RAILWAYS ASK FOR CHARTERS

PRIVATE LEGISLATION FOR COMING SESSION

Many New Companies Are Incorporated—Provincial Appointments.

(From Friday's Daily.)

The near approach of the session of the legislature is seen in the advertising columns of the British Columbia Gazette. In this week's issue appear several new notices of applications for private bills which will be made.

Oak Bay municipality will apply for the right to make by-laws dealing with a frontage rate on water mains, licensing or prohibiting the carrying of firearms within the municipality or on the water within one mile of the shore, regulating building, preventing the obstruction of water courses and drains, borrowing money for laying of water and light mains and electric wiring, regulating speed of street cars, automobiles and vehicles; "licensing of hacks, automobiles, tally-hos and other vehicles, hired either within or without the municipality, passing over the roads and highways within the municipality"; granting tax reductions or exemptions. The municipality also seeks power to purchase water or waterworks, to enforce by-laws on the foreshore of the municipality, to carry on local improvements under a new system and to ratify and confirm an agreement between the corporation and William Hicks Gardner. Bodwell & Lawson are acting for the municipality.

South Vancouver seeks to be incorporated. Railway legislation includes a line from Vancouver city to New Westminster, from Vancouver to Upper Lillooet lake, and from Menzie bay to the junction of the Salmon and Memekay rivers. Another private bill is to authorize the transference of the assets of the Great West Permanent Loan & Savings Company to the Great West Permanent Loan Company.

Hubert E. Wallis, Arrowhead, has been appointed a stipendiary magistrate for the town of Arrowhead and the district within a radius of twenty miles, and will have jurisdiction under the Small Debts Act.

William N. Rolfe, government agent, Nicola, is appointed a stipendiary magistrate in and for the Nicola mining division.

Samuel Harrison, Prince Rupert, is gazetted as a notary public.

Tenders are being called for by the minister of public work for the construction of a sewerage system at Prince Rupert. These must be in by noon on January 19th, accompanied by a certified cheque for $500. A guarantee bond for $15,000 will be required from the successful contractor. Plans and specifications can be seen after Tuesday next at the public works department here, at the offices of the government agent and harbor engineer at Prince Rupert, at the office of the government agent in New Westminster and at the office of the provincial timber inspector in Vancouver.

—The office of the mining recorder for Quatsino mining division has been removed from Yreka to Quatsino. The deputy mining recorder's office at Poplar Creek, in Trout Lake and Ainsworth mining division, has been closed.

Certificates of incorporation have been granted to the following companies:

Canadian Cedar Lumber Co., Ltd., capital $50,000; lumber manufacturers.

Canadian Lumber Co., Ltd., capital $150,000; lumber and paper manufacturers.

Enterprise Timber & Trading Co., Ltd., capital $10,000; timber limit holders, lumber manufacturers, loggers, cruisers, etc.

Hendry Land Co., Ltd., capital $105,000; real estate dealers.

Long Lake Co., Ltd., capital $15,000; real estate dealers, hotel-keepers, common carriers, power manufacturers, telegraphs and telephones.

Point Grey Estates Co., Ltd., capital $500,000; real estate dealers, dyking and reclaiming lands, river and harbor improvements, farmers, stock breeders and importers, general merchants, builders, importers and exporters, lumbermen, timbermen, saw-millers, makers of earthen and wooden ware; manufacturers of stone, tile, cement, brick and lime; ship-owners and common carriers, steel railway owners and operators, light and power producers, operators of sewer and waterworks systems, stevedores, ferry men, express agents, carriers of his Majesty's mails, butchers and cold storage warehousemen, traders and storekeepers, coal miners, prospectors, dredge owners, smelters, refiners, assayers, dealers in metals, colonization agents, canners, fishermen, whalers, loan and investment company, and "any other business, whether manufacturing or otherwise, which may seem to the company capable of being conveniently carried on in connection with the above."

Silverdale Sawmill Co., Ltd., capital $100,000; lumber, paper, pulp and power manufacturers.

Sointula Co-operative Store, Ltd., capital unlimited in $100 shares; general storekeepers.

Vancouver Steam Laundry Co., Ltd., capital $60,000, to take over the business of the Standard Steam Laundry.

GIRL BURNED TO DEATH AT VANCOUVER

Vancouver, Dec. 3. — Little Annie Marlington, the two and a half year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Marlington, who reside at the corner of Western and Knight roads, was the victim of a serious burning accident which occurred last evening, and from the effects of which she died this morning. The little one was left playing with the other child while the parents went out. On their return they found that she had been severely burned, her clothes partially destroyed and the little body badly scorched. She was taken to the general hospital as soon as possible, but in spite of all that could be done for her she passed away this morning.

RACETRACK GAMBLING DISCUSSED IN HOUSE

Bill Dealing With Subject Is Referred to a Special Committee.

Ottawa, Dec. 3.—The question of race track gambling, concerning which parliament has been overwhelmed by bushels of petitions, was precipitated into the deliberations of the House yesterday when the bill promoted by H. H. Miller, of South Grey, came up for second reading.

The ensuing debate brought forth such a variety of opinions that it was finally decided to submit the proposed legislation to a special committee in order that both sides might be heard. This committee is to be composed of Messrs. Miller, McColl, Monk, Blain, Sinclair, Stratton and Martin (Regina).

The object of the bill is to put down the business of pool-selling, bookmaking and betting, but it was noticeable from the outset that the impression was strongly entrenched in the minds of members on both sides that it was impossible to legislate morality into the public, and that good could only be accomplished by education.

Three cabinet ministers expressed themselves.

Hon. A. B. Aylesworth gave a dispassionate history of gambling which seems to be, he declared, strongly entrenched in the British makeup.

Hon. Charles Murphy, secretary of state, who has recently come into open conflict with the Toronto Globe by the issuing of a charter to a racing association in the Queen City, spent most of his time in reviewing his quarrel with the chief Liberal organ, and announced that he intended to offer an amendment making it illegal for newspapers to print the news of tipsters or enable them to sell their information.

Hon. G. P. Graham admitted that he loved a horse race, but not to the limits to which gambling had grown. He ventured the opinion that more men and women were driven gambling insane over the bridge table than at the race track.

F. D. Monk defended the Montreal Jockey Club and Racing Association as a splendid organization which encouraged the breeding of horses. Mr. Monk also argued that to enforce the bill if it passed might be interfering with provincial rights.

Question of Seats.

The Speaker gave his ruling on the point raised by Mr. Meighen Wednesday as to Sir Wilfrid Laurier not electing to sit for either Ottawa or Quebec East. He decided there was nothing in the rules of the House requiring a member returned for more than one constituency to elect within any prescribed time for which of such constituencies he will sit. "But," added the Speaker, "it is eminently desirable that some definite rule and practice on this subject should be established. The House has a standing committee for the purpose of considering such questions (the committee on privileges and elections) and I would suggest that at an early date the matter should be considered by the House, or by the committee, with a view to the fixing of a definite period in which such election is to be made.

The Naval Bill.

Respecting the naval bill, Hon. E. G. Foster asked when it would be introduced. The premier thought it would have been presented ere this, but certain papers and correspondence which Mr. Foster had moved for regarding the Imperial conference were not yet ready, and these must be to hand before the bill was brought down.

RAILWAY MAIL CLERK ARRESTED

Is Alleged to Have Been Implicated in Theft of $5,885.

Winnipeg, Dec. 3.—The climax of a $5,000 robbery occurred Wednesday night, when John A. Barnett, a railway mail clerk, residing in the Fairfax block was arrested charged with the crime.

It is the sequel of the disappearance of a package containing $5,885 from the mails on the Carfan-Hartney branch of the C. N. R. on November 1st. The police found $1,000 of the stolen money Wednesday, but admit that the problem of solving the mysterious affair is puzzling them.

Barnett took his arrest coolly, employed a lawyer and yesterday was remanded for one week. His salary is $1.80 per day, and he has been in the service for about a year.

The detectives of the city, the railway and the post office department are maintaining the utmost secrecy about the case. They admit, however, that several persons are involved in the robbery, and that a number of thefts of equal interest have occurred recently in the service which have not been explained. The suggestion is that all have been committed by the same gang.

TACOMA USES CANDLES.

Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 3.—Tacoma today is emerging from the paralysis of wire and street car service caused by the severe snowfall of Wednesday night and yesterday morning, when seven inches of snow played havoc with all public service corporations and plunged the city into darkness.

Candles made a sharp advance in the afternoon when many sections of the city found that the light wires had gone down and houses would be in darkness during the night.

A peculiar feature of the storm was that it was local within a radius of a few miles of Tacoma.

—The revenue from timber license, rentals and royalties received by the province amounted to $198,306.60, in addition to $572 for transfer fees and $575 for penalties. This represents the annual income from 1,590 licenses out of

BALFOUR DEFENDS ACTION OF LORDS

Debate in Commons on the Resolution Submitted By Asquith.

London, Nov. 3.—The centre of interest to-day was the House of Commons, where the premier, on behalf of his government, delivered the reply to the action of the Lords in withholding their consent upon the budget. The government's resolution was presented in the words in which notice of it was given, and in substance is as follows: "Resolved that the action of the House of Lords in refusing to pass into law the financial provisions made by this chamber for the expenses of the year, was a breach of the constitution and a usurpation of the rights of the House of Commons."

The House was crowded with members, and the galleries were filled with Lords and diplomats and other personages. The ministers and the Unionist leaders, including Mr. Balfour, who had sufficiently recovered from an indisposition to take part in the debate, entered the chambers during the course of the routine business and were received with cheers by their supporters, who rose to their feet and waved their hats in welcome to the chiefs.

The House of Commons by a vote of 349 to 134 passed the resolution.

Arthur Henderson, leader of the Labor party in the House of Commons, announced that the government would have the whole-hearted support of the Laborites.

The object of his resolution, Premier Asquith explained, was to make a prompt protest against the whole proceedings of the Lords in regard to this matter. The members of the House of Commons need not be ashamed to be called pedants if they used the same means as had those who in the past put an end to the domination of the crown in order to put an end to usurpation on the part of the Lords. He contended that there was not a single clause in the budget which was not relevant to the matter of raising revenues. If the contention of the Lords that in rejecting the budget they were only referring it to the people held good, no Liberal government would be safe. They might have to refer all taxes to the people, and the Lords would have power to advise the King to dissolve parliament.

After quoting authorities in favor of his contention that the Commons had the exclusive right to determine the matter of taxation and expenditure, Premier Asquith concluded: "When democracy voted for a Liberal government the dormant second chamber awoke from its slumbers and nullified the work of the House of Commons.

"We shall ask the House by its vote and we shall ask the constituencies at the earliest possible moment, to declare that the organ for the voice of free people of this country to be found in the accredited representatives of the nation."

Following the premier, A. J. Balfour strenuously defended the action of the Lords, who he said had a clear conviction of their powers. These were not excessive, and efforts made to curtail them partook of pettiness in character and were extremely inconvenient to the public interest. In declaring that the constituencies should be consulted they had not gone beyond the functions which should be left to the second chamber, he said. Though the reference of the bills to the country by the Lords was rare, their opponents had no right to lay claim to this rarity as showing that the power of the upper chamber in this respect should fall into desuetude.

In the course of his remarks, Mr. Balfour said he hoped that the instances when the Lords referred such a question to the country would be most rare. He also hoped that the Lords would never abandon the essential point of the controversy, which was whether the Lords, in declaring that the constituencies should be consulted, had gone beyond the functions which ought to be left to the second chamber, however rarely they might deem it proper to exercise them. That was a point which the country would have to decide. The old radical view was that after three years the government had no mandate to do controversial work.

If the government was returned, the question would be settled, and the budget, Mr. Balfour presumed, would be passed without alteration. It was erroneous to confound the process of rejecting a bill with the process which the Lords had pursued in this instance. Their course had been strictly in accordance with the whole theory of the second chamber, and his belief was that the country would take the same view of the matter.

EDITORS CONVICTED OF CONSPIRACY

Appeal Against Sentence of Six Months Imposed at Spokane.

Spokane Wash., Dec. 3.—James Wilson and E. F. Foote, editors of the Industrial paper in this city, were sentenced to six months in jail on charges of conspiracy.

They appealed from this sentence and were released on $2,000 bonds. The charges against the two men were the outgrowth of the free speech fight.

BIG FIRE AT BALTIMORE.

Flames Cause Loss Estimated at $300,000.

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 3.—Fire which broke out yesterday in a building on South Sharp street, within a block and a half of the point of origin of the great disaster of 1904, caused a loss of $300,000 before it was finally extinguished.

MUCH WRECKAGE FOUND BY OSCAR

COASTING STEAMER LOST HER PROPELLER

Blown From Course Into Utsalady Bay By Big Gale.

(From Friday's Daily.)

Late last night the steamer Oscar arrived from Seattle after having had a very rough trip to and from Seattle. On the way across she was blown out of her course by the big gale of Friday last, losing a propeller and finally taking refuge in Utsalady Bay on Camano island, inside of Deception Pass. Here the steamer was beached and another propeller affixed.

On the return trip the steamer again had a difficult passage, meeting a strong northerly gale this side of Deception Passage, and finally arriving here late last night, where she discharged her cargo of creosote and tar.

On the way from Seattle the steamer passed a large amount of wreckage, including three or four hundred bales of hay, a number of crates of cabbages, a large amount of painted wood and large numbers of loose logs. In Deception Passage a gasoline launch was on the rocks smashed to pieces, and it is thought that she may have had a scow in tow. Captain Macdonald, of the Oscar, said he had no idea what the name of the launch was or where the wreckage came from. The logs must have come from a broken boom. Most of the logs were in the neighborhood of Kellet Bluff and from there to Ten-Mile Point.

Word received from Seattle states that a ship's cabin has come ashore near Quillayute River, and many cans of oil have also been cast up on the shore in the same neighborhood.

Steamer Minnesota, just from the Orient, reported having sighted what looked like the hull of a big schooner between Pachena and Cape Beele. U. S. steamer Snohomish has gone to investigate, but no word from her has been received so far.

NICARAGUAN TROOPS FORCED TO SURRENDER

Zelaya's Men Without Food For Two Days—Trouble May Soon End.

Bluefields, Nicaragua, Dec. 3.—Colonel Guadamuz, in command of a detachment of Zelaya's soldiers, surrendered to General Matuty, of the Estrada army, near Rama. The Zelaya forces held out until they were physical wrecks, having gone without food for two days. They simply were unable to continue the contest longer.

It is generally believed here this afternoon that the troubles will be settled in a few days.

Troopship Aground.

Wilmington, Del., Dec. 3. — The troopship Prairie, with her 700 marines and Rear-Admiral Kimball on board, en route to Central America, is still aground in the Delaware river.

Efforts to float her at high tide this morning proved futile. Another attempt will be made to-night.

The Prairie went aground last night as she was starting on the voyage from Philadelphia to the [illegible] trouble in the south.

KING EDWARD WILL SETTLE DISPUTE

Valparaiso Chile, Dec. 3.—The protocol with the United States for reference to the Alsop claim to King Edward for mediation was signed by the governor of Chile yesterday.

SOCIALIST LEADERS MAY BE ARRESTED

Spokane Authorities Are Determined to Suppress Street Speaking.

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 3.—It is reported that the prosecuting attorney and police authorities have decided to arrest local Socialist leaders in the fight being made in behalf of free speech in this city. It is said that the charges will be that of conspiracy.

The Socialists are circulating an initiative petition to force the city council to adopt an ordinance similar to the one in Seattle regulating street speaking.

The police on Wednesday night arrested eight boys in the hall of the Industrial Workers of the World, charging them with delinquency for associating with free speech advocates. Their ages range from 11 to 16 years and all profess to be members of the Industrial organization.

U. S. SUGAR TRUST.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 3.—There will be no investigation of the sugar trust by congress unless President Taft requests it and the Republican leaders say that it is not likely that the president will do so. On the contrary, it is asserted that the president has requested the leaders to see that congress keeps its hands off.

Representative Payne said: "I do not believe that the president wants congress to furnish a brass band for the hunt after criminals in the sugar trust. I shall oppose any congressional investigation for this reason."

BOY SCOUTS' BRIGADE FORMALLY ORGANIZED

Meeting Held on Thursday for That Purpose—Officers Elected.

At a meeting held on Thursday in the schoolroom of Christ Church cathedral the Brigade of Boy Scouts was formally organized. The brigade has been successfully launched with 15 patrols consisting of 100 members in all. The ages of the boys range from ten to eighteen years.

The officers elected last night to train the brigade were as follows: Rev. W. Barton, organizer of the movement, to head the local committee, with the rank of brigade chaplain; Lieut. H. H. Wollison, of the Fifth Regiment, C. G. A., Scouts instructor; Lieut. H. R. Selfe, signalling instructor; J. Stuckey, drill instructor; C. E. Berkeley and E. A. Selfe, field instructors; A. O. Hughes, secretary-treasurer. Scout masters, Lieut. Wollison, C. E. Berkeley, E. A. Selfe and H. Farnham.

The brigade has been very fortunate in securing the use of the drill hall, through the kindness of Lieut.-Col. Currie, in which they will hold practices. It has been arranged to hold the first parade in about two weeks' time.

At the meeting last night the patrols were formed, and after the manner of the Boy Scouts, were given the name of a bird, animal or fish, with which the flags will be decorated. The names which were chosen for the patrols were: Robins, Otters, Quails, Beavers, Wolves, Cats, Rams, Terriers, Hawks, Kangaroos, Woodpigeons, Lions, Ravens, Pheasants and Cuckoos.

Many patrols are in the process of organization to affiliate with the brigade. The movement is an undenominational one and the various churches in this city are forming other patrols. The expenses connected with the Boy Scouts are nominal, and at the beginning of the new year a small subscription will be fixed.

On Saturday the brigade will hold its first field day in the neighborhood of Mount Tolmie.

A. O. F. CONCERT.

Enjoyable Evening at A. O. U. W. Hall—Dance Concluded Proceedings.

The A. O. F. football club held its first concert and dance at the A. O. U. W. hall Thursday and it was a decided success. There was a large attendance and all the numbers on the programme were encored. At the close of the programme the club held a dance. The proceds go towards the expenses of the team for travelling to Ladysmith and Nanaimo for the island league matches.

A. Manson, president of the club, presided. Songs were given by A. Wright, Mrs. Butler, R. Morrison, F. Saunders and Miss Nyland. Mr. Ramsay and J. Melville contributed comic songs. Miss Lillian Manson and Mr. Poole appeared to advantage in a mandoline duet. J. Dobie made a decided hit with his song, sung by special request, "The A. O. F. Football Team," sung to the air of "The Maple Leaf Forever." The accompanists were Mrs. Reid and Miss Thain.

INTERESTING ADDRESS AT MOTHERS' CLUB

Mrs. Fitzgibbon Delights Audience on "The Spirit of Christmas.

At the Spring Ridge school Thursday afternoon Mrs. FitzGibbon, under the auspices of the Mothers' Club, delivered an interesting address on "The Spirit of Christmas." The speaker illustrated the conventional way of regarding the Christmas festival and Christmas giving, showing that throughout the world of Christendom and beyond, the blessings of security and well-being had followed from the lessons first taught in "Peace on Earth and Good Will to Men." The first Christmas morning, with its lessons of tenderness, was pictured for the edification of the mothers present. The lecture, which was keenly appreciated, closed with a justification of the observation of all old customs connected with Yule-tide.

On motion of Mrs. Cooper, president of the Woman's Council, seconded by Mrs. Wall, a vote of thanks was accorded Mrs. FitzGibbon.

The president of the Mothers' Club, Mrs. Greaves, read "The House of Pride," by W. A. J. Dawson, and Miss FitzGibbon sang very sweetly "My Ain Folks."

A letter had been sent to Miss Russell expressing sympathy in the loss of her sister, and her brief reply expressing gratitude at the action, was read.

Mrs. O. M. Jones read Bret Harte's "My Next Door Neighbor," and Mrs. Jenkins appealed to the mothers present to think of the clerks in the stores this month and make their Christmas purchases early.

Among those present were: Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. Hasell, Mrs. Cooper, Mrs. Jones, Miss Mara, Miss FitzGibbon, Mrs. Hardy, Mrs. H. L. Hardie, Mrs. Switzer, Mrs. McMicking, Miss Jesse, Miss Henry, Mrs. Bassett, Mrs. Booth, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Elliott, Mrs. Walls, Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. McConnell, Mrs. Currie, Mrs. McCurdy, Mrs. Holden.

—The death occurred Thursday at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. G. Myer, 39 Olympian avenue, of Mrs. Vigelius, the widow of the late Andrew Vigelius. Deceased was a native of Germany and was 64 years of age. For the past twenty years she had been a resident of this city, coming here from her native land via the Isthmus of Panama.

A. J. Balfour has written a preface to a pamphlet by Sir Gilbert Parker on the subject of land banks, which will shortly be published.

HOPES TO SETTLE RESERVE PROBLEM

R. L. Drury Believes Ottawa Is Willing to Act With Provincial Government.

R. L. Drury, speaking to the Times on Friday, said he had every confidence that the Songhees Indian reserve problem can be settled on the basis outlined in his several communications to the press. He had received word from Ottawa that the government looked with favor on the idea that had been advanced and would lend it every encouragement. Mr. Drury also expressed the hope that when Premier McBride returns from California the matter will be taken up by him and negotiations be started with the Indians.

Mr. Drury in a press letter says:

The correspondence I have had with the Ottawa authorities makes it abundantly clear that the Dominion government will make no claim to any of the proceeds derived from the ultimate sale of the reserve, should the province buy out the interest of the Indians.

The Dominion government have no proprietary interest in the reserve, they are merely the guardians or trustees for the Indians, and it would, therefore, be a most irregular procedure for the Dominion government to attempt to buy out the interests of their own wards. Moreover, even if such a course were followed, it would still leave the matter in a complicated state, as the reversionary interest of the province would still have to be dealt with. On the other hand, if the province—which has a proprietary interest in the reserve—were to extinguish the Indian claims, the provincial government could then give title and dispose of the land in the best interests of the public.

Let me say again, that the line of procedure I am now advocating has never been attempted before. Every attempt to settle with the Indian has been upon the understanding that they must wait until the reserve is sold before receiving a final settlement, the Indians in the meantime being asked to relinquish their claims and vacate the reserve. I am of the opinion that most white people under similar circumstances would have taken the same ground as the Indians.

Under the method now proposed, the Indians will be presented with a simplified transaction. They will not be asked to part with their titles and lands in order that a third party shall sell their property and afterwards render them an account of the sale; but the Indians themselves will do the selling, and under the Indian Act half of the proceeds will go to them directly in cash, while the other half will be funded and used in procuring new homes for them and for their general maintenance and support.

The present month is the time when all the members of the band will be home. The present is the time for action.

TO START BUILDING WITH THE NEW YEAR

Y. M. C. A. Students May Be in New Quarters by Next Fall.

The new Y.M.C.A. building will be started at the beginning of the new year according to the plans of the officials, and this will be good news to all the members, for the present building is cramped for the athletic as well as the other sides of the association's work.

The directors propose to get the new building complete by next fall, or as much of it as can be accomplished. The athletic quarters, it is expected, will be ready by that time, so that next winter the different lines of Y.M.C.A. sport will be comfortably housed.

The altered plans call for a five-story building to contain a gymnasium 80x50 feet, and a swimming bath 60x25 feet. A heating plant of full capacity will supply the hot water for the swimming pool and baths as well as heat the building all over.

The plans also call for fifty bedrooms, which it is thought by the officials will be a source of income to the association. On every floor there will be shower baths, and they plan a Turkish bath and steam room fully equipped.

With these plans carried out the new Y.M.C.A. will be as fine an athletic and social building as there is on the coast.

All the boys will have ideal quarters with every convenience to make athletic work a pleasure as well as a pastime, and with these conveniences the Y.M.C.A. will doubtless be able to hold on its roll a membership from which to form representative athletic teams in all branches of sport, and also individual representatives in all field sports as it does at present.

The swimming pool and gymnasium will be first constructed so as to get them in working order as early in the year as can be. The other portions of the building will follow as speedily as they can be constructed, and the whole is expected finished by the fall of 1910.

VICTIM OF AUTO WRECK.

Woman Injured in Collision Succumbs to Injuries.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 3. — Mrs. Nicholas Jacobs died at the Crocker street hospital yesterday from injuries sustained Thanksgiving night when an automobile containing eleven members of the Jacobs family, was struck by a street car at Latin station, and Jacobs and four of his children were instantly killed.

Her two months' old baby, who was badly injured, is still in a serious condition at the hospital.

NEW AEROPLANE RECORD.

Mourmelon, France, Dec. 3.—Battling against a wind of nearly forty miles an hour, Hubert Latham, the French aeronaut, attained a height of between 475 and 500 meters (about 1,600 feet), beating the official world's record.

MORE SETTLERS FOR ISLAND

VADSO TOOK FAMILIES NORTH TO SHUSCHARTIE

One Hundred More Families Said to Be Coming From Idaho.

When the steamer Vadso left for the North on Thursday she took another party of immigrants who have come with their wives and families to settle in the district around Cache Creek at the north end of Vancouver Island. A year ago a large scow-load of cattle, which were brought all the way from Idaho were taken into that district. These have prospered so well, and the news has already been sent back to Idaho from which place nine other settlers have just come. Messrs. McKay and Dillon, who have been in that district some time, came to Victoria to meet the settlers and pilot them north to their new homes.

Mr. McKay says that this lot of men is only an advance guard of those which will follow. At least one hundred others are expected in the spring to take up land and settle down to farming. The land in the Cache Creek district is said to be eminently suited to dairying, and as soon as there are enough cattle in the district the settlers intend to try to secure a creamery.

Yesterday a delegation visited the local Bureau of Immigration in order to secure the necessary information in regard to the land available. The provincial government has already set aside a large tract of land north of Cache Creek, which will be devoted wholly to pre-emption purposes. South of that part of the land has already been taken.

One of the drawbacks to the Cache Creek district is the fact that there are no harbors near at which steamers can call. Shuschartie is the nearest point, and a road is being constructed connecting the port with the dairying district. Five miles has already been completed and the work is being pushed ahead under the supervision of Mr. McKay.

ODD FELLOWS' DEGREE TEAM VISITS CITY

Vancouver Brethren Guests of Dominion Lodge Thursday Evening.

A degree team of twenty-five Odd Fellows, under the captaincy of J. A. Laidlaw, came over from Vancouver on Thursday and exemplified the work of the second degree of the order in the presence of a large attendance of members of three lodges in the lodge room of Dominion, No. 4.

The team was composed chiefly of members of Pacific Lodge, and several of its members were in the team that carried off the first prize during the session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge in Seattle in September last. The work was rendered by them in an admirable manner, and was greatly appreciated by the local brethren. Among those taking part in the conferring of the degree were W. Law, G.M.; E. L. Webber, D.G.M.; W. A. Johnstone, G. Treas.; and Charles Keith, Grand Representative. At the close a vote of thanks was tendered on behalf of Dominion Lodge by Rev. E. G. Miller and J. A. Laidlaw responded.

After the lodge had adjourned refreshments were served. Short addresses were delivered by Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master. Grand Treasurer and others. Bro. W. Melville and Dunstan sang several songs, and Bro. H. B. McKelvie, Vancouver, gave some inimitable character sketches. The visitors left for home on the midnight boat.

TELEPHONE WAR.

New York, Dec. 3.—Independent telephone interests have an available fund of $100,000 subscribed to do battle against the Bell telephone interests wherever the latter attempt to wipe out competition.

This was the gist of testimony by D. A. Wilson, of New York, prominently identified with the independent interests.

"The disposition on the part of the Bell company is to annihilate the independent companies all over the country," said Mr. Wilson. "The National Association of Independent Telephone Companies has created a fund of $100,000 to fight the Bell people wherever they try to wipe out competition. This was formed three months ago. The way the Bell company deteriorates the independent companies is to buy a company here and there, thus breaking up the chain. There are three million telephones in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut that cannot enter New York city because there is no independent company here."

FOOTBALL MAY BE ABOLISHED

Will Be Prohibited at Washington College Unless Rules Are Amended.

Walla Walla, Wash., Dec. 3.—The faculty of Whitman College has posted a notice to the effect that unless football rules are modified to such an extent as to eliminate mass plays, that football will be abolished at the institution. Injuries to light Whitman men in the Thanksgiving game with the brawny state college team is said to have been responsible for the notice being posted.