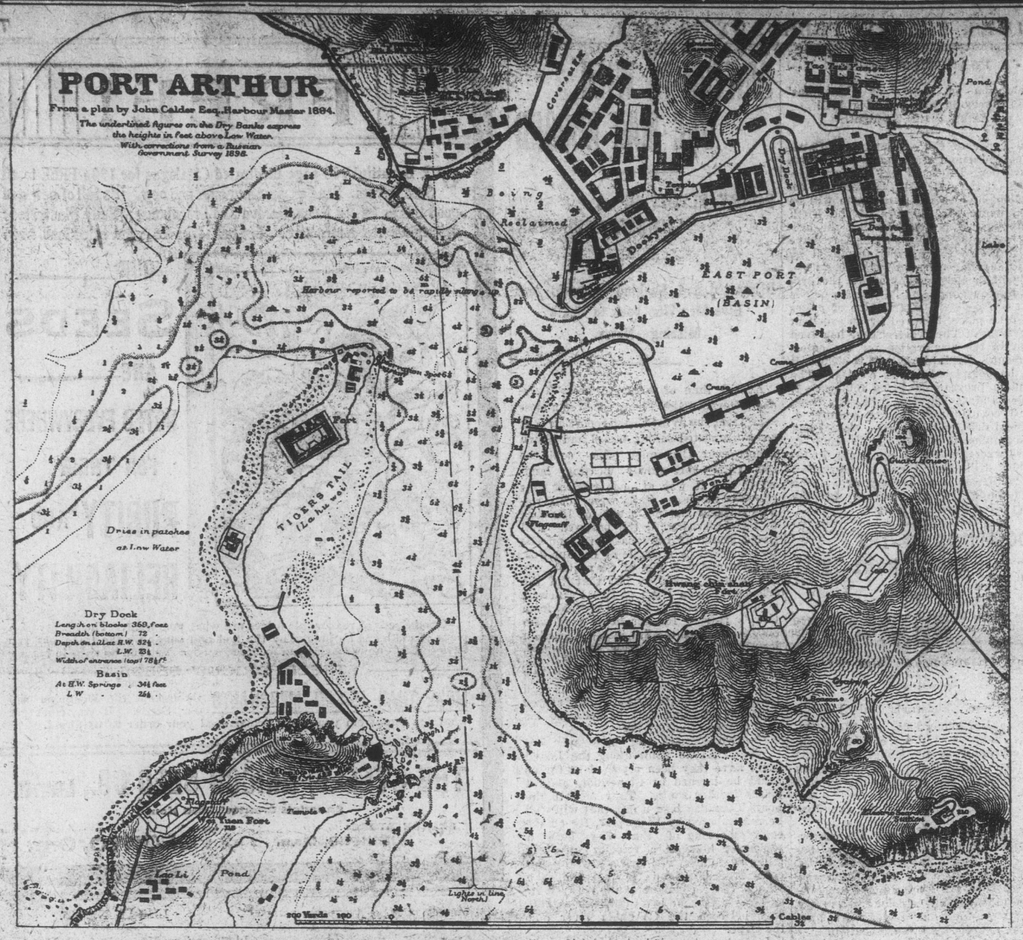

PLAN OF PORT ARTHUR, SHOWING LOCATION OF BATTERIES AND DOCKS.

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The above plans of the harbor of Port Arthur is taken from the admiralty charts. Capt. Casper J. Baker, of H. M. S. Flora, who was formerly stationed in the East, has given the Times considerable information respecting the harbor. The east port is the harbor proper. When he visited the place the remaining part of the harbor was practically worthless for large vessels. He does not know what improvements the Russians may have carried out. The entrance and western part may have been dredged out considerably within the past year. He was given to understand that the western portion of the harbor was difficult to improve on account of rock being encountered.

The drydock, Capt. Baker thinks, would not be capable of handling all the vessels composing the Russian fleet.

The dimensions of the drydock are given as follows: Length on blocks, 359 feet; breadth, bottom, 75 feet; depth on sill at high water, 32½ feet; depth on sill at low water, 23½ feet; width of entrance at top, 183 feet. In addition to this there is a small torpedo drydock at the harbor.

Port Arthur, on account of its low water, was never regarded as a good harbor. It is open during the winter months, and was therfore valuable to the Russians, as Vladivostock is icebound in the winter.

Capt. Baker was unaware of any bay called Pigeon bay in the vicinity of Port Arthur, as was alluded to in the dispatches telling of the capture of the city by the Japanese. The only way in which he could explain such a thing taking place would be by the planting of batteries by the Japs on the high ground south of Wei Yuen fort and in that way silencing the forts on the west side of the entrance.

The forts commanding the approaches to Port Arthur were considered very strong, Capt. Baker says. He was refused admission to them and in consequence knows nothing of their actual armament.

The Korean coast line, the captain says, is a rough one. The Korean government has given no attention to providing aids to navigation, and in consequence it is a dangerous one for navigators. Chemulpo, the seaport of Seoul, the capital of Korea, is unprotected as far as land defences are concerned. The distance between the port and the capital is short and is traversed by a railway line.

In the northern interior gold mines are being operated by a United States company. Pierpont Morgan is said to be interested in it.

IMPORTANT BUSINESS BEFORE PRESBYTERY

Meeting Held at Nanaimo Yesterday—Reports of Missions and Financial Condition Dealt With.

The Presbytery of Victoria met at Nanaimo Tuesday, a good representation of members being present. Rev. N. W. Carr, moderator, presided. After the arrival of the noon train the members of the Presbytery were conducted by Rev. J. M. Millan, pastor of St. Andrew's church, to the lecture room of the church, where the ladies had prepared an excellent lunch, to which "the gentlemen of the cloth" did ample justice, and after which they spent a happy twenty minutes in humorous and merry speechmaking, and thanking the fair daughters of the Diamond City for their hospitality.

Upon the court being constituted Rev. Mr. MacRae submitted a carefully prepared financial and statistical report, which showed the progress of the congregations in the bounds.

Dr. Campbell submitted a full report of the Indian and Chinese foreign mission work at Victoria, Cumberland, Ladysmith and Duncans, Alberni, Ucluelet, Dodge's Cove and Ahousaht.

The court recommended that Alberni boarding school be raised to an industrial school.

Rev. Mr. Clay read the home mission report, which was full, and placed the whole home mission work in the bounds clearly before the members.

Rev. Mr. McCoy was appointed pastor to the East End mission, which work he can easily and efficiently do beyond his college work. Rev. Mr. Taylor was reappointed to Alberni.

A call from Cumberland to Rev. J. R. Elmshurst was submitted, and the induction to the pastorate arranged to take place on the 10th, proximo.

An overture was sent to the General Assembly advocating that steps be taken to have the travelling expenses of delegates to that court paid. As at present each man has to bear his own expenses.

Rev. W. L. Clay and Dr. Campbell, ministers, and His Hon. Judge Forbes, of New Brunswick, and Thornton Fell, of Victoria, were elected delegates to represent the Presbytery at the meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church in Canada at St. John, N. B.

The Presbytery adjourned to meet in St. Andrew's church of this city next Tuesday to complete unfinished business.

RECEIVERS APPOINTED.

Baltimore, Feb. 17.—Harlan Williams, president of the Home Fire Insurance Company, of Baltimore, was appointed receiver for that company today, and gave bonds to the sum of $900,000, indicating liabilities of $450,000. F. E. S. Wolf, president of the Firemens' Insurance Company, of Baltimore, was appointed receiver for that company and was bonded for $800,000, indicating liabilities of $400,000.

FOR FALSE SWEARING.

Vancouver, Feb. 16.—Foo Wai and Lai Ping were sentenced this morning to ten and eight years respectively for false swearing in accusing a Japanese, Yamasahi, with the murder of Charlie Sing at Steveston.

THE LATE SENATOR HANNA.

Funeral Service Conducted by Rev. Dr. Hale in the Senate Chamber.

Washington, Feb. 17.—In the presence of the grief-stricken family, of many friends, of members of the Senate and House of Representatives, of dignitaries from all the branches of the government and of the chief officials representative of the foreign powers, the funeral of the late Senator Mark A. Hanna occurred to-day in the Senate chamber. The ceremony was dignified and simple.

The floor of the chamber was filled with the representatives of the official life of the national capital, the galleries with people from all the higher walks of society, including the families of officials and many persons of distinction in professional and business world. In the front rank of the assemblage gathered immediately about the bier of the departed statesmen sat President Roosevelt. He was flanked by the members of his cabinet. Nearby were the Chief Justice and the associate justice of the Supreme court. There were hardly any absentees from among the members of the Senate. The desk of their late colleague was heavily draped. The religious ceremony was in the hands of Rev. Dr. Edward Everett Hale, chaplain of the Senate.

FROM OLD COUNTRY.

Two Hundred Settlers Reached Winnipeg To-day—New Immigration Building Will Be Erected.

Winnipeg, Feb. 17.—Two hundred old country settlers arrived in the city today.

Dominion Exhibition.

Arrangements have been made for 8,000 feet of floor space for the Dominion exhibition.

Will Appeal.

Manitoba will take the swamp lands case to the highest court in the empire. The decision went against the province in the Ottawa Supreme court yesterday, but Attorney-General Campbell announces an appeal will be taken to the Privy Council.

Pastor Resigns.

Rev. Neill Herman, pastor of the First Baptist church, Portage la Prairie, has resigned owing to ill-health, and will go south.

New Buildings.

Commissioner Smith, of the immigration department, has returned from a trip to Ottawa. The new immigration building in the city to be erected this year will cost $200,000.

TWO KILLED

Easton, Pa., Feb. 17.—Two Pennsylvania road coal trains collided to-day at Washington Crossing, N. J. Engineer Charles Herbert and Fireman William Worman, both of Phillipsburg, N. Y., were killed.

SCHOONER WRECKED.

London, Feb. 17.—The British schooner Robert, Captain Rond, from St. Johns, Nfld., January 17th, for Gibralter, has been wrecked at Flores, Azores Island.

FIRE AT PEORIA.

Peoria, Ill., Feb. 17.—The feed house of the Great Western distillery was destroyed by fire to-day, with a loss of $75,000.

THE BYE-ELECTIONS IN EASTERN CANADA

Results of Polling in Eight Constituencies—Hon. C. Sifton Will Run for Brandon.

Ottawa, Feb. 17.—Following are the successful candidates in the bye-elections which were held in the East yesterday:

East Lambton—Armstrong, Conservative; majority, 515.

East Bruce—Donelly, Conservative; majority, 171.

Hochelaga—Rivet, Liberal; majority, 291.

St James—Gervais, Liberal; majority, 636.

St. Hyacinthe—Blanchet, Liberal; majority, 195.

Montmagny—Lavergne, Liberal, majority, 210.

St. John, N. B.—Daniels, Conservative; majority, 275.

Queen's West, P. E. I.—Hazard, Liberal; majority, 285.

Declined.

Hon. Clifford Sifton has declined the offer tendered him recently of the Liberal nomination in the electoral district of Rainy River and Thunder Bay, which includes Porth Arthur, Fort William and Rat Portage. He has made up his mind to stand by Brandon, which returned him in 1896 and again at the last general election.

Anxious to Finish Work.

A letter received in Ottawa from a Grand Trunk engineer says the Baldwin Locomotive Company is authorized to pay men as high as $16 a day to work for the Russian government on the trans-Siberian railway.

RATE WAR THREATENED.

Reduction of Freight Charges on Lake Grain For Export.

New York, Feb. 16.—The harmony of rates in the trunk line territory is threatened, the Buffalo-New York lines opposed to the Buffalo-Philadelphia-New York lines having served notice that freight rates on lake grain for export will be reduced on Wednesday to 3 cents for one hundred pounds between Buffalo and New York. This reduction means an abolition of the differential initiated by the Pennsylvania and the Lehigh Valley in favor of Philadelphia last summer, and is designed to give the port of New York the same privilege heretofore enjoyed by Philadelphia. An effort is being made to confine the fight to the comparatively insignificant item of lake grain for export, but fears are expressed that it may spread to other classes of freight and upset the hitherto harmonious conditions in the trunk line territory.

WILL REORGANIZE.

Cleveland, Ohio, Feb. 16.—A receiver was appointed yesterday for the Eastern Ohio Traction Company. The company is capitalized at $2,500,000, and has bonds outstanding to the same amount. Secretary Terry, of the company, said that the suit was merely a friendly action to affect a reorganization.

Brantford, Ont., Feb. 17.—Thomas White, high secretary of the Canadian Order of Foresters, known throughout the Dominion, is dead as a result of an operation yesterday for a swelling in the knee.

STEAMERS FINED

For Violation of Steamboat Inspection Laws and Inland Rules.

Port Townsend, Feb. 16.—Collector of Customs Ide at noon to-day assessed fines on sixteen steamers plying on Puget Sound for violations of the steamboat inspection laws and regulations and inland rules to prevent collision between vessels.

Those fined under the inland rules were not provided with an efficient fog horn, the ones on board being small horns fixed to a hand bellows or blown by mouth and giving forth a short weak blast.

The violations of the steamboat inspection laws and regulations consisted chiefly of shortage of fire axes, fire buckets, insufficient oars in the lifeboats, lack of notices in places prescribed by law as to where and how to find and put on life preservers, lifeboats without plugs and in some instances without drains or vents, capacity of boats and life rafts not marked. In some cases the boat falls and painters were found in bad order and worn out.

The following were fined $500 each: Steamer City of Everett, Seattle; steamer Farallon, Port Townsend; steamer Robert Dollar, San Francisco; steamer City of Denver, Seattle; steamer Athlon, Seattle; steamer Sarah M. Renton, Port Blakely; steamer Advance, Paulsbo.

The following were fined $750 each: Steamer Inland Flyer, Seattle; steamer Geo. E. Starr, Seattle; steamer Porterchard, Seattle; steamer Blanche, Port Blakely; steamer Jeanie, Seattle; steamer Rosalie, Port Townsend; steamer Alki, San Francisco; steamer Cottage City, San Francisco; steamer Florence K, Seattle.

ALASKA BOUNDARY.

Arrangements For Carrying Out Work Will Be Settled at Meeting Shortly.

Ottawa, Feb. 16.—W. F. King, chief astronomer of Canada, representing the Dominion government, and Mr. Littman, head of the coast and geodetic survey, representing the United States, have been appointed to delineate the Alaska boundary line, for which provision was made at the tribunal which sat in London, England, last summer. A meeting will be held immediately, most probably at Washington, by Messrs. King and Littman to make all necessary arrangements for the prosecution of the work.

LORD ROBERTS RESIGNS.

No Longer Connected With War Office—Duke of Connaught Is Inspector-General.

London, Feb. 15.—It is officially announced that Lord Roberts has retired from the war office, but, at the special request of Premier Balfour, he has consented to place his services at the disposal of the committee for imperial defence.

The Duke of Connaught has been appointed inspector-general under the new army reform scheme.

CAPE ELECTIONS.

Progressives Have Majority of Five Over Africander Bund Members.

Capetown, Feb. 15.—The parliamentary elections just held in Cape Colony have resulted in a Progressive majority of five over the Africander bund. The final figures are: Progressive, fifty; Bund, forty-five members.

BOMB OUTRAGE.

Exploded During Patriotic Services in Russian Church—Two Persons Killed and Several Injured.

Baku, Russian Trans-Caucasia, Feb. 15.—During a patriotic service in the Army church to-day, just as the clergy had ended chanting a Te Deum and praying for the success of the Russian army, a bomb was thrown at the officiating priest. Two persons were killed and several injured.

After the excitement had been allayed the congregation marched in procession to the residence of the governor carrying the Czar's portrait and presented the governor with a patriotic address and $5,000 for the families of the victims of the outrages.

DOWIE MOBBED.

Driven From Hall at Sydney, N. S. W., and Was Also Forced to Flee From Hotel.

New York, Feb. 17.—John Alexander Dowie, of Zion City, Ills., has been compelled to flee in a cab to escape a mob, according to a dispatch from Sydney, N. S. W., to the correspondent of the American.

Rowdy scenes have characterized his meetings, and these culminated when a crowd broke up the exercises and drove Dowie out of the hall. He escaped in a cab, but a howling mob of 5,000 followed to his hotel. The police were unable to check the crowd, and Dowie is said to have left the hotel through a rear door.

CONFIDENCE IN GOVERNMENT.

John Morley's Amendment Defeated by 327 Votes to 276.

London, Feb. 16.—By a vote of 327 to 276 the House of Commons to-night defeated John Morley's amendment to the address in reply to the speech from the throne censuring the government's fiscal policy. The division took the form of a vote of want of confidence in the government, which impelled many Unionists who totally disagree with the idea of protection to vote to keep Premier Balfour in power. While Mr. Balfour's absence was keenly felt, it was perhaps a source of strength to his party, as without a declaration from the Premier, many of his supporters felt justified in upholding the government. Joseph Chamberlain also was absent. A general election is expected in the autumn.

John Redmond, the Irish leader, said the Irish party voted against the government solely to forward the cause of home rule. He added the same action would be taken against every government until Home Rule is secured.

Neither the speeches to-night nor the division can be taken as an accurate indication of the probable trend of the British opinion on the fiscal question.

In the lobbies of the House of Commons it was frankly admitted that votes were given to the government which may be counted on the opposite side when a general election on the basis of free trade vs. protection occurs. A large crowd heard the debate. Scarcely a member of the House who voted with the government to-night did not frankly admit his ignorance of the degree of fiscal reform to which the cabinet is really committed. The hopeless division of opinion among members has been a feature of the discussion.

STAGE COACH HELD UP.

Robbers Rifled Mail Bags and One Believed to Have Secured Considerable Money.

Lake City, Colo., Feb. 16.—The stage which runs between Lake City and Sapinero has been held up by masked men and the registered mail bag rifled. As this is pay day at the mines in this vicinity it is believed considerable money was secured by the robbers, who escaped. A sheriff's posse has gone in pursuit of them.

THE LATE SENATOR HANNA.

The Remains Will Be Interred at Cleveland.

Washington, Feb. 16.—President Roosevelt has decided not to go to Cleveland to attend the funeral of the late Senator Hanna. He will, however, attend the services at the Capitol to-morrow. The special train bearing the remains of the dead Senator will leave here to-morrow morning for Cleveland. The train will be met at the borders of the state by Governor Herrick, who will accompany it to Cleveland.

Members Will Attend.

Columbus, Ohio, Feb. 16.—The legislature will attend the funeral of Senator Hanna at Cleveland in a body. This action was practically determined last night, and will take form when committees are appointed to-day to arrange for the trip.

DISTRESS AFTER EATING

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JAPAN INCREASES EXHIBIT.

Will Apply For the Space Abandoned By Russia at Louisiana Purchase Exposition.

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 17.—Upon the heels of the announcement from St. Petersburg that Russia will abandon her proposed exhibit at the Louisiana purchase exhibition, Mr. Hajimeot, assistant commissioner general from Japan, has announced that every foot of exhibit space that is given up by Russia will be applied for by Japan. The Japanese commissioner states that the commission has ample exhibit material either here or on its way from Japan with which to fill the additional space. In fact, one of the difficulties that confronted the commissioner from the first was the question of not how large they could make their exhibit, but how best to confine it within the space allotted.

SERIOUS LOSS.

Records and Rules of American Athletic Union Destroyed by Fire.

New York, Feb. 17.—All the minutes, records, rules and other data gathered since the beginning of the American Athletic Union, in 1888, have been destroyed in the fire which gutted Hollsert's restaurant building, 16-18 Park place. The records were on file in the office of Secretary Sullivan, of the American Athletic Union, who also is a director of sports for the St. Louis exposition. Besides this matter, which probably cannot be replaced, Sullivan lost a valuable lot of curios, photos and books collected during forty years by the late Wm. B. Curtis, "Father of American athletics," who was frozen to death while attempting to scale Mount Washington.

SOLDIERS AS HOSTS.

Entertain Large Number of Guests at Fives Court Last Evening.

Those who attended the social at Fives Court, Work Point barracks, as guests of the Warrant Officers, Staff-Sergeants and Sergeant's Club, Monday night, describe it as one of the most enjoyable events ever held in that part of the city. As hosts the military men showed themselves to be unexcelled, and no detail requisite to the pleasure of those present omitted. The amusements were of great variety, including ping pong, checkers, cards, target shooting, etc., while dancing was a feature of the evening's entertainment.

The hall was prettily decorated, an evidence of the abundant store of artistic talent the soldiers have at their command. The music was excellent, for which Sergt. Paley, R. E., and Mr. Hall are to be warmly complimented. During the evening refreshments were served, and needless to say were accorded full justice. Altogether there were a hundred and sixty present. The committee in charge consisted of the following: President, G. R. Kerriston; secretary-treasurer, S.-Q. M. S. Swain; committee, C.-S. M. Frair, R. A. G.; C.-S. M. Ernest, R. E.; Sergt. Martin, R. A. W. E.; Sergt. Jeremy, R. E.; Sergt. Walton, R. G. A.; Sergt. Sisman, R. G. A.; Sergt. Warner, Sergt. Sapson, R. E., and Sergt. Fenton, R. E.

JAPANESE CONSUL PROTESTS.

He Objects to Legislation Passed by Provincial Legislature.

Ottawa, Feb. 16.—Consul Nosse waited on the Governor-General and Sir Wilfrid Laurier to-day and entered his protest against the anti-Japanese legislation passed by the B. C. legislature.

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Any persons wanting stock out with this shipment, who have already purchased, can do so by applying for space on or before the first day of April next.

Address all communications to

L. W. PAISLEY,
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NOTICE.

Take notice that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following land, situate on the Eckstell River, Cassiar District, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at a post marked "Martin Letnes N. E. corner," thence west 30 chains, thence south 40 chains, thence east 30 chains, thence north 40 chains, comprising an island containing 80 acres more or less called Grass Island, situated 8 miles more or less from the junction of the Eckstell River with the Skeena River.

December 20th, 1903.

MARTIN LETNES.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

In the Matter of Margaret Isabella Gill, Deceased, Intestate, and in the Matter of the Official Administrator's Act.

Notice is hereby given that under an order made by the Honorable the Chief Justice, dated 25th day of January, 1904, the undersigned was appointed administrator of the estate of the above deceased. All parties having claims against the said estate are requested to send particulars of same to me, on or before the 25th day of February, 1904, and all parties indebted thereto are required to pay such indebtedness to me forthwith.

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