

CUTTING WHEAT ALMOST COMPLETED

SATISFACTORY REPORTS FROM ALL SECTIONS

Arbitrators Will Settle Hamilton Street Railway Dispute—Funeral of Henri Laurier.

Winnipeg, Sept. 5.—Agents of the Canadian Pacific Railway in the wheat bearing area reported to-day regarding the progress made in cutting and threshing the wheat crop of the present season. The questions answered by the agents related to the proportion of the wheat, the quality of the wheat, and the beginning of threshing. The condition of the weather has certainly been very satisfactory. The bright, long days, free from rain, have gone far to compensate for any shortage in the supply of men, all the men available being able to put in long hours every working day. The cutting is pretty well through, almost all the grain being safely in the stook and in preparation for threshing. The quality of the grain is said to be good, and there will be a considerable quantity of No. 1 hard for export this year. The progress of the threshing operations in the country is, well indicated by the report of wheat marketed at C. P. R. points yesterday. The total amount of wheat amounted to 256,000 bushels, of which 245,000 bushels were wheat and the balance other grains. Threshing is in active operation in all parts of the country.

Regina Real Estate.

Winnipeg, Sept. 5.—The highest priced sale of Regina property ever made took place yesterday when C. R. Black, of Winnipeg, sold to Mercers Bros., of Regina, 27 feet on South Railway street for the sum of \$27,000, or \$1,000 per foot. Mr. Black purchased this lot in 1889 after the big fire for \$1,500.

Sixty-Five Bushels to Acre.

Winnipeg, Sept. 5.—Two hundred and sixty-five bushels of wheat on five acres of land, were grown by J. S. Armitage on his farm adjoining the Minnedosa limits. The soil has been tilled for the past twenty-six years, and this particular piece of land was not summer fallowed last year.

A Total Loss.

Bowmanville, Ont., Sept. 5.—The buildings on King street east formerly occupied by the Durham Rubber Company for manufacturing purposes were almost totally destroyed by fire this morning, with contents. The loss is estimated at \$35,000, mostly covered by insurance.

Laid at Rest.

Arthursville, Que., Sept. 5.—The funeral of the late Henri Laurier took place here this morning and was very largely attended, among those present being nearly all the members of the provincial government and several members of the federal government, the House of Commons, and professional men of all classes. The pallbearers were Senator Choquette, Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux, postmaster-general; R. Boudreau, private secretary to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and others.

Arbitration.

Hamilton, Sept. 5.—The street railway company and their employees have agreed to arbitrate their dispute. The cars are running as usual.

A Surplus.

Toronto, Sept. 5.—The annual meeting of the superannuation board of the Methodist church was held yesterday. The annual statement showed that all claims had been met and that a surplus of \$175,000 remained on hand, the first time the board has been in such a happy position for twelve years.

Police Chiefs Meet.

Toronto, Sept. 5.—About 60 heads of various municipal police forces throughout the Dominion yesterday were in the convention of the Chief Constables' Association of Canada. Resolutions were passed instructing the secretary to communicate with the various provincial governments, calling attention to the lack of employment for prisoners undergoing short-term sentences in some of the provincial jails. Chief of Detectives Carpenter, Montreal, read a paper on "Habitual Criminals," and condemned the system of releasing certain prisoners sentenced to long terms of imprisonment for a short period of imprisonment. Political influence, he declared, had altogether too much to do with the administration of justice in Canada.

Welcome Home.

Whitby, Ont., Sept. 5.—Citizens of Whitby last night honored Hamar Greenwood, the Canadian member of the British parliament, who is a native of this place.

Will Build Branch.

Montreal, Sept. 5.—Sir Thos. Shaughnessy announced to-day that the company's engineers and surveyors are moving over the ground with a view to the management determining whether the C. P. R. will build a branch line to their present Montreal-Toronto line at Tweed, Ont., to Toronto, running through the towns on the Lake Ontario shore. The survey party is under the direction of Harry Williams, assistant engineer, Toronto. He has this week the preliminary surveys, starting from Belleville and working westwards. The line would pass through Trenton, Cobourg, Brantford, Bowmanville, Port Hope, Newcastle, and Scarboro.

EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS.

Honolulu, Sept. 5.—Two earthquake shocks were reported from Kilauea, on the island of Hawaii, but it is stated that no damage was done. A few hundred feet of dead fish were thrown up on the beach. Apparently they had been scalded to death by a submarine eruption.

REFORMS PROMISED.

Russian Premier and Ministers Publish the Government's Programme.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 5.—An official communication embodying the whole government programme was published to-night. The programme embraced court-martial for political crimes, and an increase of the penalties for revolutionary propaganda, and expressed a firm determination to preserve order. It also promised a liberal measure of reforms and the useless restrictions on Jews shall be abolished forthwith. Zemstvos will be introduced in Poland and the Baltic provinces and an income tax will be instituted. Reforms in the police and other public services are also promised.

The communication, which was issued after a prolonged discussion by Premier Stolypin and the council of ministers, leaves the situation but little altered. The one thing evident is that the premier intends to carry out broad reforms on the one hand and continue a policy of repression on the other.

Land Question.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 5.—The committee appointed to deal with the land question has drawn up regulations for the employment of crown lands in the extension of peasant holdings. The regulations are concerned with four millions of dessiatins, yielding a total revenue of \$2,500,000. The land will be sold in small allotments on the basis of capitalization of the average annual income for the last three years, the price to be paid for the land being the yearly rental. A special credit will be granted for the expenses of removal where the new proprietors are not residents of the district in which their new properties are situated, and they will be furnished free of charge with lumber for the construction of houses and farm buildings.

LANDLADY KILLED.

Victim of Death Trap Which Lodger Had Placed in Trunk.

Seattle, Sept. 5.—Mrs. Daily, wife of E. Daily, proprietor of the Louvre, a lodge, was killed in the room of a lodge yesterday by the discharge of a cleverly contrived death trap. Julius Marsaulle, the lodge, was arrested last night and is held at the city jail without charge, awaiting action by the prosecuting attorney. Development showed that Marsaulle possessed a valuable concern, which he feared would be stolen from him. In an old trunk in his room the lodge was kept. Marsaulle had rigged up a revolver in the trunk in such a manner that the muzzle pointed upward at such an angle that a person standing in front of the trunk would be shot. To the top of the lid he tied a string and the other end of the string was fastened to the trigger of the revolver. When the trunk lid was raised the string would pull the trigger.

M. Daily and his friend, Mrs. J. P. Prentice, went into Marsaulle's room to clean it up. They had heard Marsaulle remark in broken English that if anyone went near the trunk they would be killed. They thought, however, that Marsaulle meant if he saw anyone bothering with the trunk he would kill them.

Mrs. Daily found a bunch of keys on the dresser. She decided, through curiosity, to see what the trunk contained. Marsaulle held in his trunk. Mrs. Daily unlocked the lid and raised it. Instantly there was a report of a revolver and Mrs. Daily fell over, shot through the heart. She died in two minutes.

At police headquarters Marsaulle said in broken English that he had warned the women and everybody in the house to be very careful. He admitted that he set the revolver for the purpose of killing a burglar if the thief attempted to break into his trunk.

WANTED BY POLICE.

Wrestler and Prize Fighter Are Accused of Running Sure-Thing Game.

Ogden, Utah, Sept. 5.—The police of Ogden and Salt Lake are looking for John Wille, the wrestler, and Ed. McCoy, the prize fighter, who are charged by Louis Saville, of this city, with being members of a gang of sure-thing men who mulcted him of \$3,000 in the Seattle hotel, Seattle, between July 5th and 8th. Saville claims the gang numbers ten men, the leader being known as Pointer. They pay all the expenses of their victims to Seattle and have within three months obtained over \$150,000 from those they have victimized. By clever acting, they induce the outsider to advance money for betting purposes, claiming they will reimburse him and not until the stranger has been left stranded does he realize that he has been in the hands of a daring gang of sure-thing men. Saville claims he was robbed by private detectives trailing Wille and McCoy. The men were traced to Ogden, but their present whereabouts are unknown.

ACCUSED OF FRAUD.

Three Men Arrested in Philadelphia in Connection with Trust Company Failure.

Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 5.—Charged with having defrauded the depositors of the Real Estate Trust Company, of this city, out of many millions of dollars, Joseph Segal, a promoter of many real estate claims, and two associates, were arrested to-day at the instance of District Attorney Bell, who has been investigating the affairs of the wrecked institution.

Segal was held in \$25,000 bail and the two trust company's officers in \$10,000 each. They entered bonds and will be given a hearing tomorrow. This turn in the affairs of the company is only one of the many sensations expected to develop in connection with the failure which it is estimated will exceed \$100,000,000 before the receiver finishes his investigation.

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DETENTION SHED IS BADLY NEEDED

ONE WILL BE BUILT NEAR OUTER WHARF

Matter Is to Receive Attention of A. D. Scott, Superintendent of Detention Hospitals.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

A detention hospital for immigrants arriving in this city from the Far East and elsewhere is to be erected by the Dominion government somewhere in the vicinity of the outer wharf. Plans for the building have been under consideration for some time, and it is understood a moderate structure, complete with all essential arrangements, is projected. At present this city is badly in need of some such building. Temporary quarters at times have to be provided whenever a detention of a number of immigrants is for an extended time. Not a great many months ago a Japanese crew for one of the new Northern Pacific liners was brought to Victoria, and was here held at the outer wharf until the arrival of the vessel. The building was petitioned off for the purpose and a number of men were put on guard to prevent any possible escape. Trouble, however, was experienced in trying to detain the men, and the want of a suitable detention house was felt in this as also in the matter of the personal comfort of the men. Other instances of like kind could be mentioned.

The situation now is accentuated by the recent invasion of the Hindoo laborers. For some unknown reason the major number of these immigrants show a disposition to go to Vancouver. There is an East India doctor there, and he directs them as to what to do.

But the want of a detention shed here is not responsible for this, said a citizenship worker this morning. A building is mostly needed when men are detained who are to be deported. By way of explanation it might be stated that the C. P. R. Company now send all their immigrants who have been ordered deported to Vancouver. There is a detention house in the Terminal City and it costs the company considerably less to do this than to keep the men in Victoria. In this city it costs the company 50 cents an hour for guards, or about \$12 in all a day for immigrants who are detained until they are sent back to the place from whence they came.

The whole question is one that has demanded attention for some time. Now the Dominion government are grappling with the situation, and in a few more days W. D. Scott, superintendent of detention hospitals in the Dominion, will arrive in the city to look into the matter.

Mr. Scott's mission to the coast is not entirely to deal with this subject. He is also investigating the river delta. He stated, this morning that the crops around Ladner are extremely prolific and the farmers generally enjoying a high state of prosperity.

WILL NOT OBJECT.

Moorish Officials Will Place No Obstacles in Way of United States Authorities.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 5.—The Moorish authorities will interpose no objection to the removal to America of Paul O. Stensland, president of the Milwaukee Avenue State Bank of Chicago. A dispatch to this effect has been received at the state department from Minister Gummere at Tangier dated to-day. The dispatch added that Stensland is a prisoner in the American legation there.

Wish to Bring Broker Home.

Chicago, Sept. 5.—States Attorney Henry D. DeLoach received a message from Assistant States Attorney Olsen, who is now in Tangier with Paul O. Stensland, the fugitive banker, asking that he and James Keeley, managing editor of the Chicago Tribune, who made the arrest of Stensland, be permitted to bring the ex-banker back to this country. On receiving the telegram, Assistant States Attorney Barbour wired to Governor Dineen at Springfield and the governor has made a written request to President Roosevelt that Olsen and Keeley be delegated to bring Stensland back to the United States. According to States Attorney Barbour, no wish of the United States will pass Morocco for at least fifty days, and if Olsen and Keeley are delegated by the president they will either place Stensland on a vessel coming to the United States or they will charter one for the purpose.

THE ORIGIN OF GALL STONES.

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TUBERCULOSIS.

The International Conference Opened at The Hague.

The Hague, Sept. 6.—The international conference on tuberculosis was opened here to-day with a good attendance in the presence of Prince Henry of the Netherlands. The French foreign minister, M. Bourgeois, was appointed president of the anti-tuberculosis association.

When a fine ruby is found in Burmah a procession of elephants, grantees and soldiers escort it to the king's palace.

THE CRUISER BOSTON.

Principal Leak is Plugged—Vessel May Leave for Bremerton to-day.

Bellingham, Sept. 5.—The cruiser Boston did not leave port for Bremerton to-day, but, whether favoring, she will leave to-morrow. The divers succeeded last night in locating the principal leak, and by caulked it with oakum sewed in canvas using hydraulic jacks. The inflow of water was checked, and the use of the pumps made no longer necessary. The principal damage to the vessel is on the port side, and was received when the vessel swung around and settled on the rocks after striking. A plate was rent for three or four feet, and the water which entered worked around to starboard and filled one of the magazines above.

The gravest fear of the officers was that the bulkheads of this magazine might give way, and it is there, it is said, that the greatest danger threatened. The bow of the vessel was not greatly damaged.

The tug Pawtucket will accompany the Boston to Bremerton.

MINISTER EXPECTED TO ARRIVE TO-NIGHT

Hon. Wm. Templeman's Return to Victoria
Will Be Entertained by Young Liberal Club.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

Hon. William Templeman, minister of inland revenue, is expected to arrive in Victoria this evening, a passenger from Vancouver by the steamer Princess Northcott. He will be instructed by the opportunity during his stay here by members of the Liberal Association and different local public bodies to confer with him upon a variety of matters of general interest to the west and receiving the attention of the government.

Arrangements have been made by the Victoria Young Liberal Club for an informal supper in honor of the minister on Tuesday evening at the Victoria hotel.

It will be a supper of a strictly informal character. After the delicacies provided have been enjoyed a program of musical selections will be interspersed with speeches, will be introduced. Among those who are expected to deliver addresses are Senator Riley, Ralph Smith, M.P., and the four local members of the provincial legislature. As the number of tickets issued is limited, those desiring to attend are requested to call upon R. J. Fell, at the offices of Fell & Co., corner Broad and Grant streets, or upon Roland Grant, of the Victoria Hotel, at the earliest moment. Members of the committee in charge of the arrangements predict a pleasant and profitable time.

LOCAL NEWS

E. O. S. Scholfield, provincial librarian returned on Monday from a couple of weeks' vacation at Boundary Bay and the Fraser River. He stated, this morning that the crops around Ladner are extremely prolific and the farmers generally enjoying a high state of prosperity.

The monthly meeting of the Ladies' Aid of St. Paul's church, Victoria West, was held Wednesday afternoon at the residence of D. McBeth, with a good number of members. Among other business of more general interest, arrangements were made to celebrate the fifteenth anniversary of the opening of the church by a concert and tea meeting in the church on Monday evening next, the 18th inst. In addition to a number of popular local singers Mrs. Weir and her daughter, Miss Grace Weir, of Hamilton, Ont., with Miss Anna Wilson, a popular elocutionist of Dundas, Ont., will take part. A few short addresses by local ministers will also be given. The admission will be free, but an offering in aid of the society's finances will be taken.

A. R. Sherk arrived from the Cowichan district Wednesday, where during the past few months he has been engaged in opening up some mineral property, situated at the north end of cottonwood mountain. Large bodies of iron ore, containing silver, lead, being pronounced by several prospectors who have seen it this year to be one of the finest properties in the province. Mr. Sherk says the ore is good from the grass roots. So many properties are being opened up in the district that it is the opinion of Mr. Sherk that there is sufficient ore in the district to warrant the opening of a smelter at the lake. Mr. Sherk has had trails built to the claim, which makes travel easy.

Correspondence from Dawson, under date of August 22nd, says: "No. 16, Eldorado, the richest of all claims struck in the Klondike, has again come to the front, pay having been found in a spot where for years it was thought there was no pay. The new strike was made under the old claim, on the right limit. The claim was built in 1897 and put up in a place that was thought to be an undesirable portion of the claim. It is now proven that every foot of the claim from rim to rim carries pay dirt sufficient to pay working by the primitive method. Royalty was paid to the government on over \$1,000,000, which was taken from the claim in 1897. Thos. Lippert is the principal owner of this claim. Mr. Putnam, the present operator and part owner of No. 15, is making big money from the old gold pot."

A trio of well known people from North Saanich passed through the city Tuesday night on their way East. They are Chas. S. Birch and his wife, and E. Birch, who will spend some time visiting their old home.

Skene Lowe left Tuesday for Spokane to attend the convention of the Northwest Pacific Photographers' Association. He has taken a great deal of his work with him for competition at the convention.

J. P. Babcock, fisheries commissioner, will return from the Bridge river country about September 12th, in time to attend the joint meeting of the Dominion and Washington fisheries commission.

ARRANGING TO FENCE ELK LAKE

THE MAYOR PROPOSES OBTAINING ESTIMATES

Will Instruct Assessor Northcott to Make Investigations—New Aspect of Water Problem.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

A somewhat unexpected turn was given to the water question at last evening's meeting of the city council, as will be seen by a glance at an account of the proceedings which appears in another column. It was decided that an informal meeting of the mayor and aldermen would be held on Thursday evening in the hope of arriving at some mutually satisfactory understanding. His worship put himself on record as being unalterably opposed to secret gatherings for a discussion of the vexed problem. He objected to the laying over of the matter because of the delay necessitated, and, seen this morning by a representative of the Times, declared his intention to advance his preparations as far as possible so that when the required formalities are complied with the work may be undertaken immediately.

The mayor's view of the City Assessor Northcott will be instructed to proceed to Elk lake and obtain an estimate of the probable cost of fencing in that body of water. The mayor is of the opinion that unless the abandonment of the source of Victoria's present supply is contemplated that work will have to be done sooner or later. He believes that the water must be contaminated to some extent through being free of access to the herds of cattle roaming throughout the districts in the neighborhood. There isn't any doubt in his mind, in fact it is generally acknowledged, that they make a habit of wading in and drinking those waters. At other places the fencing off of the city's waterworks, he argues, is considered imperative, as much so as the construction of filter beds. And his worship does not think for a minute that the 2,400,000 gallons to be obtained daily from Elk lake will be abandoned after the amount of money invested by the corporation in that system. Such a thing, he argues, would be the extreme of folly.

The mayor complains that his proposition providing for a new main has been much misrepresented. It is continually being advanced, he affirms, as entailing an expenditure of \$300,000. True, that was the amount appearing on the face of the proposition, but the larger proportion of that sum was to be devoted to the new redistribution system and other works absolutely necessary under any circumstances. The only difference was that his plan provided for the construction of a new trench main to connect with Elk lake, giving that water to Victoria by means of gravity. It had been argued that the larger outlet would mean an addition to the filtering facilities, something that would cost considerable money. But that was the intention of the proposal. Briefly it called for new main at a cost of approximately \$80,000 to ensure a permanent reserve supply from the present waterworks. There was no thought of taking more water than could be filtered by the beds now in use. He reiterated that this project would be found the most economical and satisfactory in the long run.

A suggestion was made, readers of the Times will remember, to the effect that dams could be constructed at the lake to catch the overflow which occurred regularly during seasons when the snow melted. The suggestion was experienced. Those opposed to this argued that it would flood the low lands now in the hands of private individuals and necessitate much exorbitant expense. The suggestion was also met with opposition. It was contended that it would be comparatively cheap to construct improvised two-foot dykes from the material procured in excavation about the low lying main. Everything taken into consideration there are indications that the two factions of the council, which will meet on Thursday as announced in the evening, to reach some understanding, will have a more difficult time to come to terms than many believe.

DENOUNCED BY DOWIE.

Reply to Charges by Voliva—Appeal to Faithful to Aid Him in Fight.

Chicago, Sept. 5.—In a lengthy printed statement issued from Shiloh House in Zion City John Alexander Dowie replied categorically to charges of immorality, extravagance, misuse of investments, and polygamous teachings made against him by Wilbur Glen Voliva, who deposed him from authority and usurped his place of leader. Replying to the charge of immorality, Dowie declared that he had demanded of Voliva time and again that the charges which Voliva made against his moral conduct be made public and that each time Voliva had refused to comply. "Before God and man, I say I am without taint upon my personal purity," he asserted. "I am as pure as the driven snow. I let them stand forth and prove it." The charge of polygamous teachings in the face of his public statements for years and his printed addresses, he declared to be absurd and foolish.

Answering the charge of extravagance, Dowie said: "The general overseer of the first apostle of the Christian Catholic church in Zion must necessarily, in his presentation of the Christian faith, be more than a private individual in Zion. To say that I have made wilful and extravagant use of money in connection with my private affairs can only proceed from an envious and malicious spirit." After denouncing Voliva and leading him to the charge of immorality, he said: "men who are guilty, confessedly, of the rankest dishonesty, the basest deception and the most monstrous ingratitude." Dowie appealed to those in Zion still faithful to him to aid financially in his fight to regain leadership.

Owing to the Lord's Day Alliance general meeting to-night, the free communion service in the First Presbyterian church will be held to-morrow evening.



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FURTHER NEWS ON LINE TO MEXICO

PROMOTER'S RETURN FROM TERMINAL CITY

Leaves for England at Once to Arrange for the Establishment of Service.

"I wish you would state that I am extremely thankful to the British Columbia members, and especially to Hon. Mr. Templeman, for the eagerness and energy which they have shown in lending assistance to the promotion of our line between Mexico and Canada."

So said Col. Worsnop, the man who has completed arrangements for the new service between the two countries. Col. Worsnop returned to the city last evening, and if meeting the minister of inland revenue upon the latter's arrival from Ottawa this evening, he will leave at once for England to carry into effect the negotiations he has just entered into with the Mexican and Canadian governments. As previously mentioned, the contract calls for a monthly service for two years, conditional on the governments of either country approving of the steamers employed.

Col. Worsnop was asked this morning the nature of the syndicate which intended taking hold of the business, but declined to mention it. In the syndicate, he said, are a number of British financiers. The names of these are of course known to the government, but they do not wish that they should be known to the general public. For the Canadian-Mexican business they have not yet organized into a company, this being a matter of detail that has yet to be arranged. It was the request of the government that a separate company be formed for this specific business, and this is what will be done. When the syndicate has been effected then the name of the company will be made known. The men behind the project, however, are all British capitalists, one being a banker and another a shipowner. Col. Worsnop says that two steamers will be placed on the line within the six months called for by contract, and they will sail one from each end nearly on the same day as possible. The first sailing will be on or about the 1st of March. What steamers will be employed is a matter yet to be decided. They will be vessels of at least 4,000 tons. Fitted with passenger and freight accommodation. Should the trade demand others will be added to the fleet.

Of the success of the line Col. Worsnop is quite sanguine. He believes in time the company will make the service a fortnightly one. There is a market in Mexico, he says, for everything that can be grown or manufactured in Canada. From Mexico can be imported iron and precious ores, hardwoods, fruit, coffee and sugar, both raw and refined. The coffee planters of Mexico have all stated their eagerness to open up a trade in this market. Salt and hides are also commodities for exchange, while for leather, boots and shoes and cheap made garments there is a large demand in the southern country.

Beer, coal, agricultural machinery and flour might be exported from Canada, and in brief, said Col. Worsnop, there is nothing produced in the Dominion but what can be marketed in Mexico. "We will expect only to handle the business of the line," said the colonel. "The merchants must do the rest. They should combine on the principle of the Germans, and send their representative to the different districts in Mexico, and if necessary to finance them. This would make cheaper imports by sea and preclude overland. The matter is one that should not be left to the board of trade."

The ports of call which the steamers will make on their way to Mexico will be La Paz, Mazatlan, Manzanilla, Acapulco and Salina Cruz. The company when formed will have connections with all coast services, so that trade with all the ports of the ones named will be possible. The company will also have connections with the C. P. R. Company.

R. M. S. Empress of China left the city at 12 o'clock on Tuesday. She did not come into the wharf at which she usually berths outward bound, but remained in the offing where she received her mails and passengers from the tender, R. P. Rithet. Several passengers embarked from

Victoria, but the matter of taking them aboard occupied only a few minutes and then the big white liner sailed for the Asiatic coast with great clouds of smoke rolling from her funnels, indicating that from the start the voyage, from the standpoint of the engineers, firemen and others of the ship's company, will be a very busy one. The Empress of China is scheduled to arrive at Yokohama on the 16th inst., which means that she has less than eleven days in which to make the trip. As stated a few days ago, her speed on the passage is to be increased by half a knot an hour.

This is the first voyage, outward, of the new schedule by which the time of the voyage between here and Hongkong is to be reduced by three days and the news of its success will be awaited with a great deal of interest. The world over, if the China reaches Hongkong on the time appointed, namely, on the 23rd, she will land British mail from London in 29 days, thus beating the P. & O. liners which travel via the Suez canal by six days.

Among the passengers on the China is D. E. Brown, the Hongkong agent of the C. P. R., who is quoted by a Montreal paper as stating that the new service may develop into a weekly one.

"Do you think the expansion of traffic and communication will lead to the introduction of larger vessels than the Empress of Japan, the Empress of China and the Empress of India?" Brown was asked. "I have no hesitation in saying that the Canadian Pacific will have four new Empresses on the Pacific ocean in the near future. The Empress of Ireland and the Empress of Britain," he replied. "The company is laying its plans on that assumption now. There will be two more Empresses at once ordered, and what is bound to come. It may take six or seven years to achieve all this, but it will come. So far as the Far East is concerned we are setting the pace for other companies now. We are not taking our pace from our competitors. We are the only company that is issuing tickets for round-the-world trips. When the other offices have applications for these, they refer them to us."

NEW C. P. R. SCHEDULE.

The new schedule of the C. P. R. steamships which went into effect Tuesday with the sailing of the R. M. S. Empress of China is as follows:
Outward bound—Empress of China, September 4th; Empress of India, October 2nd; Empress of Japan, October 16th. Inward bound—Empress of India, September 17th; Empress of Japan, October 15th; Empress of China, November 12th. The schedule is subject to change on the Hongkong dates of sailing which will be as follows: Athenian, September 12th; Empress of Japan, September 27th; Empress of China, October 25th.

The Empress of India was thus held until the 26th of August instead of the 22nd, according to the old schedule.

ADVANCE WAGES.

Beginning September 1st, the uniform scale of wages for seamen of coastwise sailing vessels was raised to \$6 a month, says a San Francisco dispatch. Some months ago the scale was \$40. The union asked an increase of \$5 for voyages to outside ports. This was granted and has been in effect since. The change applies to inside ports and makes the scale again uniform for both classes of ports in British Columbia. Over time will be paid for at the rate of 50 cents an hour. On sailing vessels this is an unimportant item.

QUEEN CITY'S ARRIVAL.

At an early hour this morning the steamer Queen City returned from Alouah and way ports, and after discharging some freight at the outer wharf proceeded to Ladysmith with 75 tons of ore from the Gladys and Happy John mines, on the Alberni canal. The steamer had a rough trip. On her return she encountered considerable stormy weather.

ATLANTIC SEALERS.

Capt. Balcom has received news from his brother, Ruben Balcom, reporting that the Nova Scotia fleet had sailed for the Falkland Island hunting grounds. In the fleet are five schooners. The Edith R. Balcom and Agnes Donahue sailed last Saturday. E. B. Smith and his day, and the Edith L. Corkum and Baden Powell left at an earlier date.

Vancouver, Sept. 4.—W. D. Scott, superintendent of immigration, who was ordered to investigate the Hindoo question, left for Victoria on the steamer Princess Victoria to-day.