miles up the North Fork, the fact of such large supplies being furnished to the party that the company mean business. These provisions will last the survey party of sixteen men some three months. From the reports just received no engineering difficulties worthy of mention have been encountered and there is every reason to believe that in the early spring the survey party will be replaced with numerous grading outfits.

DAVID SPENCER, LIMITED NEW YEAR'S GIFTS New Toys Handkerchiefs A few New Toys put into stock for New Year. The shipment was too late for the Christmas trade. Liberal Reductions Made on Toys and Fancy Goods to Schools. "Togo" Genuine Old Deck Ring Toss A New Parlor Game Price \$2.00 Special Price, 50c. NEW TODAY! The King Edward Hat Pins The King Edward Brooches and Scarf Pins Prices, 65c to \$1.55. A Fresh Assortment of Women's Stock Collars Shown Today Prices 25c to \$1.25. A Big Purchase of Umbrellas at Special Prices 50c to \$2.50.

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REMODELING NAINAIMO MILL. Plant to Be Made One of Finest in the Province—Herring Fishing. Nainaimo, Dec. 27.—W. Munroe of Victoria and E. Emerson of Vancouver, who are heavily invested in the Nainaimo Lumber Company, are here today at a conference between the company and the manager of the mill, held today, the entire matter was not so divided. The boom of logs seized from the tug Stearman the other day is still held, pending instructions from the government. This matter was a mistake on the part of the camp foreman as to the routing of the boom. Depleting Herring Fisheries. There is considerable indignation among local fishermen at the methods employed by Japanese in catching herring in the harbor, which it is claimed is rapidly depleting the supply. Inspector Taylor has been asked to protect the industry and has under consideration the prohibition of all fishing in certain parts of the harbor. The Japanese have a large force of the last few days working here and have caught immense quantities of fish. Last night the catch of one firm ran as high as 150 tons. The catch was made with a drag net, and knowing as they do the best places in the harbor, these fishermen seldom return without a good catch. The Nainaimo Fishing Company, on the other hand, use a gill net, and where their nets will catch fish the Japanese catch a hundred. In looking over four hundred weight of fish, Mr. Miller, foreman of the Nainaimo Fisheries Company, said that he was hardly a bucketful that could be caught in his nets. He had not picked one third of the amount he intended this year, owing to the inability of his men to catch the fish.

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