

COUNCIL IS DISSATISFIED

TILATION OF WATERWORKS BILL and Chairman Hall Dis-Action of Provincial Government.

From Saturday's Daily. Session having gone abroad mayor and councillors are at the waterworks amendment has passed the committee, in- were this morning sought mayor and also with Richard chairman of the municipal Both of these gentlemen the council is satisfied. Hall said that they must of ke what they could get, but at they are satisfied is de- untree. He wished further at he had not given an in- ter-nyons on the subject prior to if he had he would not have any such sentiments. The now stands is not at all sat-

est of the council Mayor iders was fair and just, and reason should have been ssing the question before the argument was used that the municipalities could not powers without first buying mpanies already in the busi- law was overridden by the of the hydro-electric commis- 06. All power in such cases to the commissary, the chair- which was always a member rovincial government. This a since its appointment has at nothing should bar muni- from using water to gener- ity for domestic lighting and poses.

ish Columbia," said the e Union of Municipalities and endorsed the principle and endorsed of the Victoria council in same in their private bill. ipalities throughout the Da- Canada are at one in claim- ight."

OF SPRING SALMON EXPECTED

River Fisherman Made t Catch of Season This Week.

stminster, Feb. 28.—The first river salmon this season was Wednesday when Hans one of the river fishermen nice looking consignment of denizens of the Fraser to well known fish dealer treet. Since the fact has been, many of the fishermen nts are getting their boats ready, and though the 1st of generally recognized as early start operations, it is prob- several boats will be out be- ation of the dealers and fish- that this season will be a one, and no union troubles terefered with the industry will crop up. Many of the state that so long as the for sprigs is in any way no difficulty between them ackers is anticipated.

There has been as yet no the fish buyers to decide on to be paid, those conversa- subject consider that last es of five cents per pound and seven cents per pound ll be the ruling price this now eight years since the a of springs and fishermen are confidently looking for- "bumper crop" when the "It is asserted that last siness in frozen salmon has the open winter making it the eastern market to h salmon right through the local dealers here, who fish on hand, has been cry- of them in the Seattle about success.

WORKERS' NOTICE

Employees Warned to Keep Owing to Reduction in Wages.

Feb. 29.—The United Mine of America have posted gning miners to keep awa- tions, owing to a reduction, ntrary to agreement. They cents a car. ment has amended the e no boys under 15 to work

LARGE DOCKET OF BUSINESS DONE

B. C. MUNICIPALITIES STILL IN SESSION

Right of Councils. Generating Electric Power is Discussed.

Nanaimo, Feb. 27.—The representa- tives of British Columbia municipali- ties met this morning to tackle the tremendous amount of work ahead of them for the day. The business of the session was the amendment of the constitution in several minor partic- ulars. The convention took up con- sideration of the recommendations from different municipalities, which work was unfinished last night. The first recommendation was that con- vention under the liquor act as ap- plied to Indians particularly should go to municipalities and not to the gov- ernment. In the discussion that fol- lowed it evolved that there was no uni- form plan throughout the province of dealing with this matter. In some places the fines went to municipalities, in others to the government, in others half to the city and half to the gov- ernment, and so on.

Mayor Robinson, of Kamloops, point- ed out that the matter was a purely legal one, and suggested referring it to the executive to call in the services of a solicitor, or to take it to the govern- ment, if necessary. This was adopted. It is likely the municipalities will re- tain the fines pending a definite de- cision.

The advisability of establishing a home for destitute persons was then taken up being introduced by the Vancouver delegates. The idea of the move is that there will be a home to which each municipality could send its destitute. The matter has been brought to the attention of the government several times by Vancouver. The old men's home at Kamloops does not in- clude women, and men who enter it must have been residents of the province for fifteen years.

Mayor Keary, of New Westminster, strongly supported the scheme. It was decided to send a delegation of fourteen, after the convention to Victoria to interview the government praying for the establishment of such a home, to be known as an industrial home. The delegation will wait on the premier to-morrow to press this most important matter.

A long letter was received from Ver- non, which was taken up. Clause 1 was dealt with by a resolution endorsing the provision that each municipality that has water power avail- able should develop that power for its own purposes and for any surplus it may have to industries. A committee was appointed to draw up a resolution regarding this, and brought in the following resolution, which was adopted in convention: "That the council do endorse the principle empowering munic- ipalities (1) to have the right of generating electric power from its own sources of water and to sell the same for electricity for light, heat and power purposes within its own district and also to sell to other municipalities and districts and (2) this convention through its delegation support the ef- fort of Victoria city to get an act passed during this session of the legis- lature granting it such power."

From the council—A. T. increase qualifications of Reeves from \$100 to \$1,000. Thrown out at once. B. For regulation of saloons and taverns, that all liquor sold in them be consumed on premises. From the executive. To charge license fees on au- tomobiles from \$5 to \$100 on grounds of the destruction of roads by motor cars. On motion referred to the execu- tive. Rural delegates spoke very strongly in favor of reducing the speed limit and to increase taxation on ac- count of the great destruction of roads. Several more clauses in Ken's recom- mendations were referred to the execu- tive.

Dr. Underhill, medical health officer of Vancouver, spoke at some length exploring the apallity gross neg- lect of municipalities in regard to health matters. He recommended more strict enforcement of the provincial health act. In some provinces they car- ried on an education from home to home in regard to sanitary and other health matters. In British Columbia much more could be done. It is being done here. He said there should be a provincial law in regard to plumbing. Have no plumbing at all unless you can have the best. A portable tank is worse than none at all.

Mayor Robinson said he hoped to have a chance to amend the constitu- tion so that hereafter medical health officers, city engineers and municipal clerks would be entitled to attend con- ventions.

Following the reading of the paper, recommendations from municipalities were again taken up. New Westmin- ster's recommendation re conveying authority to cities to have an assess- ment committee for the whole year was referred to the executive, not only from Canada but from Australia, New Zealand and the Mother Country. At the head of this table, sir, sit eleven men who were at Paardeburg eight years ago to-day, (Loud cheers). I am glad that we have with us Lieut. Hodgins to second this motion. I feel that he should have moved the resolution while I seconded as he fought at Paardeburg on that successful occasion.

"This gathering has given us the op- portunity and we hope to form a Vet- erans' Association for this city and a committee has been appointed to gather information and to report to a later meeting. The idea is to include all who have fought for king and coun- try, or served in any way at Paardeburg, this gathering reminds me of another one which took place on one Easter Day during that war. Under Lieut. Morbey, but a name well known in the annals of the war, there were forty of us cut off from the main body at the battle of Hart's river. Only six es- caped alive and of this little number

At the concluding session of the meeting the following telegram was re- ceived and read: "Victoria, Feb. 27.— To Mayor Keary: Will be pleased to meet your executive on Friday afternoon at fifteen minutes to two. (Signed) R. McBride."

Mayor Keary, the chairman, stated that he would be unable to be present at the meeting, and recommended that Reeve Byrne, of Burnaby, be ap- pointed chairman of the committee, which should have a meeting before it went to Victoria. On motion Mayor Keary's recommendation was adopted.

The next business was the selection of the place for next year's meeting of the union. A spirited contest took place among delegates from Revel- stoke, Vernon, Nelson, Victoria and North Vancouver. The various dele- gates pressed their claims for the re- spective cities, and on a vote being taken it resulted as follows: Vernon 15, Nelson 12, Revelstoke 6. As neither town had received a majority vote a second ballot was necessary, resulting in Vernon receiving 21 to Nelson's 14. The choice of Vernon was then made unanimous.

The question of federation with the union of Canadian municipalities was discussed, the secretary reading a communication from the secretary of the federal municipal union asking the B. C. union to join the federal body. This was declined and filed as it was not possible to join under the present financial conditions.

Ald. Wilson (Nanaimo) read a lengthy and able paper on municipal insurance. He wrote in words of blood and fire that he may read you runs. That when you insult the mother, you must answer to her children. (Loud Cheers).

GOVERNMENT AND SEALING QUESTION

(Special to the Times.) Ottawa, Feb. 28.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier, in reply to Mr. Sloan, said that the question of sealing was now engaging the attention of the government.

WILL ANNUL DECREES OF SENHOR FRANCO

Supporters of Portuguese ex- Premier Are Still In- active. Lisbon, Feb. 28.—The council of state has endorsed the decisions of the cabinet on Tuesday last to annul the decrees of ex-Premier Franco, dissolv- ing the house of deputies and re- forming the house of peers and to summon the dissolved chamber in order to permit King Manuel to take the oath of office. The council of state has decided to issue at the proper time a fresh decree dissolving the chamber of deputies, according to the constitution, and at the same time summoning the electoral college to meet on April 5th. Former Premier Franco's supporters have decided not to participate in the elections for deputies.

MEN WHO FOUGHT FOR THE EMPIRE

Speech of Lieut. A. J. Brace at Paardeburg Luncheon Yesterday. (From Friday's Daily.) At the Canadian Club banquet yesterday, to the South African veterans, in moving the vote of thanks to Speak- er Eberts for his address, Lieut. A. J. Brace said: "Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen, I feel that it is too high an honor to have the privilege to move a vote of thanks to the speaker of the day for his magnificent words. I feel that I can but poorly express the sentiments which my comrades individually feel towards those who have made it possible for us to enjoy this banquet to- day and to listen to the splendid oration of Mr. Speaker. "If we were able to serve our country in any small way, we did it be- cause we thought it was our duty. We did not expect thanks or appreciation; we ask no reward for simply doing our duty. "I am glad that there is such a num- ber of those who went to South Africa present on this occasion. When I was asked how many South African vet- erans there would be in town, I re- plied, 'about forty, sir,' but when the advertisement was put in the papers 140 turned up. (Cheers). There are about 100 present, representing 25 dif- ferent regiments, not only from Canada but from Australia, New Zealand and the Mother Country. At the head of this table, sir, sit eleven men who were at Paardeburg eight years ago to-day, (Loud cheers). I am glad that we have with us Lieut. Hodgins to second this motion. I feel that he should have moved the resolution while I seconded as he fought at Paardeburg on that successful occasion."

FOUNDED DEAD IN HOTEL

Vancouver, Feb. 28.—John Jandine, registered from Great Falls, Montana, was found dead to-day in bed in the Commercial hotel.

ASSASSINATION OF SHAH ATTEMPTED

THREE OUTSIDERS KILLED IN BOMB OUTRAGE

Automobile of Ruler Shattered—Scene in Streets of Teheran.

Teheran, Persia, Feb. 28.—An attempt was made in this city this afternoon to assassinate the Shah of Persia by a bomb. His Majesty was not hurt. Three of the outriders who were accompanying him at the time were killed. The Shah owes his escape to the pre- cautions taken to protect him from just such an attempt as was made this afternoon. He was on his way to a nearby town where he intended to pass a few days.

The procession had left the palace and was traversing a narrow street when two bombs were hurled at him from the roof of a house. One exploded in the air, but the other struck the ground near the Shah's automobile. This missile killed three outriders, wounded the chauffeur, and a score of bystanders, and shattered the vehicle. The Shah, however, was not in his automobile, having taken the precaution to send the motor car on ahead and ride himself in a carriage, further in the rear of the procession. The motor car was a closed one, and it was thought that the sovereign was inside. As soon as the Shah heard the explo- sions he alighted hurriedly from his carriage and entered a neighboring house. Here he remained quietly while his attendants sent word for a detach- ment of troops. The soldiers were hur- ried to the scene and formed in front of the house where the Shah was. He then came out, and surrounded by a bodyguard, returned to the palace.

KING ALFONSO'S LIFE ENDANGERED

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WHAT WILL BE FUTURE OF CONGO FREE STATE

Sir Edward Grey's Speech in Belgium. Brussels, Feb. 28.—The recent debate in the British House of Commons and the speech of Sir Edward Grey, relative to the Congo situation, has caused a deep impression in political circles here. The differences between King Leopold and the Belgian parliament still continue over the question of the annexation of the Congo independent state.

MAY BE STOWAWAY.

Young Japanese Found Starving Gets Thirty Days For Vagrancy. Vancouver, Feb. 27.—Susaka, a young Japanese who was found in No. 2 shed at Coleman & Evans' dock yesterday afternoon, has almost fully recovered from the effects of his long stay in a secluded corner of the big building. Restoratives were adminis- tered by the doctors, and he assumed his natural condition early to-day. Susaka appeared before Magistrate Wil- liams to-day, pleaded guilty to vag- rancy and was sent to jail for thirty days.

He told the court that he had no money, and lived in the shed for that reason. The police still incline to the theory that he is a stowaway off one of the boats from the Orient.

RAILWAY COMMISSION.

Ottawa, Feb. 28.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier explained yesterday in the House that owing to the fact that R. L. Borden was absent the debate on the bill for increasing the railway commission to six could not take place. The Hon. G. P. Graham said that the assistant com- missioner would require to be a su- perior court judge and a barrister of ten years' experience.

SWEEPING CHANGES IN LIQUOR TRADE

WOULD WIPE OUT THIRTY THOUSAND LICENSES

British Cabinet Minister's Bill Arouses Storm of Protest.

London, Feb. 27.—Chancellor of the Exchequer Asquith introduced the licensing bill in the House of Commons this afternoon. This is the principal government measure for the present session of parliament. The capital in- vested in licensed property in this country is about \$1,200,000,000, while over 2,000,000 people are employed in the traffic.

Briefly, the bill provides for the compulsory reduction within a specified period, and on a uniform scale, of the number of saloons licensed throughout the country. In cities it is proposed to allow one saloon for every 175 persons, and in country districts one saloon for every 400 persons. This regard a period of 14 years, will wipe out in the neighborhood of 30,000 licenses, or about one-third of the present total.

The bill proposes that this reduction be effected within 20 years. Local option is to govern the issuance of new licenses, and the majority of the parochial electors is sufficient to prohibit the granting of a license.

FARMER KILLED UNKNOWN BURGLAR

Quebec Man in Saving Friend's House Commits Fatal Deed. Granby, Que., Feb. 28.—An unknown burglar was shot and killed here yesterday by Thomas Robinson, a young farmer, who found the robber in the house of Wm. Jenkins, who at present is visiting friends in town.

When requested to give up the bundle in his possession the burglar threatened to shoot. Robinson secured the help of three companions who met the burglar, who also threatened to shoot them, whereupon Robinson fired with fatal effect.

TO ENCOURAGE INDUSTRY.

New Westminster, Feb. 27.—The Great Northern Railway officials have again notified the board of trade and other interested parties of its intention to construct a spur from its line between Port Kells to any shipping in- dustries started on the waterfront in that vicinity. One mill is already es- tablished there, and the company's sur- veyors have staked out the line of the proposed new spur. The other com- panies are now arranging to erect their plants along the stretch of waterfront in question and it is expected that the south bank of the Fraser in the vicinity of the city will shortly become a hive of industry.

PLUNGED OVER EMBANKMENT.

Escape of Vancouver Boy From Death Is Miracle. Vancouver, Feb. 27.—To be plunged over a steep embankment while clinging to the back of a horse was the ex- perience of a young man named David Law. He had his right leg broken and is now in the General hospital, but that he escaped with his life is a miracle.

The embankment over which the boy and the horse plunged was that at the foot of Georgia street, near Cambie, and they were precipitated to the rail- way tracks below. When picked up, the boy was unconscious. The horse belonged to Mr. Bolton, of Russell & Russell. It escaped without serious in- jury.

TOLSTOI ANNIVERSARY.

International Celebration to Be Held on Russian Writer's Eightieth Birthday. St. Petersburg, Feb. 28.—The prepara- tions for the international celebration of the 80th anniversary of the birth of Count Leo Tolstoy are progressing steadily under the auspices of the committee having the matter in charge which includes many of the most noted writers, artists and public men of Russia.

Tolstoy was born on August 28, 1828. In addition to the proposition to raise a fund to purchase the Count's present residence at Yasnyaya Polyana, his birth- place, for a Tolstoy museum, it has been decided to issue a book of Tolstolai- an which shall include articles by Octave Maraboe, George Brands, Knut Samson and other noted men of letters of all nations.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

New York, Feb. 28.—The stock market opened steady with the following prices ruling: Amal. Copper 51; American Smelt- ing 89; Anaconda 84; B. T. 40; G. T. Nor. 115; Mo. Pac. 90; Mex. Cent. 18; N. Y. C. 94; Nor. Pac. 121; Penna. 112; Reading 86; St. Paul 100; Sugar 113; Union Pacific 114; U. S. Steel 28; U. S. Steel pref. 32.

EXPRESS TRAIN DERAILED.

(Special to The Times.) Ottawa, Feb. 28.—The Renfrew At- lantic express, No. 96, due here at 2:40 a.m., was derailed at Eganville Junction owing to a broken rail. The cook had no reason, but scalded. There were no other casualties.

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Robinson and his companions gave themselves up to the police.

SIX DAY WALKING RACE.

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 28.—When the winner of the six-day race stopped for the day at midnight last night, the score was as follows: Hoagland, 198 miles; Slater, 192 miles; Messler, 191; Elvey, 187; Hartley, 178; Slake, 160 and Lloyd, 149.

PLAINS OF ABRAHAM.

Ottawa, Feb. 28.—The bill granting \$300,000 for the Plains of Abraham scheme was read for the first time in the House yesterday.



MEN WHO ATTENDED PAARDEBURG LUNCHEON.

Bottom row are men who fought at Paardeburg. Reading from the left: Wm. Hardy, house porter of Empress; Sgt. Major Macdonald, R. W. J. Leeman, A. E. Morbey, G. W. Findall, Capt. H. J. R. Cullin, W. Warren, Lieut. Hodgins, Stephen Court, J. Stewart, J. H. Dixon, J. Smith, Sergt. Major Edwards, who marshalled the parade, also fought at Paardeburg. He is seated behind Morbey and Findall, wearing two medals. Lieut. A. J. Brace, Chairman Campaigners' Association, standing on right, Trooper Winkell, Strathcona's Horse, Secretary of Campaigners' Association, standing upper left corner, with hand on pillar. Twenty-five regiments were represented at the Canadian Club luncheon yesterday.

REASONS FOR BEAUTIFYING CITY

F. B. PEMBERTON MAKES CAPITAL SUGGESTIONS

Points Out Why Victoria Roads Are Now in Such Dis- repair.

(From Friday's Daily.) The scheme for beautifying Victoria recently proposed in these columns by Joseph Tasse continues to arouse considerable interest among prominent men in the city. It will be remembered that it was suggested that the provincial government should be ap- proached with a view to voting an appropriation for the improvement of parks and roads, the planting of trees and the establishment of open spaces which it is anticipated will add greatly to the appearance of the Queen City of the West and make her still more attractive, as well as bringing in an increased revenue to the provincial government owing to the enhanced value of realty which the proposed changes must necessarily entail.

F. B. Pemberton the well known real estate agent was seen to-day on the subject and gave to a Times representa- tive a succinct view of how he re- gards the scheme. In brief his opinion is as follows: "Nature," he says, "has made Victoria one of the most beautiful places on the face of the earth, but man has come along and has steadily tried to spoil it. It does not matter what it is, the telephone, electric wires, or any- thing else if a tree comes in its way down it must come, either in whole or in part. In no other country would this be allowed. People will not realize that our greatest asset is the beauty of our country. We must realize this if we want our city to go ahead. We are not a manufacturing centre but es- sentially a residential one, and we must, if we want our city to go ahead, conserve our trees and improve the ap- pearance of our streets by judicious boulevarding with suitable trees and flowering shrubs.

"Take a city like Winnipeg, which was formerly not much more than a barren waste. By judicious planting and boulevarding the residential portion of the city presents in places quite a park-like appearance. Some people here object to the cost of keeping up the boulevard in front of their houses, not realizing that the grass, trees, and shrubs add practically so much to their garden with only a comparatively small expense to them per annum, this being in the place of weeds and mud, which formerly held swa- there.

"I do not think that any rapid grow- ing trees like maples should be planted, but slow growing ones with flowering shrubs in between. Vancouver has for years gone in for boulevarding and the consequence is that some of the main residential streets there present a very attractive appearance.

"I quite agree with some of our aldermen that the streets should be attended to, but why not do both—our streets are undoubtedly in a disgrace- ful condition, I think there should be a first class man to have charge of the streets—that is repairing them. He should have several small gangs of men under him, and the roads should be steadily repaired, as they are in the Old Country. The moment there is a hole in the road it should be filled up and not allowed to grow bigger and bigger. Little repairs done all the time would keep the roads in splendid shape—that is the whole secret of the magnificent roads throughout England. If ever there is a ditch dug here across a road, for ever after there is a lump or a hollow there, in many cases so bad, unless driven very slowly over them, as to nearly throw one out of a carriage or car; whereas a very little more work, either at the time of after- wards, would leave the road level.

"Another reason of our bad city roads is that they are allowed to be- come the natural watercourses of the city, as the centre is generally lower than the sides. This is the real reason of our terrible roads—the centre is made too low, the sides are allowed to gradually get too high, and there is not sufficient drainage to keep the water off.

"There are so many details that are really important that a competent man who gave his whole time to it could attend to; for instance, the other day in putting down a main pipe the men dug up a lot of good gravel and the road it was on was being repaired. I ventured the suggestion that the good gravel should be put on the sides and the ditch filled up with material from the side of the road, but there seemed no one to attend to it, so all the good gravel went to the bottom of the ditch again, and where the ditch happened to be on the road itself black soil was in some places put on top, in which of course wheels sunk right down. We need a first class road man who would attend to every detail like this. Some of our roads are getting im- passable. The fire engine going to a fire a few days ago stuck fast. We really must wake up," said Mr. Pem- berton in conclusion. "If we expect our city to become the residential metrop- olis of the West."

ARE BRITISH SUBJECTS.

Hindus Ordered Deported Apply for Habeas Corpus Writ.

Vancouver, Feb. 27.—Three Hindus who arrived two weeks ago from Suva, Fiji Islands, and were ordered de- ported under the federal law, had them- selves brought into court to-day through habeas corpus proceedings.

As the case stands the Hindus have gained a respite for the case will not be heard till next Tuesday, and their steamer must sail without them to- morrow.

The Hindus base their application to remain here on the ground that they are subjects of King Edward, and as such citizens of the Empire, and that a law against aliens cannot possibly apply to them.