

RAILWAY OFFICIAL ON VISIT TO CITY

William Whyte, Second Vice President of C. P. R., Is Making Inspection of Company's Affairs Here.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)
Wm. Whyte, second vice-president of the C. P. R., and one of the best known and most highly respected railway officials in Canada, arrived in Victoria last evening on his regular trip of inspection. He is accompanied by J. A. M. Aitkin, K. C. of Montreal, chief solicitor of the company, F. T. Busted, Montreal, chief engineer, R. Marpole, general superintendent of the Pacific division, C. E. Cartwright, engineer at Vancouver, J. F. Kane, Winnipeg, private secretary to Mr. Whyte, and R. W. Brlen, private secretary to Mr. Marpole.

The object of the visit to the coast at the present time, Mr. Whyte says, is for the purpose of going into the new work of the past year and examining into the needs of the company. After an inspection of all the work he will shortly after the New Year report in detail to the president so that plans may be arranged for the coming season.

While there is not any new road now under construction in British Columbia by the company the second vice-president points to the fact that the C. P. R. has 1,000 miles of new line under construction west of Fort William. The double tracking of the entire route between Winnipeg and Fort William, a distance of 426 miles, will be of inestimable advantage in handling the wheat traffic between the coast and the Great Lakes. Two-thirds of this will be completed, Mr. Whyte says, in time for the handling of the crop of 1907. The distance will be entirely double tracked before the crop of 1908 is ready for shipment.

While the traffic of a single track is soon congested that of a double track

STRIKES AND LOCKOUTS IN MINES

PLEASUED WITH TRIP. Premier McBride Expected by His Friends to Announce Dissolution.

Premier McBride returned last night from a trip through the upper country. He visited Vernon, Revelstoke and other points in the interior. The journey into the country at this time was generally understood among the Conservatives to have been for the purpose of feeling public opinion with regard to the advisability of appealing to the country.

The premier's visit is reported to have impressed him very favorably and his closest friends expect on the strength of this an announcement within a few days of the dissolution of the legislature and an appeal of the country as soon as allowable thereafter.

BILL INTRODUCED IN THE DOMINION HOUSE

It Provides For an Inquiry Into All Disputes—The Inspection of Barges.

Ottawa, Dec. 17.—Hon. R. Lemieux today introduced his bill in the House to provide against strikes and lockouts in coal mines. The bill is on the lines of that for the settlement of railway disputes, the only difference is that in the present bill an inquiry is obligatory, while in the railway act an inquiry is voluntary.

Inspection of Barges.

F. A. Laurence, Colchester, introduced a bill to-day to provide for the inspection of the past year's emphasis with increasing force the need of vigorous and immediate action to re-cast the public land laws and adapt them to the actual situation.

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Port Arthur, Ont., Dec. 18.—Steamer Nepawah, which cleared from here Saturday and encountered fierce gales which badly damaged the Wanacondah, has not been heard from, and it is feared she has been lost. It is reported to-night that she has been in collision and sunk.

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Winnipeg, Dec. 18.—For some time petitions have been sent to and deputations waited on Archbishop Langevin from certain parishes in the city requesting that English-speaking priests be sent to the churches instead of French priests, and that new parishes be created in English speaking districts. As all members are English speaking they desire English priests. This week the archbishop replied in a circular letter intimating, in no uncertain words, that he is ecclesiastical head, and that he knows best what priest is best suited for their needs. He stated that English speaking priests would be secured whether the archbishop liked it or not would not gain any good end. He would lead and the church members will have plenty to do to follow him. It is his office to outline the policy of the West, and he intended to do so and parishioners, however prominent, would not be allowed to dictate the policy of the church in these matters. It is not believed the rebuke of his grace will settle the matter.

CARDINAL RICHARD VACATES PALACE

TAKES UP RESIDENCE AT HOME OF DEPUTY

Large Crowds Witnessed the Archbishop's Departure But There Was No Disturbance.

Paris, Dec. 17.—Cardinal Richard, archbishop of Concarneau, to-day voluntarily vacated the Episcopal palace and temporarily accepted hospitality of M. Cochin, the Conservative deputy, of the latter's residence.

DEATH CAME SOON AFTER MARRIAGE

SAD ENDING TO A YOUNG WOMAN'S LIFE

Trip From England to Victoria Brought With Trials Most Pathetic Nature.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)
A singularly sad story was that unfolded by the inquest held by Dr. E. C. Hart yesterday afternoon on the body of Mrs. William Jones, who died on Friday night after a few hours' illness.

BRISK YEAR END REALTY OUTLOOK

THE JANUARY INFLOW OF NORTHWESTERNERS

Inquiry For Esquimalt And James Bay Property Increasing—Large Sale on Yates Street.

The last few days have seen a complete lull in the real estate market. Activity is still, however, marked and everything points to a brisk year end.

A NEW WHARF FOR SEATTLE STEAMER

ALASKA STEAMSHIP COMPANY TO BUILD

On Property Near the Post Office—Operations Will Begin Early in New Year.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)
Early in the coming year the Alaska Steamship Company will build a new wharf on the north side of James Bay, near the post office.

CHRISTMAS VACATION.

Closing Exercises of the City Schools Will Be Held on Friday.

The public schools will close on Friday next and will re-open after the Christmas holidays on the first Monday following New Year's day. In all the schools closing exercises will be held and at the Spring Ridge school the scholars will bid farewell to Miss Margaret Ho, who leaves at the end of the term.

CONSERVATIVE CANDIDATE.

Golden, B. C., Dec. 15.—The Conservatives of Columbia district to-night nominated a candidate to contest the riding in the interests of the Conservative party, at the approaching provincial elections.

EMPHATIC DENIAL OF COAL SHORTAGE

Local Merchants Disagree in Their Views of the Situation—Purchasers Can Test Weight.

The rumor which has gained currency in the city that there is a shortage in the coal supply is emphatically denied by Joseph Kingham & Co., the Western Fuel Company. This company produces the celebrated New Wellington coal, which is mined at Nanaimo and Depart Bay.

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DISCOVERY NOTES.

New Rink Opened—Atlin Defeated in Curling Match.

Discovery, B. C., Dec. 1.—The weather here still continues to be mild considering the season of the year, the thermometer during the last week registering some 12 degrees to 6 degrees above zero.

THE CRAPEY CASE.

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 17.—Rev. Wm. Smith, of St. Paul's church, yesterday declared that many of the clergy would be tempted to abandon the ministry and find some freer atmosphere in which to serve Christ, if the decision of the diocese of western New York which expels Dr. Crapey on heresy charges, were made the decision of the entire Episcopal church.

NEW MINISTER.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Oscar Straus, of New York, to-day was inducted into the office of secretary of the department of commerce and labor.

ENGLISH CHANNEL TUNNELS.

Scheme Involves an Expenditure of Eight Million Dollars.

London, Dec. 17.—A bill empowering an Anglo-French company to construct a tunnel under the English channel has been deposited with parliament. It is estimated that this scheme will involve an expenditure of \$80,000,000. It is proposed to build two parallel tunnels twenty-four miles long.

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