

New Minister Of Finance

Mr. J. C. Brown Sworn in to Succeed Mr. Ryder Last Night.

Will Mr. Mills Take the Portfolio of Provincial Secretary?

The change in the provincial cabinet foreshadowed by the Times for two or three days back took place last night. John C. Brown, of New Westminster, arrived by last night's boat and proceeded to Government House, where he was sworn in as Minister of Finance and Agriculture.

Today he is discharging the duties of those offices in the buildings. To the Times this afternoon he said that he expected to receive the government nomination at the convention which will be held to-morrow night at New Westminster.

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Mr. Brown has long been regarded as an authority on financial matters, and has been a prominent figure in political and municipal circles in the province. His acceptance of a portfolio will involve his resignation of the post of postmaster of Westminster.

Mr. Ryder's exit from the office of Finance Minister was as sudden and as unexpected as his appearance in it. He resigned two evenings ago, leaving a note on his desk with his keys, saying that he had been summoned to Nanaimo by telegram and that he would not be back.

Hon. Smith Curtis will return to the capital on Monday, and the Premier in about three weeks. The Presidency of the Council has not yet been filled but it is very probable that this also will be done before the week is out. It is understood that the appointment of Mr. Perry Mills, who stood aside to allow Mr. Martin's name to go on the Victoria ticket, will take place very shortly. Government supporters hint that Mr. Mills, when he enters the cabinet, will not do so as President of the Council, but as a salaried minister.

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The independent labor convention last night decided to support the candidature of R. Macpherson, abandoning the proposal to place two labor candidates in the field.

"J. D. Prentice, who will run as an independent candidate for East Lillooet, passed through to Victoria this afternoon. He says he offered to shake dice with Mr. Stoddard as to which should take the field against the coming Martin candidate, but while Mr. Stoddard did not agree to this way of settling it he will probably not run."

A special to the Times from Nanaimo says: "Mr. McInnes returned late last evening from an election trip through North Vancouver district and reports himself highly pleased with his prospects. He says that throughout the district his candidature has met with great favor and from what he has seen he feels confident that he will have no difficulty in defeating Bryden, should this gentleman enter the contest against him."

"Dr. Walker said to-day that should Mr. Dunsmuir run in South Nanaimo he (Walker) would not enter the race, thus giving the impression that should he run it will be as a Dunsmuir candidate."

JAPANESE GENEROSITY.

A Substantial Sum Subscribed by Them to the Relief Fund.

Japanese residents of Victoria, showing their deep sympathy with the sufferers by the recent disaster of Ottawa and Hull, have collected generous contributions, amounting to \$85, in aid of the relief fund. The sum was sent to Consul Shimizu, Vancouver, in order to be forwarded to the sufferers, together with other contributions from their countrymen.

The following is a copy of the list of contributions:

R. Matsuo	.....	\$5.00
M. Nagano	.....	5.00
Y. Ohsawa	.....	5.00
K. Harada	.....	5.00
K. Takahashi	.....	5.00
S. Kuramoto (Taeana)	.....	5.00
T. Fuse	.....	5.00
C. Hayashi	.....	3.00
T. Taniguchi	.....	3.00
S. Kuwabara	.....	3.00
G. Ohashi	.....	3.00
Y. Ohsawa	.....	3.00
S. Mitsuura	.....	2.00
Y. Minakami	.....	1.50
M. Tamaki	.....	1.50
G. Nakagawa	.....	1.00
Tsuda	.....	1.00
T. Ohsawa	.....	1.00
T. Uemomiyama	.....	1.00
Y. Kawai	.....	1.00
K. Ishii	.....	1.00
G. Idekawa	.....	1.00
T. Furuta, S. Ida, T. Kashiwagi, J. Kikawara, Y. Aoki, Y. Tanabe, K. Kumada, M. Miwa, T. Ishii, T. Ohaki, O. Ise, T. Matsumoto, K. Saito, S. Kaneko, A. Nishikawa, H. Akiyama, J. Kaneko, O. Ooki, K. Tanabe, M. Okada (20), 50 cents each	.....	10.00
Members of the Japanese Baptist Union	2.00
O. Ohama and members of the Japanese Methodist Mission	7.05
Total	\$85.05

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RED CROSS SOCIETY.

Handsome Contribution to its Funds by Mr. Denison and Others.

Notwithstanding the great demands made upon the generosity of Victoria citizens, none of the deserving objects on behalf of which appeals have recently been made have been allowed to suffer.

Col. Grant, president of the local branch of the Red Cross Society, has addressed a letter to the editor of the Times in which he acknowledges the liberal donations of citizens to that institution as well as the material service rendered the society by Mr. F. Napier-Denison. He says:

"I shall be much obliged if you will allow me space to acknowledge, on behalf of the executive committee of the local branch of the Red Cross Society, a contribution of \$50 towards the funds of the society from Mr. F. Napier-Denison, being partly a personal donation, and partly the proceeds of the sale of tickets for the interesting lecture which he recently delivered on the subject of 'Our Atmospheric Ocean.'"

"Those interested in the Red Cross Society will be glad to learn that a sum of about \$100 has been subscribed in Victoria since the formation of the local branch. This excellent organization, which has been doing such useful work in the relief of our sick and wounded soldiers in South Africa, deserves, however, far more substantial support than it has yet met with in this city."

"Donations or subscriptions for membership should be forwarded to Doctor J. Duncanson, the hon. treasurer, 79 Fort Street, or to any member of the committee."

LEGAL INTELLIGENCE.

Resident of James Bay Takes Action Against City for Damages Done to His Property by Floods.

On Monday the Full Court will commence its May session. Six notices of appeal were filed, but in two of these notice of abandonment has been given. Those cases abandoned are the Union Colliery Co. vs. McAllen, and Dunsmuir vs. McAllen, appeals from the judgment of Mr. Justice Martin against the appointment of W. J. McAllen as one of the arbitrators in the dispute between the coal companies and the government in reference to the working of the Coal Mines Regulation. The arbitrators have since given their award, and as the coal companies are satisfied with it, they have abandoned their appeal. The appeals to be heard by the Full Court are as follows:

Dunlop v. Haney, an appeal from a decision of Mr. Justice Irving; Mr. Eberts for the plaintiff and Mr. Elliott for the defendant.

New Vancouver Coal & Land Company v. the E. & N. Railway Company, an appeal from an order of Mr. Justice Martin; Mr. Aikman for the plaintiff and Mr. Pooley for the defendant.

King v. Boulthbee, two appeals from orders of Judge Forin; Mr. E. J. Deacon for defendant and Mr. W. J. Nelson for plaintiff.

At the sitting of the County Court yesterday the action of Mr. O'Connor, of James Bay, vs. the City, was heard by Mr. Justice Drake. This was an action for damages to the property of the plaintiff caused by floods last winter. It was alleged by the plaintiff that the damage caused to his property resulted from the bursting of the city drain, but this was denied by the city. Judgment was reserved. Mr. W. Moresby appeared for plaintiff and Mr. Bradburn for the city.

In chambers yesterday an old case was revived. This was the action of Laval vs. Brackman, arising out of a dispute in regard to a mortgage. Yesterday the defendant asked for a dismissal on the ground of lack of prosecution. The order was refused and a new notice of trial will be given. Mr. Fell appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. Aikman for the defendant.

THE BAYLESSSES SENTENCED.

The Father Gets One Year and the Son Three Years Imprisonment.

Edward and William Bayless, father and son, were sentenced by Mr. Justice Drake this morning on the charges of having broken into the shack of Mr. Gillespie, manager of the Bank of B. C., at Sooke, and stealing a shot gun, blankets, etc., and breaking into the shack of Mr. A. Ward, at Westholm, and stealing a number of articles. The father, Edward Bayless, was sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment, on both counts, and the son, William Bayless, to three years on each count, the sentences to run concurrently also.

Before the trial was begun, Mr. G. E. Powell made an application for the money found on the son's person when he was arrested, and for which Mr. Powell had an order, and for which he would defend him. His Lordship held he had no power to make any order respecting it as it was held by the crown, who opposed the application. There was no suggestion that the money was stolen, but under the code it was held for expenses of conviction. H. A. Maclean, D. A. G., appeared for the crown, and the prisoners in the trial were undefended.

UNKNOWN STEAMER ASHORE.

(Associated Press.) Washington, May 4.—General Superintendent Kimball, of the life saving service, has received a telegram from Hatteras, N.C., saying that an unknown steamer is ashore on Diamond Shoals. The crews of the Cape Hatteras and Creede life saving stations have gone to her assistance. Cape Henry, Va., May 4.—The weather bureau officials at Hatteras reports that the unknown steamship stranded on the Diamond Shoals appears to have broken in two, and that her stern is settling. She is ten or twelve miles off the point. The crew is doubtless safe.

PAPER MILLS TO CLOSE.

(Associated Press.) Chicago, May 4.—All the leading book publishers of the West will be closed Monday for an indefinite period, on account of over production.

Political Situation

Mr. C. S. Ryder Says He Resigned Because of Private Reasons.

Sale of Columbian Announced—Westminster, Alberni and Nanaimo Politics.

The announcement in the Times an evening or two ago that the Columbian is about to change hands is borne out by the following announcement in the issue of yesterday "The Columbian yesterday changed hands, but owing to the illness of the editor, Mr. George Kennedy, a proper announcement and valedictory has been unavoidably deferred. The new management will assume control in a day or two."

It is said that Finance Minister Brown will be opposed in New Westminster by D. J. Munn, who is being asked to accept the nomination of the Independents there.

Frank Fletcher, C.P.R. land agent at Nelson, will run as the Conservative candidate in that district.

The Liberal Association of Nelson have decided against party lines in the contest. A minority of the convention were in favor of selecting a candidate and of making Dr. G. A. B. Hall the standard bearer. The argument of the majority, however, that to run Dr. Hall would be to create a split in the Liberal ranks, and would result in the election of the Conservative, which would have a bad effect on the federal elections, prevailed.

A special to the Times last evening from Greenwood says: "Premier Martin and Hon. Smith Curtis were the speakers at a mass meeting held to-night at the Alhambra theatre. It was the largest audience ever gathered in Boundary district, and surrounding camps contributed their quota to those present. If the government candidates thought to have the meeting their own way they must have been rudely surprised."

"Duncan Ross, a staunch Liberal, and editor of the Times, and who has since the campaign opened, opposed the Premier, was present on the platform and backed up articles written in his paper against Mr. Martin. His arraignment of the Premier was strong and forcible, and though Mr. Martin denied in toto the charges against him, it was apparent that his opponent had only too well substantiated the same. Mr. Martin spoke for one hour and a half replying to the criticisms against him. He neglected, in a great measure, to tell the audience what his platform was, except in the matter of the government construction of a railway from the Coast to Midway, construction of roads, bridges and trails, and the passage of a bill against Chinese labor, which the Dominion government had already declared ultra vires. He was followed by Mr. Ross, who also spoke at length. Mr. Martin denied Mr. Ross's charges. Hon. Smith Curtis then took up a part of the government platform, and in turn was followed by R. B. Kerr, barrister, of Phoenix, who spoke on behalf of the government and the Liberal nominee for Rossland riding, the present Minister of Marine."

The Times Vancouver correspondent says: "Present indications go to show that when Finance Minister J. C. Brown enters the field as the government candidate for New Westminster, he will have a much-divided opposition. In an interview with your correspondent D. J. Munn said 'I have not refused to run in Westminster, and will be a candidate as an independent against Mr. J. C. Brown, if the Conservatives will abandon the idea of running a candidate on straight party lines. If they insist upon running Reid on this ticket I will not stand, and they will go on to their own undoing, for in that event the Liberals will rally around Mr. Brown and he will be elected. Only on one other condition will I stand with Reid in the field, and that is as a straight Conservative candidate backed by the Conservative party.' R. L. Reid, the party lines Conservative candidate, was here yesterday and had a conversation with Mr. Munn, and subsequently said: 'Mr. Munn has spoken to me and actually asked me to reconsider my determination to run in Westminster. I informed him that I should do nothing of the kind, that I had been nominated by a regularly-called convention of the party at New Westminster, and will fight it out on these lines to a finish. I told him that I did not choose to commit political suicide to gratify him. Mr. Munn will not run. The only two candidates in Westminster will be J. C. Brown and myself.'"

Writing from Nanaimo the Times correspondent says: "Cory S. Ryder, late Finance Minister, was seen by your correspondent last evening and said: 'I sent my resignation to Premier Martin a few days ago. I had private reasons for resigning. Mr. Martin sent me a telegram regretting that I had seen fit to take the step I did and congratulating me on my determination to remain loyal to the party. I am going to Cumberland in the morning and will doubtless run in the Comox district. If the government can find a stronger candidate than I, why then I will willingly give way to him and do all in my power to help elect him.'"

"In referring to Mr. Brown and Mr. Macpherson joining the government party Mr. Ryder said that he was in a position to know that there were greater surprises than that in store for the people, but at the present time he was not at liberty to give any hint as to their nature."

"There will be a convention at South Cedar to-night to finally settle on a candidate for that district, to oppose James Dunsmuir. At the present time there are two candidates in the field there—Rev. E. G. Taylor and John Radcliffe. Rev. Mr. Taylor is an English church clergyman, but has taken an active part in the politics of the district, and is a pronounced anti-Dunsmuir man, as is also Mr. Radcliffe, the labor candidate. Dr. Wal-



kem is not being urged to run to any great extent, and it is not probable that he will be heard from as a candidate in any constituency.

VICTORIA'S ASSISTANCE.

Substantial Total of Nearly \$1,350 Forwarded to Ottawa-Hull Fire Relief Committee.

Mayor Hayward to-day telegraphed to the chairman of the Ottawa-Hull fire relief committee at Hull the sum of \$300.50, made up as follows: Mayor's list as advertised \$200.00; Colonoist list as advertised 40.50; Times list as advertised 20.00; Bank of Montreal list as advertised 15.00; Rank of B.N.A. list as advertised 5.00.

This sum, together with the amount already forwarded, makes the total financial assistance sent from this city to the fire relief committee at \$1,347.55, comprised as follows:

Forwarded by the Mayor to-day	.....	\$300.50
Forwarded by Chinese Benevolent Society	.....	500.00
Forwarded by 5th Regt. Band (concert proceeds)	.....	351.00
Forwarded by Molson's Bank (including Capt. Irving's contribution of \$100)	111.00
Forwarded by Japanese residents	85.05
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HEALTH BROKEN DOWN.

HAD NOT STRENGTH TO WALK.

Mr. John Barley, Lachute Mills, says: "Up to about seven years ago I had always been a healthy man. At that time my health began to give way, and at last I was left almost a physical wreck, the least exertion would leave me breathless and exhausted and for the last five years have not been able to do steady work for the best part of the time, and as the many medicines I tried failed to help me, I had begun to look upon my case as almost hopeless. Finally a friend urged me to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and now after the use of only five boxes I am feeling well and strong. It is simply marvellous what they have done for me, and I shall always recommend them to my friends."

Miss Leba C. Schilling, Peninsula, Gaspe, Que., writes: "I had suffered for some time with a weary feeling. I had not strength to walk about. I could not walk even a short distance without being out of breath. I took no interest in anything, as I thought nothing could do me any good. On the recommendation of a friend I decided to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I had only taken them for a short time when I noticed a great improvement. I was strong enough to walk a long distance without resting, and felt better in every way. I would recommend Dr. Williams' Pink Pills highly to all other sufferers, and think they will be surprised at the results obtained from their use."

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As many worthless substitutes are offered be sure you ask for Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People.

FEARFUL RAVAGES OF FAMINE.

It Has Already Reached Limits Unprecedented in Indian History.

The terrible famine is raging in India and carrying off thousands. The government has great difficulty in furnishing drinking water, which must be hauled for miles by slow modes, and there is none for bathing purposes. This necessity causes disease. In some places the stench from dead and dying cattle is now (March, 1900) almost unendurable, and as the hot season approaches cholera, plague and pestilence will cause greater mortality than the failure of crops.

The government has now over five millions at relief works and will probably thus employ ten to fifteen millions as the famine increases in severity. These get a bare living of rice for their labor. But those whom the government is feeding are nevertheless but a small portion of the whole, and millions must be fed by private charity or starve to death.

Who can describe the suffering, woes, tears and groans which result in the religious death of multiplied millions? Death by starvation is said to be the most painful of all forms, and the burning sensations and mental phantasies are described as horrible in the extreme. The sharp, cruel pangs of starvation are prolonged through weeks, and even months, before death comes to their relief. Go where you will, scores of starving natives are seen wandering about the country hopelessly seeking food.

There is no use talking of thousands of dollars for India. Money must go by tens and hundreds of thousands.

Mr. F. C. Hotte, of Raj Nandgaon, recently took this famine picture. He writes that the groans of the dying are something awful, and haunt him day and night. Mrs. Maggie Vail, another missionary writes: "I feel sometimes that I would never laugh again when I see the suffering and the people dying. It is sad to see the poor little babies, having lost their skin and bones, yet they have life in them and will grab at any kind of food that is placed to their mouths." Another eye-witness writes: "If I could bring these people to New York and could put them down in Madison Square, just as they are, for the New Yorkers to look upon, would engage to have enough money in twenty-four hours to save a million lives."

Miss Emma Alcorn writes from Raj

Nandgaon, Central Province, India, as follows: "I have seen some awful sights since being here. Yesterday a woman came, carrying two children and one walking with her. One was a very small baby; it was nothing but a mere lot of bones. It was nursing at the dry breasts of the starving mother. The third one was not quite so bad, but was awful to look at."

"Such sights hurt me so. A boy about thirteen years old came to-day and asked to stay. He walked ten miles and said his father and mother died in the other famine, and he was seeking a place so he would not die. It is heart-rending to see them come and beg for a place to stay. They would fall at our feet and worship us if we would let them. It is awful to hear of these things, but terrible to see them with your own eyes."

"I saw groups of women sweeping the ground where grass which was once green is all dead now. They would gather up the dirt in scoops and shake it until the grass seed would gather round the edge and then bake a small cake of it. They would sweep the ground over and over again, but could not get half enough in one day to satisfy their hunger. A woman came and brought two bright boys and said we could have them, as she had nothing for them to eat. She kissed them and the largest boy kissed her feet and then they cried so hard as she went away, never expecting to see them again."

SITUATION IN ASHANTEE.

(Associated Press.) Accra, British Gold Coast, May 4.—Sir Frederick M. Hodgson, the governor of the colony, is still at Kumassi, and his stay will probably be prolonged until September on account of the state of the roads. His personal danger has probably been minimized by diplomatic means. The telegraphic superintendent was wounded after repairing the line to a point within a few miles of Kumassi, and communication is again stopped. More raiding in various parts of the colony is reported.

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