

PROLOGATION OF LEGISLATURE

ROYAL ASSENT GIVEN TO SESSION'S WORK

Socialist Leader Sets All Guessing by a Remark—Statute Consolidation

Legislative Press Gallery, March 1. The second session of the twelfth parliament of British Columbia was prorogued this afternoon by His Honor Lieut.-Governor Paterson.

The attorney-general explained that it had been impossible to complete the revision of the statutes in time for ratification this session, but on the opening of the next session the volumes would be ready for distribution immediately upon ratification.

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RAILWAY PROPERTY NOT ENDANGERED

Member of Interstate Commission Discusses Decision in Rate Case

Washington, D. C., Feb. 25.—A member of the interstate commerce commission, who refused to allow his name to be used, discussing the rates decision, said:

"The general sentiment of the commission was that the railroad, the interests, would endeavor to make the decision seem adverse to business, and thus attempt to verify the predictions the railroad men and their counsel made during the rate hearings."

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MAKES INITIAL RUN IN SOOKE SERVICE

Secheit Left Yesterday—New Steamer Will Be Laid Up for Overhauling

After making her initial run on the Victoria-Sooke Bay-Sooke service yesterday afternoon, in order to clean up the large amount of freight which had accumulated on the wharf during the time the smaller boat was on the run, the new steamer Secheit was laid up this morning for several days to be overhauled and have a galley built on her. It is thought that the vessel, which only arrived from Vancouver yesterday morning, will commence her regular sailings on Saturday.

The Secheit was brought to port for the British Columbia Shipping Company, which is securing the vessel, and left there at midnight on Tuesday with the vessel, arriving here on Wednesday morning. During the trip across the straits the trimmers of the steamer had the misfortune to fall overboard, but as the vessel had little way on her, was after being in the water for several minutes, hauled on board little the worse for his ducking.

Many people were at the dock yesterday to see the new steamer and at Sooke a large number of the residents of that district turned out to inspect the vessel which is to ply between Victoria and Sooke for some time. She is a splendid little craft, comfortably furnished, able to carry a large number of passengers and with a spacious deck for the stowage of freight. Yesterday afternoon, when she left port for Sooke, she took the freight which had been piling up there for some time and still had plenty of room left in her hold.

The dimensions of the new boat are 32 feet in length over all, 7 1/2 feet between perpendiculars, and 15 feet in breadth and eight feet in depth, with a gross tonnage of 73 tons. She is propelled by a set of compound surface condensing engines with two cylinders of 10 and 16 inches, producing a 14-horsepower. Steam is furnished by one boiler and at full speed the steamer can make slightly better than 10 knots. She is fitted with one of the latest steam winches for handling heavy freight and all other steam fixtures are of the most modern design.

When the Secheit goes on the run permanently she will leave the Grand Trunk Pacific wharf every afternoon excepting Wednesday and Sunday at 1:30 o'clock.

POTENTIAL FRAUD IN BARGE GOODS

How Shipping Companies Are Mulcted Unfairly by Shippers Over Insurance

In connection with shipments between the island and points on the mainland the question of insurance is one which causes the Board of Trade some anxiety. Goods shipped by barge (that is by rail) are insured by the company, and it is desirable that the value of the shipments made in this way should be stated on the invoice sheets. In the event of the value not being stated there may be considerable difficulty in collecting insurance in future.

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STRIKES BIG WAVE IN FINE WEATHER

Several Sailors Washed Overboard From Barque by Terrific Comber

Melbourne, March 2.—The barque Gladys had a remarkable adventure when at sea off the coast of St. Paul's Island. Sailing along in clear weather with the sea as calm as a mill pond, the vessel was suddenly overwhelmed by a mountainous wave. Tons of water fell on the deck and several unfortunate sailors were swept overboard. The barque escaped almost by a miracle from going to the bottom.

Another strange story of the sea was told on the arrival of the ship Milton. When sixty miles off Cape Verde a sailor fell into the sea, and after a search was given up for lost, the ship proceeded on her way. Later the steamer Nelsmeyer going in the opposite direction to that of the Milton heard cries coming over the waves and lowering her boats picked up the missing seaman. The legs of the unfortunate man had been torn by a large fish while he was in the water.

OFFICIALS COME TO SURVEY THE YUCATAN

Chief Engineer Cave, of North Pacific, Here—General Manager Doe Coming

Towards the end of the present week Charles P. Doe, general manager of the North Pacific Steamship company, which purchased the wrecked steamer Yucatan recently for \$40,000, will arrive in Victoria from San Francisco for the purpose of ascertaining just what sort of work will be necessary in order to have the steamer towed to Portland, Ore., where she will be repaired. He was reported to have arrived in the Rose city during the early part of the week, and after making some arrangements regarding the repair work, will come through to this city.

Henry Cave, chief engineer for the company, arrived in this city several days ago to conduct the examination of the vessel. When asked this morning by the Times as to when he expected the steamer would leave he said he was unprepared to make any statement. The Yucatan will be towed to Portland by the steamer Yucatan, which will be towed to Portland by the steamer Yucatan.

Victoria's waterfront is at last to be relieved of the old eyesore. The old, badly battered wreck, has been lying along the outer wharf for seven or eight months while the quarrel between owners and underwriters has been going on. At Portland the Yucatan is to be practically rebuilt and the work will be all done by day labor under the direction of the company. It is expected that the job will be completed within 25 days at a cost of about \$75,000.

TACOMA RECALL ELECTION. Mayor Fawcett Confident He Will Be Retained in Office.

Tacoma, Wash., March 2.—At a meeting yesterday of the citizens' committee in charge of the recall movement against the city commissioners, it was decided to hold the election to select a successor to Mayor Fawcett on April 4. It had practically been decided to have but one recall election for the entire city council, petitions for the other four members now being in circulation, with indications of the securing of sufficient names to insure their recall. As the petitions for Mayor Fawcett's recall were completed in advance of the other city officials, however, it was decided to hold a separate election for the city's chief executive.

Many persons profess to believe that Mayor Fawcett alone of the five commissioners would appear to bear out this claim. The Mayor says the woman vote will bring him victory.

TO DISCUSS GRANTS. Nanaimo, March 1.—A special meeting of the city council will be held on Thursday night when it will meet representatives of the hospital and the agricultural society and discuss with them matters in connection with those institutions. The agricultural society has asked for a grant of \$2,000 to assist in the construction of a \$10,000 exhibition building on the new grounds, and the hospital board has asked for an increased monthly grant to the hospital. Both requests will be fully considered on Thursday night, and it is quite probable some assistance will be given to both.

WISH TO RETAIN PASTOR. Vancouver, March 1.—The quarterly official board of Dundas Methodist church has given the pastor, Rev. R. M. Thompson, a unanimous and hearty invitation to remain another year. The members expressed great satisfaction with the last year's work. The board regretted very much the pastor's illness of the past three weeks and voted him a month's leave of absence to recuperate. A new church will soon be required to accommodate the rapidly increasing congregation and Sunday school.

OAK BAY BILL IN COMMITTEE

CITY MEMBERS OPPOSE THE SECOND READING

Amendment Regarding Under Circuitry of Pipe Line is Voted Down

Legislative Press Gallery, February 28. The Oak Bay bill was put through committee this evening and to-morrow will receive its final reading. No change was made in it, although there was an effort made to alter the wording of the condition as to the pipe line not being laid with undue circuitry. The bill came before the House on second reading.

H. F. W. Behnen said that the bill had been before the private bills committee for several sessions, and that the committee had heard all sides of the question and done all it could to settle the matter. As was well known, the government was a strong supporter of vested rights. Several years ago the rights of Victoria over the water supply sources in a radius of twenty miles were taken away and the legislature called "Esquimalt Waterworks Act." Since that time the city had lost a considerable lot of important rights and it was in 1873, Even within its own limits the city was prohibited from supplying its own citizens with water. No agreement could be carried out an agreement more faithfully than the city had done with Oak Bay, the people of which were getting water at a less rate than the citizens of Victoria. Victoria had through its history had done a deal for different parts of the province and would always do what was right for Oak Bay. Why they cannot do it now and took up the valuable water of the private bills committee he did not understand. There was great talk of Oak Bay getting Goldstream water but not a drop of Goldstream water had been laid by Oak Bay, but it was possible, "without undue circuitry," to be adapted to the requirements of the city. For the words quoted in the bill, Haywood proposed to substitute "out under navigation from the most economical route."

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SHIPPINGMEN GIVE ARYAN UP FOR LOST

Is 201 Days Out From Philadelphia for San Diego—Has Crew of Twenty

Philadelphia, March 2.—Shippingmen to-day gave up hope of ever hearing from the American clipper ship Aryan, which left Philadelphia 201 days ago for California ports with a crew of 20 men. The vessel was last reported Dec. 22 from St. Lucia, near the Magellan Straits.

The vessel left Philadelphia, August 11. She was reported arriving at San Diego in January, but the Aryan was found to be an error. The voyage is frequently made in from 160 to 175 days, which is not considered smart time. The Aryan had general cargo for California ports, and after her departure was to have come to Puget Sound to load lumber for Boston. It was understood she would carry a cargo of spars for western shipyards. The Aryan was built at Philadelphia, Me., in 1893, by C. W. Minott. She is a vessel of 1,989 net tons and is 248 feet in length, 42 feet beam and 24 feet depth. Her home port is Bath, Me.

INQUIRIES ABOUT ISLAND. Vancouver Island is attracting considerable attention in London, Eng., at the present time among those who are thinking of departing the shores of the Old Country and coming to make their homes in the last west. Between Great Britain and Vancouver Island, London is not the only place that is agitating itself over the Vancouver Island. The Development League received a letter of inquiry from P. de Kober, Russian vice-consul at Chefoo, China.

WAR ON "QUACK" DOCTORS. Portland, Ore., March 2.—Determined to rid the city of numerous "quack" doctors and malpracticers who conduct their business under the guise of legitimate medical institutions, 15 warrants were issued yesterday for the arrest of men who are practicing in Portland without a license by the district attorney's office.

It is said that the state board of health is behind the move and that a state-wide crusade to rid the state of unnecessary medical practitioners will follow.

EXPULSION OF JEWS.

St. Petersburg, March 2.—Further expulsion of Jews from Tchernigov, Cheljabinsk and a number of other cities, is being contemplated to-day. Over 2,500 Jews have been expelled from Tchernigov to date and according to reports received here to-day from Cheljabinsk, 51 Jewish families, numbering 281 persons are listed for expulsion in a few days. The majority of the men to be expelled are grain agents.

THREE ACQUITTED. Bakersfield, Cal., March 2.—After deliberating from 6 o'clock until after midnight, a jury in Judge Bennett's court to-day acquitted three defendants in the murder case of Ed Clifford, a murder case. The trio were accused of having killed Pat Collins at Mojave a year ago. The trial lasted four weeks.

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