PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION TO HAVE GRAND NEW FEATURE THIS YEAR

King Horse Will Be Special Attraction to Be Exhibited in Many Different Classes at Fall Fair in This City—Management Announces Innovation that Will Be Head-Liner in Programme

Almost every class in the driving and harness department that is at all prominent in the horse world will be on exhibition at the Victoria Agricultural association annual fall fair this year, as one of the special features that promises to make this season's exhibition excel all others in the number and quality of the attractions which it is intended shall be a part of the programme.

This is the latest announcement that has been made public by the fair directors, and yesterday all of the classes that have been proposed by the management and upon which the directors have spent much time in preparing, were handed to The Colonist. These have been practically agreed upon, with but probably slight alterations for the exhibition.

The directors state that all of the winners in the various classes will be awarded either handsome cup trophies or big cash prizes and the rivalry among the different horse owners it is expected will be very keen. An indication of the interest that is shown in the horse and in the big fair was demonstrated by the fact that shortly after the directors had decided to make this the feature of the exhibition this year that two $50 cups were presented to the management of the fair for competition in two of the classes that will be shown.

Some idea of the large number of entries that will be recorded is shown by the fact that the classes that will be represented will number in the vicinity of twenty, and include the following: Roadsters, carriage horses, special harness horses, draft horses, agricultural horses, horses for general purposes, special classes, saddle and hunter classes, hunters and high-jumpers, and ponies, boy riders, and children's turnouts.

It has not been definitely decided as yet as to where the exhibition will take place, but probably in front of the grandstand, and in the afternoon. It is quite possible, however, that a building will be built particularly for this big attraction, and if this is the case the management will have the show in the afternoon and the evening both. It is stated that if the evening performance is held the big difficulty of no night attraction will be overcome.

The big American and Vancouver horse exhibitors who played such a prominent part at the Vancouver horse show have anticipated the action of the directors and at present a big demand from the leading horse owners on the Coast has been made to Secretary Smart, asking for information in regard to arrangements, prizes, classes to be exhibited, etc. Some of the American owners who have already signified their intention of exhibiting here are the Considines of Seattle, J. R. Baker of Tacoma, J. D. Farell of Seattle, and A. C. Froome of Portland.

The two prizes that already have been donated are from Hawden & Cathcart of Duncans for the best yearling colt by their hackney stallion Endurance, and from George Sangster, Sidney, for the best foal by his hackney stallion Gold Galore.

A valuable prize will be offered by the directors to the merchant who has the best decorated window representative of the exhibition.

The following are the classes that will be exhibited and the rules governing the high-jumping and other entries which the directors have decided upon:

Roadsters (Pacers or Trotters)

Single roadster, gelding or mare, 15 1-2 hands and over.

Single roadster, gelding or mare, under 15 1-2 hands.

Pair matched roadsters, geldings, or mare, 15 1-2 hands and over.

Pair matched roadsters, geldings or mares, under 15 1-2 hands.

Carriage Horses

Single horses, geldings or mares, over 15 hands, 3 inches.

Single horses, geldings or mares, 15 hands, 3 inches and under.

Pair of horses, geldings or mares, over 15 hands, 3 inches.

Pair of horses, geldings or mares, 15 hands 3 inches and under.

High Steppers

Single horse, mare or gelding not over 15 1-2 hands.

Single horse, mare or gelding over 15 1-2 hands.

Pair matched horses, mares or geldings.

Special Harness Horses

Driving a pair of horses, for best performance of professional coachman in livery.

For the best four-in-hand team, mares or geldings, four years old and over, style, skill in handling, etc.; competition open; to be shown before brake, coach or heavy carriage.

For the best tandem of horses and turnout, style, and skill in handling, etc.; this class must be shown before two-wheeled carts.

Pair of mares or geldings, over 15 hands. Shown to T. cart, mail, stanhope, spider phaeton, four-wheeled dog cart, or other vehicle suitable for gentleman's private use. Amateurs only.

Horse and runabout, mare or gelding, to be shown to a runabout and driven by owner. Horse to count 75 per cent, appointments 25 per cent. Horse must stand without being held.

Draft Horses

Teams, mares or geldings, each 1,600 pounds or over, to be shown in harness, to dray, lorry or wagon.

Agricultural Horses

Team, geldings or mares, under 1,600 pounds each, suitable for farm purposes, in harness to a wagon.

Horses for General Purposes

Team, mares or geldings in harness, to be shown to wagon or carriage, and if ordered by the judge, singly to buggy or under saddle.

Express Horses

Suitable for express or delivery purposes.

Single mare or gelding, four years old and upwards, in harness to express or delivery wagon.

Special Classes

Best team, four horse, heavy draft of agricultural owned by one or more exhibitors residing in any one municipality, to be shown tandem in harness to a wagon.

Saddle and Hunter Classes

Saddle horse, gelding or mare, suitable for carrying from 150 up to 180 pounds.

Saddle horse, gelding or mare, suitable for carrying over 180 pounds.

Ladies' saddle horse, ridden by lady.

Stock horse, with stock saddle and full cowboy equipment, under 15 hands high.

Polo Pony, three years and over, to be shown under saddle, rider to carry polo stick.

Combination saddle and harness horse, mare or gelding, 15 hands and over, to be first shown in an appropriate vehicle and judged as a horse best suited for harness purposes. The horse to be unharnessed in ring and to be shown and judged under saddle. The horse best suited for both these purposes to be awarded first prize.

Gaited saddle horse, gelding or mare.

Hunters and High Jumping

Special rules governing high jumping only.

A green hunter shall be taken to mean a horse that has not been regularly hunted.

The same horse cannot compete in both the lightweight and heavyweight classes.

Competitors in the classes for qualified hunters must, if required, produce a certificate from the master of some recognized hunt club that the horse has been fairly and regularly hunted for at least one season.

Time between jumps will be left to the discretion of the judge.

The fences for the jumping classes will be such as the horse committee shall select, but for the high jumping contest the following rules shall be enforced: Each horse will be allowed three trials; knocking the top bar off, or falling, will count against a horse the same as an absolute refusal; the top bar will be held in such manner as the horse committee may deem advisable.

The judges in making their awards will especially consider the form in which the horses take their leaps.

Lightweight Green Hunters, carrying 150 to 180 pounds. Best performance over four successive jumps about 4 feet, in and out about 3 feet 6 inches, about 20 feet apart.

Heavyweight Green Hunters, carrying not less than 180 pounds. Best performance over four successive jumps, about 4 feet, in and out about 3 feet 6 inches, 20 feet apart.

Lightweight Qualified Hunters, carrying 150 to 180 pounds. Best performance over four successive jumps, about 4 feet in and out 3 feet 6 inches, about 20 feet apart.

High Jump. Trial will commence at 4 feet 6 inches. Jumps will be raised four inches at a time up to 5 feet 6 inches, when they will be raised three inches at a time. Only three trials will be allowed to horses at each height. In the event of two or more horses clearing the same height, the judges in making the award will consider the form in which the horses have made their jumps. The bars shall not be held.

Hunters showing best performance over five successive jumps of 4 feet 6 inches, catch weights, minimum weight 140 pounds, in and out, various heights.

Special—Hunters showing best performance over six successive jumps, about 3 feet 6 inches, carrying 160 pounds, ridden by owners, dealers excluded.

Champion Light Horse, any age, breed or sex.

Ponies, Boy Riders and Children's Turnouts.

Pony, in harness under 12 hands.

Pony in harness, 12 up to 13 hands.

Pony in harness, over 13 hands up to 14.1 hands.

Pair ponies, in harness, 12 hands and under.

Saddle pony, 12 hands and under.

Saddle pony, over 12 hands up to 14.1 hands.

Best boy rider, amateurs only. Pony not over 14½ hands, shown under saddle, walk, trot and canter, pony to be ridden by owner.

Pair of ponies, under 14.1 hands, driven by girl or boy under 15 years of age, everything to be considered.

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FAMOUS PLAYHOUSE DESTROYED BY FIRE

Old Drury Lane Theatre Where Many Noted Actors Performed

London, March 25.—Drury Lane theatre, one of the most famous in London, was completely destroyed by fire this morning. The flames were first discovered about 4 o'clock in the morning bursting from the windows of the building. It was then too late to save the structure, which burned fiercely despite all the efforts of the fire brigade.

There was no loss of life. The theatre has been closed since the pantomine ended. It would have been reopened on April 18th. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Drury Lane theatre was first opened in 1663, burned in 1672 and reopened in 1674 with an address by Dryden, who extolled its advantages in location. The burning of the third theatre on the site took place on Feb. 24, 1809. It was in the famous Drury Lane theatre that Garrick, Kean, Kemble and Mrs. Siddons used to act.

According to later reports the fire was less serious that at first supposed. The stage and scenery were entirely destroyed, but the caretakers succeeded in lowering the fireproof curtain, and in this way the auditorium was saved from complete destruction.

THE GALICIAN WAY

Murder Committed in Cold Blood—Murderer Taken Into Custody and Confesses

Winnipeg, March 24.—The mysterious murder of a Galician, named Alex Ozanac, on Saturday afternoon last, a few miles north of Teulon, Man., has been cleared up by the arrest by Chief Constable Baker of Selkirk, of Wasyl Andrejczuk, another Galician, who is now lodged in the provincial jail here nad has confessed that he shew Ozanac in cold blood because the latter had informed on him to the chief game guardian for shooting moose out of season.

Ozanac, who lived five miles north of Teulon, drove into town on Saturday afternoon with a load of wood. About the same time the murderer, who lives thirteen miles further north, delivered a load of wood to a Galician family named Wussuk, four miles north of Teulon. Hearing his victim was in town, he waited on the lonely trail till the latter appeared on his ox sled. An altercation ensued, which ended in Ozanac being clubbed to death with the butt end of a rifle.

The murderer then dragged the body into the bush and returned to the Wussuk house and told Mrs. Wussuk it was the last time Ozanac would inform on him. A man named Charles Clifford met the derelict ox team and later saw the murderer wiping blood from his clothes in the snow, thus leading to his arrest.

Fatally Injured

Chatham, Ont., March 24.—H. Murphy was fatally injured by a log rolling on him.

WESTERN LAND BUSINESS

C. P. R. Commissioner Expects Good Season's Business—No Price Reduction

Montreal, March 24.—F. T. Griffin, land commissioner of the C. P. R., arrived in the city this morning from Winnipeg to confer with the executive regarding plans for the coming season. He says the money stringency has caused a considerable falling off in sales of land in the west and that very few transactions, comparatively speaking, are now being put through. The price of land, however, shows no tendency towards reduction. It will be maintained at fully last season's figures, even if does not increase. As far as his department is concerned the coming season will not be a phenomenal one, but there is every indication that business will be good, nevertheless. A feature of the company's colonization work this year will be the opening up of new areas by lines now being constructed in the heart of Saskatchewan.

Saskatchewan's Premier.

Ottawa, March 24.—Premier Scott, accompanied by Mrs. Scott and their daughter, left yesterday for Regina. He had an interview with Sir Wilfrid Laurier before leaving. Asked to correct the report that he contemplated returning to the arena of federal politics, Mr. Scott replied: "I have not seen the newspapers since I went away, but you can say there is nothing in the rumor as far as I am concerned. I am quite content to devote my energies to the province of Saskatchewan where there is plenty of room for work, and where the prospects of the Liberal party are still bright." Mr. Scott has recovered his health, and will re-enter on his official duties in full vigor.

GREAT STATESMAN PASSES FROM SCENE

Death of Duke of Devonshire Leaves Gap in British Public Life

Cannes, March 24.—Spencer Compton Cavendish, ninth Duke of Devonshire, died here this morning of heart failure. He was born on July 23, 1833, and was a son of the eighth duke and Blanche, daughter of the Earl of Carlisle.

London, March 24.—The news of the death of the Duke of Devonshire at Cannes came unexpectedly to England and has caused widespread regret. Although the Duke had been ailing since he suffered a sudden attack of heart weakness while visiting King Edward at Windsor Castle last June and in spite of some alarming reports that reached London during his sojourn in Egypt this winter, the recent accounts of his health had been more assuring and the news of his death has come almost as a surprise. Yesterday, however, the family of the Duke were advised of a relapse and Victor C. W. Cavendish, his nephew, and Lord Chas. Montague went to Cannes and were present when the end came.

The death of the Duke leaves a gap in the public life of Great Britain, for although his withdrawal from the Balfour ministry when Joseph Chamberlain launched his fiscal policy estranged him from a majority of the party, he still had a large following in the country and was president of the Unionist Free Trade League. He took an active part in the campaign against tariff reform. He led the Liberals during the temporary retirement of Gladstone in 1875, and was offered but refused the premiership after the Midlothian campaign of 1880. He was again offered the honor upon the defeat of Home Rule but again refused.

The Duke has no family and the dukedom passes to his nephew, Mr. Cavendish, who married a daughter of Lord Lansdowne.

The death of the Duke places a badge of the Order of the Garter at the disposal of King Edward and this in accordance with custom will be returned to His Mejesty by the successor to the title. A number of public offices are also made vacant by the death of the Duke, notably the chancellorship of Cambridge University, the Lord Lieutenancy of Derbyshire, and the Provost Guard mastership of the Derbyshire Masons, a post which the Duke held for half a century. The Duke owned about 186,000 acres.

High tributes were paid to the Duke of Devonshire by the leaders of both parties in the House of Commons and in the House of Lords today. The House of Lords paid the dead statesman the unprecedented compliment of adjourning out of respect to his memory.

Conditions in Burmah

Toronto, March 24.—Ernest Gregg and Miss Gregg, returned missionaries from Burmah, say there was no unrest in Burmah when they left there.

Victoria University

Toronto, March 24.—The plans of the architects have been accepted for Victoria university library to be erected. The building will likely cost $83,000, exclusive of fittings. The board of governors have appointed Dr. Dewett professor of ancient history. He is now professor of Greek at Miami university, Ohio.

Slav Immigrant Killed

Toronto, March 24.—Joe Milovitch, who had just arrived from Slavonia, was shot dead last night in a log shanty south of John street as the result of a drunken brawl. Peter Maketch, who is supposed to have committed the actual murder, is held and will be charged with the deed. Another man, Eli Meoth, who was seen shooting outside the shack is also held by the police.

INDIAN RESERVE QUESTION AGAIN

Mr. Borden Asks for Opinions Given By Justice Department

REPORT ON CIVIL SERVICE

House of Commons Makes Progress With Voting of Supplies

Ottawa, March 24.—The civil service commission's report is ready for parliament. It lays stress on the increased cost of living in Ottawa, which practically means a recommendation for increased salaries. The commissioners have extended the scope of the inquiry much further than the financial position of civil servants. The management and administration of some of the departments come in for criticism, and in this regard it is said that there is very much interesting reading.

Replying to a question by Mr. Borden, Hon Mr. Fielding said the report of the civil service commission was received but it was incomplete. No doubt it would be completed shortly, when it would be presented to the house.

Forty-three petitions were read in the house yesterday from the province of Quebec praying for the distribution of anti-alcoholic literature among the people.

Mr. Borden moved for copies of all opinions of the minister of justice or the deputy minister of justice with respect to the Metlakatla and Songhees Indian reserves, or either of said reserves, since January 1906 but Hon. Mr. Aylesworth hoped the resolution would not be pressed, because the opinions were of a confidential nature, and their publication would not be in the public interest. The motion was carried, with a recommendation that the government might withhold anything not in the public interest.

The government was in a working mood today, and as a result good headway was made. Mr. Fielding asked for an interim supply vote, and he got what he wanted to carry on the public service. The house voted one eighth of the remaining estimates amounting to $11,246,403, and the items already passed this session, totalling $4,585,415 were concurred in. The one-eighth vote too will be concurred in tomorrow, and with the supplementary estimates, many of which were put through today, the interim supply bill will amount to twenty million dollars.

The greater part of the day was taken up with the supplementaries, the departments of justice and Railways and canals items coming in for chief consideration. The penitentiary vote of $50,000 precipitated a lively discussion by Messrs. Monk and Leon, and regarding the political activity of Beauchamp, Warden, of St. Vincent de Paul penitentiary.

Three government bills were put through their final stages, the Supreme Court act, the gold and silver marks act, add the companies act.

During the hour for private bills the bill to incorporate the Shuswap and Thompson river Boom company was read a third time.

Second readings have been given to the bills referring to the Western Alberta railway (Mr. Macpherson) and the Occidental Fire Insurance company, (Mr. Ross, of Yale-Cariboo).

MUST BE RESURVEYED

First Work Done on Prince Rupert Site Does Not Suit Landscape Experts

Vancouver, March 24.—That the first surveys of the townsite of Prince Rupert, made at considerable cost are practically worthless in view of the new idea of a model city laid out by landscape architects, is the report brought to Vancouver today from the north. It is stated that the Boston architects who recently visited the new townsite decided that if their ideas of laying out the town were to be carried out in their delightful entirety, new surveys would have to be made.

As the railway company is paying something for the benefit of the aesthetic tastes and experience of the Boston men, it has been decided that the old surveys shall be forgotten and that new ones must be made in accordance with the new plan. While this decision will be welcomed by the future citizens of Prince Reupert, it has proved rather disturbing—and will be more so—to those who have already erected buildings on sites granted provisionally by the Grand Trunk Pacific authorities. Many of the buildings now standing are on ground which will be a public park when the magicians from Massachusetts get through interfering with nature in the rough. The consequence is that the buildings will have to be moved when the new survey is finished.

Swallowed Bichloride

Toronto, March 24.—As a result of taking several bichloride tablets used by his wife for "anti-liquor," Louis Fried, aged 24 years, is dead at St. Michael's hospital. He had been drinking and his domestic affairs are said to have preyed on his mind.

SAVAGELY ASSAULTED

Young Man of Edmonton Receives Severe Injuries at Hands of Rivals

Edmonton, March 24.—Lying at his home in a precarious condition, with his skull laid bare, and in great danger of complications that may cause his death, Frank Goodwin, a young man residing at Namayo avenue, claims he was the victim of a brutal attack last Friday night. There are now under arrest, one of the mounted police barracks and the other at the police station, two young men, named Joseph Hoffman and George Becker, charged with assaulting with intent to do bodily harm. The complaint against them may result in a charge of manslaughter if the condition of Goodwin turns out to be as serious as his physician fears that it may become. As it is, he is unable to leave his bed, and adjournment of the case has been made till he sufficiently recovers to attend the court. The quarrel which resulted in the serious injuries to Goodwin appears to be the result of a case of common admiration for a young lady.

Mixed Marriages

Hamilton, Ont., March 24.—The new regulations regarding marriages as explained by Bishop Dowling do not place a ban on mixed marriages excepting when they are performed by someone other than a priest. Marriages performed by magistrates and Justices of the peace will not be recognized after the present Lenten season.

Edmonton Fills Up.

Edmonton, March 24.—The city today is full of contractors and laborers who are gathering for the beginning of railway construction in and near the city on the lines of the G. T. P. railway. This marks the beginning of an era of activity unprecedented in the history of Edmonton. All summer the city will be filled with gangs of workmen who will draw their supplies from here.

MORMON INVASION

Many People From Utah to Flock Into Southern Alberta During the Present Year

Cardston, Alta., March 24.—A very heavy movement of Mormons from Utah is in progress to this section, the population of the town being temporarily doubled and all accommodation exhausted. This season's trek from Utah promises to assume the proportions of an invasion, and it is threatened that shortly there will be more Mormons north than south of the international boundary. The people are, however, industrious and good citizens, and very welcome, except for their religious views. It is likely that several Mormon separate schools will be established in southern Alberta this year.

Advertising in Standard

Vancouver, March 24.—The offer of the Standard of Empire for advertising the city in its proposed publication quoted $3,500 as the price for a quarter page for fifty-two issues and $2,000 for an eighth page. The latter offer was recommended for acceptance, subject to arrangements to be made by Ald. Hepburn and Cavanagh with the publishers. The council subsequently deferred the matter till the estimates are arranged.

Prominent Lumberman Dead

Ottawa, March 23.—Andrew McCormick, one of Ottawa's pioneer lumbermen, is dead.

QUESTION OF RATES CHARGED LUMBERMEN

Special Tariff Issued to Cover Point of Possible Refund

Vancouver, March 24.—Shippers of lumber and shingles from points in British Columbia and Alberta to points in the United States will, after tomorrow, be in a position, should the present increased rates be held illegal by the courts, to demand and receive a refund of the amount of the overcharge from the Canadian Pacific railway and the Esquimalt & Nanaimo railway companies. Should the courts hold the rates legal, there will, of course, be no refund. A special tariff on lumber and shingles embodying these statements has been issued by the two railways mentioned and will become effective tomorrow.

Behind the issue of this special tariff lies the story of the fight which lumber and shingle producers in Washington and Oregon are making against the transcontinental railways. Months ago the railways increased the lumber and shingle rates to Missouri river common points ten cents per hundred pounds in each case, making the rates respectively 50 and 60 cents. The millmen raised a fund to fight the increase and have carried the war before the interstate commerce commission, and the courts so far as the American railways are concerned. The millmen are paying the increased tariff, but should they win the fight all overcharges will be refunded.

The C. P. R. and E. & N. railways on British Columbia and Alberta shipments of lumber and shingles to United States points, increased their rates to meet the American tariff, but the rates from this coast and Alberta to Canadian points were not altered. No provision was, however, made by the Canadian lines for refunds in case the increased rates in the United States should be declared illegal—a decision by which in the nature of traffic arrangements the Canadian lines would be bound. The new special tariff is is issued to cover the omission.

Soldiers Want Pay

Halifax, March 24.—The garrison here is kicking because no pay has been received since the end of February. Usually wages are received weekly, and there is much grumbling at the delay which is said to be due to the non-production of the supplementary estimates of Ottawa. Officials here are furnishing the soldiers with scrip for small amounts, good only at the canteens.

ROYAL CITY INDUSTRIES

Two Concerns Propose to Establish Themselves on Fraser—Telephone Proposal

New Westminster, March 24.—Two new industries and a new telephone system for this city were important matters discussed by the aldermen at the council meeting last night.

The principal industry spoken of last night will be started by a large company which also operates many large ocean vessels, but the exact nature of the company operations were not divulged by Ald. Fader, who informed the aldermen that the company had been seeking a location in British Columbia and had decided upon New Westminster for its headquarters. Ald. Fader stated that the full particulars in regard to the company could not be given yet. The other industry secured for the town is a new fruit cannery which will be erected by a Bellingham company, the council deciding at last night's meeting to give the company a site on the waterfront at a reasonable figure.

Ald. Fader informed the council that he had been approached by an American company which desired to install an up-to-date telephone system in the city and that representatives of the company would be glad to meet the council if the members were interested. A motion authorizing Ald. Fader to arrange a conference between the council and the company's representatives was passed unanimously.

Ald. Fader's famous report asking for a fund of $32,500 for the purpose of ridding the city of the women of the restricted district who were now scattered over the town was withdrawn by himself, as he stated that it had proved unpopular. He had given the chief of police instructions to do the best he could in driving the women out of the city with the force at his disposal, and to avoid any chance of involving the city in a lawsuit. The council consented to the withdrawal of the report without comment from any of the other members.

The money bylaws, which provide for the raising of $175,000 for various public works were read a first time and will be taken up in detail at the next meeting.

JEFFRIES OUT FOR GOOD

Unbeaten Champion Scoffs at the Idea of Entering the Ring Again

Los Angeles, Cal., March 24.—James J. Jeffries scoffs at the idea of returning again to the prize ring. Tex Rickard, the Nevada mining man, has offered him in the aggregate $30,000 for a match with Jack Johnson, the negro. Jeffries laughed at the offer and refused.

The unbeaten heavyweight says he will not take the chance of marring his record. He says he knows his condition at the present time, but he does not know what show he would make in the ring in six months hence. It is this doubt which keps him out of the game. Rickard proposed that the fight should take place on Labor Day.

VANCOUVER BRIDGES

Engineer's Plans Secured—Mr. Waddell Notifies Council of Steps to Be Taken

Vancouver, March 24.—A telegram was read at the meeting of the city council last night, from Engineer Waddell stating certain conditions which would have to be met before final approval of the construction of the False creek bridges could be obtained at Ottawa. The wire read as follows:

"Have you yet, in order to comply with law, advertised for one month in two local papers, and the Canada Gazette, stating that plans for the proposed new bridges have been deposited in local registry office at Vancouver? Deputy minister of marine demands certificate that this has been done and that the city owns the lands for approaches before he will act. Engineering department has approved plans. If you have not already thus advertised, please do so at once. This will delay a month. Answer quickly to Ottawa. Send certificate directly to minister."

As the city has not yet acquired the land for the approaches of the Granville street bridge, and as it was understood that the advertising noted had not yet been done, the message attracted the immediate attention of the aldermen. It was referred to the engineer and solicitor for attention.

Heenan & Froude, of England, the Dickson Bridge company, an eastern Canadian firm, and C. H. Usborne, local representative of the J. T. Coats company, asked that the time for the reception of tenders for steel for the bridges be extended to allow of proper examination of the plans. After discussion it was decided to fix the limit for receiving bids at May 1. In the course of the discussion it was stated that the plans had been taken from the local customs office by the local representative of Mr. Waddell, and were then in the city hall.

City Engineer Clement received a wire from Engineer Waddell on Saturday afternoon stating that he had made arrangements with the customs officials at Ottawa whereby the plans for the Vancouver bridges should be released by the Vancouver customs authorities. The matter of the payment of the duty, however, was not settled by this agreement, the question again coming up for final adjustment when the completed plans of the structure are forwarded.

NOTABLE VICTORY FOR THE UNIONISTS

Licensing Bill Causes Revulsion of Feeling in London District

London, March 24.—The most keenly fought bye-election for the present parliament which was necessitated by the death of Charles Goddard Clarke, member for Peckham, a district in London south of the Thames, resulted today in a great victory for the Unionists, whose candidate, S. C. Gooch, was elected by a majority of 2,439.

The contest today centered largely in the government licensing bill, and the conversion of a large Liberal majority into a still greater Conservative majority is a striking demonstration against that measure.

The announcement of the returns in the House of Commons caused a scene of great excitement. There were Unionist shouts demanding that the government resign.

At the general election Charles Goddard Clarke, Liberal, was elected in Peckham by a majority of 2,339 over Sir Frederick Banbury, Conservative.

Tried to Burn S. A. Barracks

Stratford, Ont., March 23.—Fred Bryant has confessed to setting fire to the Salvation Army barracks. He had turned on the gas and set fire to the building in several places, but the fire was discovered before much damage was done. Bryant attracted attention by publicly denouncing the army for real or fancied personal wrongs.

Action Against Police.

Vancouver, March 24.—An action for damages has been instituted against Chief of Police Chamberlain and Police Constable Harper by George Earl. It is alleged by Earl that he was assaulted and maliciously prosecuted by the police officer and then, after he had been dismissed he was taken back to the cells and there detained until 9 o'clock in the afternoon. It is for the alleged false imprisonment that he is suing the chief of police.

Mangled by a Train.

Peterboro, Ont., March 23.—The mangled remains of Ben Howard, the famous Indian long distance runner, were found on the railway track near here on Saturday.

STATUS OF HINDU IN THIS COUNTRY

Special Commissioner Likely to Be Sent By Imperial Government

QUESTION UP AT OTTAWA

Sir Wilfrid Laurier's Explanation of Order-in-Council

London, March 24.—As a result of the representations regarding Hindu immigration into British Columbia made at the Colonial office recently by Mackenzie King, Canadian deputy minister of labor, it is probable that a special commissioner will be sent to Canada for the purpose of arranging the immigration difficulties along the lines of least resistance.

John Morley, secretary of state for India, has received a telegram from the British Indians residing at Vancouver, asking for protection as British subjects, and he declared in the House of Commons this afternoon that the Indian government and the Colonial office contemplated sending an envoy to the Canadian government in the hope of bringing to an end if possible "this extremely difficult, intricate and possibly dangerous situation."

In Dominion House.

Ottawa, March 24.—In the House of Commons today Mr. Foster drew attention to the report of a meeting of Hindus at Vancouver, protesting against the exclusion regulations. The Hindus were reported to have sent a cablegram to John Morley, secretary for India, protesting against the treatment accorded British subjects in a British colony. Mr. Foster asked for a statement from Sir Wilfrid Laurier as to what had really occurred with reference to the Hindus who came to Canada and were British subjects.

Sir Wilfrid said the Hindus question was easily explained. The regulations of the department of the interior provided that all undesirables, such as the physically and mentally unfit, can be and should be excluded. It was found, however, that certain parties came from other than the country of their origin, and therefore they could not be sent back. Unless these people came on a through ticket the steamship companies would not take them back. No person, under the new regulations, would be admitted unless he had a through ticket from the country of his origin. The Hindus who came from Hongkong could not be sent back to Hongkong, because the authorities there would not receive them. Sir Wilfrid said the Hindus were not in a worse position than any one else. The new regulations did not apply to them specially, but applied to all immigrants.

Mr. Borden asked whether it made any difference how long an immigrant had been in the country from which he came immediately.

Sir Wilfrid replied that that part of the question had not been looked into. In order to make everything proper, a regulation had been passed whereby no one would be admitted to Canada unless he came direct from the country of his origin.

Hon. F. Oliver introduced a bill in the house which will supersede the order in council compelling immigrants to come direct from the country of origin.

DOUBTFUL DREDGING

Manager of Owen Sound Dredging Company Before Public Accounts Committee

Ottawa, March 24.—Richard Wilkinson, manager of the Owen Sound Dredging Company, of which A. G. McKay, leader of the Liberals in the Ontario legislature, is president, was examined before the Commons public accounts committee this morning regarding dredging done in Georgian Bay in the summer of 1906. Witness had certified to work done by various dredges after a statement had been signed by the government inspectors, and as far as he knew the accounts were correct.

Mr. Bennett, M.P. for East Simcoe, wanted to know how an inspector could certify to work carried on at the same time by two dredges which were a mile and a half apart. Witness doubted if they were so far apart.

Mr. Bennett questioned the witness regarding visits he made to Ottawa in 1905 and 1906 to tender for dredging work, and endeavored to bring out evidence of collusion between the Owen Sound Dredging Company and the Penetanguishene Dredging Company, but the witness denied any collusion.

PRINCE OF WALES' VISIT

Will Cross Atlantic in Cruiser, With Second Cruiser as Escort—Fleet to Precede Him

London, March 24.—The Prince of Wales will cross the Atlantic this summer when he goes to Canada for the tercentenary at Quebec in one of the larger of the British cruisers, and this vessel will be accompanied by another cruiser as escort.

The British Atlantic fleet will cross ahead of the cruiser to be present and welcome the Prince on his arrival.

Stream of Immigrants

St. John, N.B. March 24.—About 665 immigrants arrived from Liverpool and 65 from Antwerp, on Sunday. On Friday next, 1,520 will arrive on the Empress of Ireland. The steamer Montreal will bring 1,762 from Antwerp on April 2, and the Corsican will land 1,393 on March 27.

Canadian Northern Lands.

Prince Albert, Sask., March 24.—The Canadian Northern will put thirty-townships on the market this spring on its new construction, one of which will be called Kipling. The most northerly will be La Pas, at present the rail head of the Hudson Bay line, being the site of the historical Pas mission.

Attempted Kidnapping

Ottawa, March 24.—A warrant has been issued for the arrest of Gilbert Myers an Ottawa man, on the charge of attempting to kidnap a 14-year-old Hull girl. Myers attempted to abduct the girl as she was boarding a car on Saturday night, and was later arrested but granted bail, and has not been seen since.