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Politics In Royal City

Much Stirring of the Pot on the Classic Banks of the Fraser.

Board of Trade Recommends That the Judiciary Be Reconstructed.

Prisoner Swallows the Stolen Money When Being Searched in Jail.

From Our Own Correspondent.

New Westminster, Sept. 10.—Here, as elsewhere, the news of the change of date for the general elections created quite a sensation, and all sorts of motives were imputed to the government. But nowhere in the province probably was there such a stirring of the political pot. The Liberals, taken completely unawares, with no candidate in sight, inaugurated a brisk campaign against the government for an alleged attempt to wreck the Provincial Exhibition. As the election is to be on last day of Exhibition week, the one big annual festival enjoyed by the Royal City, the city was not without its effect on the weak-kneed, and thus encouraged, the Liberals took fresh heart of grace and began to feel they might secure a victim to run against Mr. Gifford. At the meeting last night, after several ineffectual attempts to secure a candidate, Mayor Keary was tendered the nomination and accepted. He had evidently been affected by the local cry if, indeed he did not encourage it, for at the city council meeting Tuesday night he came perilously near dragging in politics by reading his panicy telegrams to the Premier and the Lieutenant-Governor and the former's reply, and, having had the council formally endorse his action, he commenced to pull wires for the nomination, which only a week or so ago he had declined. His ambition was supposed to have been toward the wider field of Dominion politics, but as mayor and manager and secretary of the New Westminster Exhibition, he could probably make more out of the present situation than anyone else, and he fell into the open arms of the Liberals whom he so recently as good as disowned. He had previously openly declared to Mr. Gifford that he would not be a candidate against him, and excuses his action now by saying he would not have changed had the government not dealt the city and the Fair such a blow. Though Mr. Keary doubtless will put up a much better fight than J. C. Brown, he will have his work cut out to get within fifty votes of Mr. Gifford. In the meantime, the Liberals have passed resolutions protesting against the change of date of the election and the alleged proposal to sell the New Westminster bridge to the Great Northern Railway, and these two points will be the local Liberal platform.

But the local government party has not been asleep. For weeks past they have been quietly perfecting organization and tightening the cinch Mr. Gifford has on the election.

In Dewdney, Ald. Forrester, who, during the last campaign was dubbed "Brown's Man, Friday," is considered a dead one. Anyone who has been through the Premier's constituency cannot fail to be impressed with the sense that no one can successfully compete with "Dewdney Dick," and Mr. Forrester's candidature will not be serious enough to keep Mr. McBride in the constituency.

In Chilliwack the Conservatives have possibly not picked the strongest man in their ranks, but they can give him strong enough support to make Mr. Munro hustle, popular as he is.

In Richmond Carter Cotton will not have much difficulty in turning down J. C. Brown, who could not even be elected in his own town, when he had all the prestige of a portfolio.

In Delta the Conservatives have picked a winner in W. H. Ladner, the popular reeve of Delta. Mr. Ladner was the spontaneous and unanimous choice of a very representative nominating convention, held at Cloverdale on Monday. He is an old war horse who has already served in the local legislature, and his personal record and popularity, with the strength of the party behind him, will enable him to defeat "Olala John" by a handsome majority.

The Board of Trade at its last meeting adopted resolutions recommending legislation to reconstruct the judiciary of the province on the plan known as the Quebec system. The present full court to become solely a court of appeal and personnel to be reduced to three as soon as two of the present judges retire, and county court to be replaced by a superior court; the province to be divided into judicial districts, with one resident judge each.

John Simpkins, an old jailbird, was committed for trial yesterday for stealing from the person. He admitted taking money from his companion, but says the latter grabbed it back. When about to be searched at the lock-up, however, he was seen to put a bank note into his mouth with some chewing tobacco, and he swallowed both.

BEATING CUSTOMS AT MONTREAL

Sensational Developments Presented in Connection With Imported Goods.

Montreal, Sept. 10.—Sensational developments in connection with the passing of the English tailor-made goods from Canada into the United States without payment of duty are expected shortly.

Large consignments of these goods lately have been brought out from England and shipped in trunks to New York, marked as having been examined by customs officials. There is a duty of 90 per cent. on such goods brought from England into the United States, but the duty from Canada is 33 per cent.

It is claimed that large quantities of these goods have been smuggled through to New York with the connivance of some customs officials, and investigation will follow.

Seizures of some of the goods already have been made at New York by order of United States customs authorities.

WM. FIFE GOES HOME.

New York, Sept. 11.—William Fife, designer of Shamrock III, and the crew of the recent cup challenger, sailed for Europe on the steamship Cedric of the White Star line, today.

Mainland Happenings

Liberals of Terminal City Not Agreed as to Date of Convention.

Report That There Is Not Likely to Be a Full Ticket Offered.

Mayor Neelands Asked to Stand But Being Conservative Declined.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, Sept. 11.—While engaged in working on the British ship Vincent at Port Moody, one of the crew fell over the rail and dropped between the ship's side and the wharf into the water, and when picked up was dead.

The World says tonight that the Liberal primary and convention will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday, the same day as the Conservative primaries and conventions. However, Mr. Phil Cane, a member of the Liberal executive, states that the report that the Liberal convention will be held Wednesday is wrong. That it is likely candidates will be nominated Monday, and there will be no primaries. There will not be a full ticket.

Four miners engaged on the Princess Royal group of claims have been in the city for several days and left yesterday for the North. They are William McC. Logan, B. Cliff, R. Nowell and J. Meade. They are a very intelligent quartette and give a splendid idea of the country as a sportsman's paradise and a land of wealth. Being employees of a company who are operating the claims they are working at, they were diffident about speaking of the property. They said, however, that the claims had been improving since the first hole was drilled, and as they had all been with Mr. Finley, the manager, since the development work of the mines commenced they spoke from actual observation. Besides the rock being uniformly rich it is extremely so in spots, and as evidence of this the quartette wore nugget pins, part gold and part quartz, broken off of extremely rich chunks of quartz. There are now seventeen men constantly engaged in making a mine of the property, that is, blocking out the ore so that the company can see exactly what they have. Mr. Cliff spoke of Mr. De Keyser's scheme to treat the Princess Royal ore without smelting it, and he expressed the belief that with this ore Mr. De Keyser might succeed, his plan being to melt the rock by a chemical process and seperate the values.

Mr. R. Nowell of Princess Royal Island talks interestingly of the great sport to be had hunting on the island by those who know the haunts of the animals. Messrs. Nowell, Meade and Logan, three miners on the island, might be said to have discovered a wonderful colony of albino animals. So far four perfectly white bears and numbers of white beaver and mink have been shot. They do not account for the strange phenomena. They believe that the colony is a freak of nature, but cannot understand why it should extend to three different breeds of animals.

The deer are very plentiful in certain runs known to the hunters, and the venison is said to be so edible that one never gets tired eating it, the flesh being very firm and almost entirely free from the gamey taste. Mr. Nowell probably holds the record for deer shooting, having killed thirty-one deer in thirty-two consecutive shots. That is, from day to day, only one shot was thrown away. Illustrating the tameness of the animals in that northern resore where the white man is only commencing to make paths, he said that one day he had his dog team out when he stopped to give the dogs a rest, and on looking up saw a black wolf with yellow spots standing not ten yards away. The wolf was as big as a St. Bernard dog. First he was a bit frightened as he had no gun. But the wolf looked at him in such a sleepy way that his fears vanished. He was afraid that the monster might attack his dogs, however, and he threw up his hands to scare it away. But the wolf instead of running away started to leisurely walk towards the dogs. He then stood between the dogs and the wolf, and as the animal still refused to retire he made a hard snowball and retreating a few paces fired the snowball and struck the wolf square between the eyes That settled it. With a sharp howl of distress the animal galloped across the snow and disappeared.

Mr. Nowell says that game is so plentiful on the island to those who know where to look for it, that at one time when provisions ran low and the steamer had not been calling he lived for five months on $45 worth of grub.

The Liberals of Vancouver are still on the hunt for candidates. Mayor Neelands was asked to run, but declined on the grounds that he was a Conservative in good standing and if he ran at all it would be in the Conservative interests.

The Brantford lacrosse team, champions of the C. L. A., will leave for Vancouver about the 20th, and the Brantfords and Vancouvers will likely journey to San Francisco for an exhibition game.

The resurvey of block 264A was taken up by the property owners' association yesterday. The city will be urged to have this work done.

Several applications for foreshore rights on False creek were before the Board of Works yesterday. It was decided, however, that the creek should be surveyed by the Dominion government before rights were granted. The applications were laid over.

The Free Library board met last night and decided at the suggestion of Sir Hibbert Tupper to have an application in early for the printed report of the proceedings of the Alaskan commission.

The bank clearings for the mainland for the week ending September 10th were $1,228,000.

It is likely that there will be but two labor candidates in the field, Messrs. Francis Rex Williams and G. Perry. A meeting of the Labor party was held last night, when it was practically decided that no more candidates be put up. The matter, however, will be further considered on Saturday.

The hen house of J. H. Robertson was burned to the ground yesterday and 200 hens cremated.

Already 2,000 entries have been received for the Westminster exhibition, and there is keen competition for space in the main building. The exhibition promises to be the largest on record.

Following the example of Vancouver the whole of the grand stand in Westminster will be reserved for the match on the 19th inst. in Westminster.

On Wednesday, in Westminster, Miss Helen Worley was united in marriage to Mr. Peter Douglas. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father Peytaven.

The Fraser River Pulp and Power Company, composed of Victoria men, have made application for 40,000 inches of water on Stave Lake. The application was disallowed on the grounds that the Stave Lake Power Company, opposing the application, had prior rights. The Victoria company say they will appeal to the governor in council direct. On what ground the claim is based is not known.

The application of the corporation of North Vancouver for water privileges was set for today in Westminster, but an application for an adjournment was made by the city of Vancouver and granted.

Miss Collyer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Collyer, and Mr. W. C. Marshall were married yesterday at the residence of the bride's parents. Miss Mabel Collyer acted as bridesmaid.

Mr. T. J. Smith, who returned from visiting Nicola Valley, says that many American prospectors are taking up coal lands in the valley, while some Tacoma capitalists have taken up property and are testing with a drill.

Several cases of diptheria are reported in the east end of the city.

Moving pictures of salmon being speared in Indian river are to be taken by the agent of the London bioscope Company.

Mr. J. Wilson, superintendent of the C. P. R. Telegraphs, accompanied by his wife and son left for Montreal today. Mr. Wilson is to place his son in McGill College.

Mr. Charles Eggert, manager of Mr. Seymour's drug store on Granville street, left for Montreal today to enter McGill College.

Judge Bole has decided that a contractor could not recover on a lien. A contractor named Good was getting out logs for the defendant Finlay, who failed. Mr. Good put a lien on the logs, but could not make it stick.

In Harry Freeman's Leger sweep at Westminster, Mr. D. Hennesey drew Rocksand and won $300. Frank Alotte dwrew Rufus and Dave Walker Mead.

Mr. Crean of theh Guichon has received the latest photograph of the Shamrock lacross team. On the photograph is printed "Champions of the World."

Eight of the senior lacrosse team turned out last night and put in an hour's running. The grass was too wet for stick handling.

The steamer City of Tipella, used by the provincial police during the fishing season is in the hands of the sheriff. Owing to some misunderstanding the crew were not paid off.

C. B. Lamont of the Pacific Steamship Company is in the city in connection with the settlement of the damages sustained by the steamer New England, which was bumped into recently by the Ramona.

It was decided at the session of the Presbytery of Westminster, held at Chilliwack, that the jubilee of the Rev. J. M. McLeod, who will have been fifty years a minister of the church on November 9th, be fittingly celebrated. Arrangements were made for the induction of Rev. J. S. Henderson in St. Andrew's Church, Westminster, while the induction of the Rev. R. Laird in St. John's Church, Vancouver, will take place on Friday. The members were most hospitably entertained by the congregation of the church at Chilliwack.

A special despatch from Barkerville states that development on a large scale continues on the Slough Creek mine. At the Point and Montgomery claims at La Fontaine over 50 men are employed.

A McKay Jordan, the optical specialist, has returned from a trip to Manitoba. He says immigrants are still arriving in large numbers into Manitoba and the Northwest and the country seems very prosperous.

Some time ago a man named Clark was arrested for robbing a woman named Mrs. Holder of $30. He was granted bail in the sum of $100 and has jumped his bail. His father put up the amount. The bail has been forfeited and the young man's rearrest ordered.

CANADIAN RECIPROCITY.

The Reassembling of Joint High Commission.

Detroit, Mich., Sept. 11.—Eugene N. Fossa, of Boston, leader of the Canadian reciprocity movement, who has been the guest of the Chamber of Commerce here, said yesterday in the course of a brief interview: "New England, like the Middle West, is alive on the reciprocity issue, and it only needs some occurrence as the expected reassembling of the Joint High Commission to bring the reciprocity sentiment to the front. Canada is by no means unanimous for reciprocity, and just now she is absorbed in the consideration of her great railroad struggle. Nevertheless, I am sure that neither the government nor a sane majority of the people has been led astray by the Chamberlain proposition. In fact Mr. Chamberlain's plan is only an extension of the principle which we advocate. He believes in reciprocity with the colonies, and so do we, and whether or not he succeeds in converting his own countrymen to his scheme it is just as important that the United States should make reciprocity a treaty with Canada as it was before."

INSURRECTION IN MACEDONIA

TURKISH TROOPS ON THE MARCH TO REPORTED RENEWAL OF WAR FOR THE BULGARIAN FRONTIER.
(FROM THE LEAGUE AND TIMES.)

Rumored That Strathcona Retires

Report At Ottawa That the High Commissioner Will Soon Resign.

Portfolio of the Interior Will Now Go to Senator Watson.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Sept. 11.—A rumor is in circulation here that before returning to England, Lord Strathcona will place in the hands of the government his resignation as High Commissioner, and that the portfolio of the Interior will be given to Robert Watson, who would resign from the Senate to contest Marquette at the next general election.

The Minister of Finance introduced a bill to get over the difficulty raised by the auditor-general, who refused to issue any more letters of credit while returned cheques covering the previous credits are refused to him and sent to the Finance Department instead. Unless the bill is rushed through before the 15th "the ghost" will not walk in the civil service Tuesday next, the regular government pay day. Neither will the members be able to draw their indemnity until the bill becomes law.

Marconi is here to ask the government's permission to establish a wireless telegraph station across the continent.

Dominion commissioner of exhibitions has appointed Broadbent of the geological survey to take charge of the Canadian mineral exhibit at the World's Fair at St. Louis in 1904. Mr. Hutchison's idea is to have a large exhibit of the more important minerals for each province.

Canada has lost the international congress of geology, the next triennial session is to be held in Mexico.

Arrangements were completed today for the transfer of the Queen's jubilee presents to Ottawa.

Two hours of the House was taken up this forenoon discussing the Yukon Treadgold commission. There was a caucus of Conservatives in the forenoon and it was decided to ask the government to postpone further discussion on the redistribution bill until the return of R. L. Borden. Meantime F. D. Monk read extracts from the Yukon papers upon the work of the commission and by asking that the scope of the commission be widened. Dr. Sproule opposed judges being appointed on commissions. There would be no interference with the Treadgold commission.

In the afternoon the Redistribution bill was taken up.

HOME SQUADRON TO CROSS ATLANTIC

Probable That Imposing British Fleet Will Shortly Visit U. S.

London, Sept. 11.—The Admiralty officials say they have no confirmation of the subject of the Press Association's report that the home squadron will visit America. On the other hand, the Foreign Office says something of the kind has been talked of, but it has no details. Nothing is known of the proposed visit at the United States embassy except that some return visit is likely to be made in the ordinary course of international courtesies.

The home squadron is commanded by Vice-Admiral Sir Arthur K. Wilson, and has just returned from a successful participation in the naval manoeuvres. It will sail on September 16th for a six weeks' cruise around Scotland. Shortly afterwards, according to the announcement, the squadron will sail for America.

The British home squadron consists of the first-class battleships Benbow, Empress of India, Hood, Revenge, Royal Oak, Royal Sovereign and Sans Pariel, and the second-class battleship Anson, the first-class cruisers Edgar and Hawke, the second-class cruisers Dido, Marey and Venus, and several other powerful cruisers.

MANN'S BROTHER KILLED.

Winnipeg, Sept. 11.—Hugh Mann, a well-known railway contractor and brother of D. D. Mann, vice-president of the Canadian Northern road, was killed on the C. N. R. west of Erwood today, where he was inspecting the work of a track-laying machine, of which he was the inventor. Details as to the cause of death are lacking. Deceased was about 45 years of age and very popular with all railroaders here.

New Governor For Beyrout

American Request For Removal of Former Occupant Complied With.

Turkish Minister At Washington Offers Reassuring Advices On Situation.

Washington, Sept. 11.—The following bulletin was posted at the navy depot today:

"Admiral Cotton telegraphs from Beyrout yesterday that the governor-general of Damascus has been appointed acting governor and has expressed a desire to settle the case of the vice-consul satisfactorily with the United States government. Beyrout is quiet, business is improving and confidence is returning."

The State Department has advices that Governor General Mazim of Damascus, who has been appointed acting governor of Beyrout, is a trustworthy and broad-minded man, and Minister Leishman has been instructed to advise the Sublime Porte that the Washington government is greatly pleased at the immediate granting of its request for the removal of the governor of Beyrout and the appointment in his stead of a responsible man and one favorable to foreigners.

Chebik Bey, the Turkish minister, was an early caller at the State Department today, bringing further reassuring advices that the condition of peace has been established at Beyrout. The minister received over night a cablegram from his foreign office confirming the news of disturbances at Beyrout, stating that eight were killed and about fifteen wounded.

Of the killed four, it is said, were Christians. The cablegram stated that the disturbance had no other bad results and that a condition of perfect calm has been established."

Paris, Sept. 11.—The commander of the French Mediterranean squadron at Toulon has received orders to hold in readiness to leave for the Levant a naval division consisting of the battleship Brennus, the armored cruiser Latouche Treville, the second-class cruiser Duc Hayla and third-class cruiser Linois.

FOUR KILLED BY A FALL.

Duluth, Minn., Sept. 11.—Four men were instantly killed by the giving way of a scaffold sixty feet above the ground last evening. The men were repairing a break in the heavy concrete elevator when the scaffold fell.

STRANGE SUICIDE IN SAN FRANCISCO

Rich Young Lady Makes Will And Inhales Deadly Gas.

San Francisco, Sept. 11.—Miss Isabella Duncan Clark, daughter of the late William Squire Clark, committed suicide in her apartments at the McNutt hospital early today. On a chair by her side she placed a small gas stove, from which the gas steadily escaped, the fumes of which caused her death. There is no doubt the deed had been planned deliberately, for the dead woman was partially disrobed and clad in a dressing sack, and on a stand near by was an envelope addressed to Dr. McNutt and containing a holographic will. The dead woman was one of the four handsome Clark sisters, well known in this city and San Jose and was 32 years old. Miss Clark suffered frequent spells of melancholia and had twice before attempted suicide.

FIRE IN AMHERST.

Amherst, N. S., Sept. 11.—Christie Bros. & Company's casket and trunk factory, with all the contents, were destroyed by fire this morning. The loss is estimated at between thirty and forty thousand dollars. Insurance, $15,000. One hundred men are thrown out of employment.

MARCONI'S PROGRESS.

Claims Contract to Fit British Navy With His Apparatus.

Montreal, Sept. 11.—(Special.)—Marconi has arrived here on his way to the capital. He says he has just signed a contract with the British Navy Department for the use of his system of wireless telegraphy on all the ships of the British navy.

Ruin Follows Wake of Gale

Lloyds Reports Over Fifty Casualties on the Coasts of England.

The Goodwin Sands Light Ship Adrift And Vessels in Distress.

Widespread Damage Is Also Reported From France And Germany.

London, Sept. 11.—While the details of the havoc wrought by the great storm which raged over the British Isles yesterday are necessarily incomplete, the reports coming in from all parts of the United Kingdom show that the devastation was tremendous, and it is feared that the loss of life is much greater than was at first supposed. Lloyds already reports over fifty serious casualties to shipping; a great number of minor crafts are believed to have been lost and bodies washing ashore continue to swell the terrible list of fatalities.

Despatches from France and Germany indicate that widespread damage has been caused by the storm on sea and land. Telephone communication between London and Paris has not yet been restored, and there is much delay in telegraphic despatches owing to the damage to the continental land lines. Telephonic and telegraphic communition in England is badly demoralized, and from all parts of the country come reports of destruction on land and sea by the terrific gale. The wind has now abated, but telegraphic communication with the outside world is only possible after much delay. In some cases the lines are entirely down. The suburbs of the metropolis are littered with trees and branches which have been blown down.

The breakwater of the new harbor in course of construction at Dover, has been entirely swept away, involving the loss of many thousands of pounds. The Channel steamers from France arrived late this morning after perilously riding out the storm for six or seven hours.

Many lifeboat rescues were made, and several fatalities and many accidents are recorded. Much wreckage is being washed up all around the coast.

From Dungeness it is reported that a ketch's crew, numbering eight men, were drowned.

At Southsea several bodies have been washed ashore. Several yachts there got adrift and were wrecked on the beach. A lifeboat has gone to the assistance of a bark which is in distress off Weymouth, and it is feared that a schooner yacht has been lost with all hand.

Poole, Whitstable and Portsmouth all reported wrecks and fatalities. A derelict yacht has been towed into Portsmouth. The fate of her crew is unknown. Much damage has been done at Bath and Hastings. The parade at the latter place has been partly washed away. A vessel is in distress off the Goodwin Sands, where the lightship is adrift. The lifeboats have been busy along all parts of the coast. The hop crops have suffered great damage.

Paris, Sept. 11.—Reports from Havre, Cherbourg and Dieppe show that the heavy gales along the coast caused widespread damage. Casinos and bathing houses at the summer resorts were swept away.

Telegraph communication with London and throughout France is interrupted.

A SEATTLE SUICIDE.

Seattle, Sept. 11.—Her mind wandering Mrs. Emma Curtis stole away from her son's home last evening and drowned herself in the Lincoln Park reservoir. Nearly 60 years of age, she climbed a four-foot wall and a four-foot iron fence above it, then threw herself in the water. Mental affliction temporary in its nature, was the cause of the suicide.

FARMER'S PECULIAR DEATH.

Wind Blows Tine of Hay Fork Through His Brain.

Boise, Idaho, Sept. 11.—A special to the Statesman from Shoshone reports the death of Beecher Huston, a farmer near Bliss, who was killed in a peculiar manner. He was stacking hay and had occasion to lie down beside the stack. Just then the wind blew the fork from the stack and a tine pierced Huston's brain.

PARLIAMENTARIANS FOR THE WEST

The Distinguished Party Passed Winnipeg---Liberal Seats Are Protested.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Winnipeg, Sept. 11.—The distinguished party of parliamentarians and capitalists, headed by Lord Lyvenden, passed through the city this morning for Calgary.

Protests were filed today against the election of three members-elect of the legislature, all Liberals. The protested seats are: St. Boniface, H. Chevrier; Assiniboia, J. H. Prefontaine, and Rhineland, Valentine Winkler.

P. Burrel was found guilty of forgery and today sentenced by Judge Perdue to three years' imprisonment.

Wm. Buckland, a Melita farmer, became entangled in a separator belt while threshing today, and was whirled around the wheel, receiving fatal injuries.

NOVA SCOTIA APPLES.

Annapolis, N. S., Sept. 11.—The apple crop of Nova Scotia this year will be the largest ever produced in the province.

REVIVING MAYBRICK CASE.

New York, Sept. 11.—The hearing in the matter of the trustees of the Holbrook estate, in which Mrs. Florence Maybrick has a reversion, has been adjourned until September 22nd. John H. Judge, the referee, said the adjournment was taken because all the defendants have not been served with notice to attend. The reference is on the application of Hayden & Yarrowk, Washington lawyers, representing Mrs. Maybrick and her mother, for an accounting of the estate of Dallas Blake Holbrook, Mrs. Maybrick's grandfather. The estate was originally valued at more than $1,000,000.

Mainland Happenings

B.C. Electric Railways to Be Extended Down Fraser to Ladners.

Premier Will Discuss With Royal City Fair The Question of Dates.

Vancouver Granted An Interim Injunction Against Great Northern.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, Sept. 10.—R. H. Sperlin of the British Columbia Railway Company, stated today that a company intended to run a line to Ladners, B. C., and that the ground had been looked over in a preliminary manner.

Premier McBride will meet the executive of the Westminster exhibition in regard to clashing of dates of the election and the exhibition. The meeting will take place at 4 p. m. Friday.

A petition is being circulated by Mr. Saul Oppenheimer asking Mr. J. A. Russell to allow himself to be mentioned as Conservative candidate.

The city of Vancouver was this afternoon granted an interim injunction in the case against the Vancouver, Westminster and Yukon Railway Company, better known as the Great Northern, and from this time until the case is argued in full before the Supreme Court the railway company cannot drive piles as preliminary to their road entering the city. The decision was given by the Hon. Mr. Justice Irving. City demands better protection of the safety of the public by gates and an overhead bridge. This, the Great Northern refuses.

The city was brilliantly illuminated tonight in honor of the visiting delegates of the Chambers of Commerce of the Empire. Two special cars were placed at disposal of the delegates who toured the city.

Mr. W. J. Trythall and Mr. T. M. Henderson, of Messrs. Henderson Bros., had the pleasure of meeting old friends in the person of Harry Dowe, of Plymouth, and Harvey Latimer, of the West of England, who are among the Chambers of Commerce delegates.

Mr. Latimer is editor of the Western Daily Mercury, besides other dailies, and he has also been a contractor for three different railways. Fourteen years ago, when Mr. Trythall was in England, he acted as manager for Mr. Latimer in his newspaper business. Both Mr. Dowe and Mr. Latimer think Canada is a magnificent country.

Mr. Henderson's friends were Mr. Alexander McFee, president of the Montreal Board of Trade, and Mr. D. Masson, president of the French Board of Trade, Montreal. The latter is partner in one of the oldest grocery houses in Canada.

In Judge Bole's court yesterday, a Japanese named Emaye pleaded guilty to stabbing a fellow countryman at Port Essington, who had quarreled with him over some biscuits in a boarding house. Emaye was sentenced to three years in the penitentiary.

While the legal adviser of the city is pursuing the V. W. & Y. railway company in the courts with injunction proceedings, the employees of the civic works department were busy yesterday with material opposition at the scene of operations of the company which the city is taking objection. Two of the railway company's employees on the big pile driver, which has been operating on False creek, near the southeastern shore, were arrested yesterday morning by the police for trespass and for interfering with city property. They were up before the magistrate in the police court yesterday afternoon and the hearing of the charges against them were adjourned until Monday.

A very important meeting of the executive of the Vancouver Retail Merchants' association was held last night. The business before the meeting was of the most important nature, and recommendations were made to the association of the greatest moment to the retail trade. The question will be considered at a general meeting to be held in a week from Thursday in the Employers' association rooms. It has been definitely decided to establish a black list, which will be placed in very competent hands, and good customers, as well as poor pay customers, will be rated. This list will be so managed that the subscribers themselves will not know who the delinquents are. The black list will be optional with members, a subscription fee being charged. By-laws were drafted at last night's meeting, and the report of the canvassing committee showed a large membership. It is claimed by some of the executive that the number of names on the membership roll will reach 100.

At the present time a large amount of money is usually sent out of the city to eastern points and also to Victoria for the purchase of biscuits, there being, strange to say, no factory for the manufacture of this article of food in Vancouver. This state of affairs will, however, not last very long, as Messrs. Ramsay Bros. & Company, Ltd., the well-known candy manufacturers, are installing an up-to-date plant for the manufacture of biscuits.

The new High School building, to be built according to plans submitted by Architect W. T. Whiteway, promises to be a handsome structure. In the central part the building will be three stories high, with a tower rising 135 feet from the ground. The wings on either side will contain two stories. Accommodation is provided in the basement for the heating and ventilating.

Mr. D. M. Eberts, former Attorney General of British Columbia, who arrived from Clinton yesterday, imparted the interesting news that he met a number of rich American mining men who had been investigating the quartz situation in Cariboo. They were much impressed with what they had seen. They say that the country has only been skimmed over for quartz, and they came across immense bodies of low grade ore which are bound to be developed some day into paying mines. Mr. Eberts said that while Clinton looked well and the country was prosperous crops were rather backward.

The well-known politician refrained from giving any news regarding the elections in Victoria, but earnestly inquired regarding the situation in Vancouver, and when assured that the Conservatives would win hands down in the Terminal city, he expressed satisfaction.