# NOMINATION FOR YALE ELECTION

## Mr. Alex. Lucas of Agassiz, Chosen as Candidate by Conservatives — Premier's Circular Letter

SPENCE'S BRIDGE, Nov. 12.—Mr. Alexander Lucas of Agassiz secured the nomination in the Conservative interest on the second ballot, at a large and thoroughly representative party convention called in consequence of Premier McBride's resignation of the Yale seat. Opposition to Mr. Lucas is promised by Mr. T. E. Julian of Vancouver, who announces himself as an independent, and it is also possible that Mr. Stuart Henderson may take the field in the Liberal interest. The Liberals have arranged to hold a convention here on Tuesday next.

Detail arrangements, as for the selection of the returning officer, etc., are now going forward, and the dates of nomination and polling will be made known early in the week. The election will, it is expected, be either on Thursday, the 24th, or Saturday, the 26th instant.

The announcement of his resignation of the seat was made by Hon. Mr. McBride in a circular letter directly addressed to the electors of Yale, which reads as follows:

Gentlemen:—

In announcing to you my intention of resigning the position of Member for Yale in the Provincial Legislature, I desire to express my hearty thanks for the honor you conferred on me at the general election in November, 1909, by returning me as your representative, and for the courtesy and good-will that have ever since characterized your relations with me.

In deciding to retain my seat for the Victoria City Electoral District, I wish to assure you that I shall always retain the keenest interest in the welfare of Yale constituency and do my utmost to second the efforts of the member you select to succeed me in whatever will make for the benefit of your district.

Owing to the general elections last year coming so close to the opening of the session of the legislature, I deemed it in your best interest, conversant as I was with the needs of Yale, to postpone the time for my resignation, and I trust and believe you will agree with me that the constituency has not suffered from that cause.

In the past year I have endeavored to the best of my ability to look after your interests; and I would respectfully ask that you show your confidence in myself and my colleagues by electing as my successor a supporter of the present government.

The policy of the government, of which I have the honor to be leader is well known to you. With respect to rural constituencies we have endeavored to meet the wants of the people and to encourage more settlement by generous and judicious expenditures on schools, roads, bridges and other public works, commensurate with the means at our disposal.

We intend to pursue the same course in the future—the ever expanding revenue of the province enabling us each year more fully to carry out these desirable ends which are doing so much to assist in the development of the province.

It is perhaps hardly necessary for me to recall to you the various roads that have been completed and grades improved in Yale Riding during the year; but I might refer to the fact that among the other important works provided for, there is the sum of $15,000 reserved for the purpose of the early construction in Yale of a portion of the great trunk road which will run from the coast to connect with the province of Alberta. A surveyor has been in the field since last August engaged in selecting the best route with the most favorable grade. It is expected that work will be proceeded with at a very early date.

The highly successful arrangements which have brought about the construction of the Canadian Northern Railway and the Kettle Valley Railway have gained for the present provincial government the commendation of the people; and the benefits which Yale Riding will undoubtedly receive from these great additions to the railway communication in the province is an additional reason for my confident expectation that you will again return as your member, at the coming election, a supporter of the government.

Again thanking you for the confidence you have reposed in myself and my administration. Yours respectfully,

RICHARD M'BRIDE.

# DISCUSS RATES

### Representatives of Western Railways Hold Meeting at St. Paul—Refuse Information

ST. PAUL, Minn., Nov. 10.—After conferences extending over the greater part of the morning and afternoon, during which the question of freight rates and incidentally homeseekers' rates were discussed, representatives of the most important railroads in the West left for their homes tonight.

It was said that nothing definite was done regarding any contemplated action in connection with freight rates, and the conferees were unwilling to give any information as to the result of their deliberations beyond the mere admission that the question of freight rates had been considered.

Those present at the conference were: James J. Hill and Louis W. Hill, Great Northern; President Howard Elliott, Northern Pacific; President Darius Mills, C. B. & Q.; President A. J. Earling, C. M. & St. P.; President Edmund Pennington, Soo line; President E. P. Ripley, Santa Fe; and J. C. Stubbs, traffic director Union Pacific and St. Paul railroads.

# WILL EXPEND TEN MILLION

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expenditure of approximately four million dollars and then there is also the construction of destroyers of the river class, each of which will cost at least $400,000. Two cruisers of the Bristol class are now contemplated, and it is understood that their construction will be followed by the building of two more, and three destroyers have been planned, with probably three more to follow.

The settlement of the Indian reserve question recently will be followed by considerable construction in that area and with the projected development next year and in the few years to follow the outlook for Victoria seems bright, indeed.

Considerable development work involving the expenditure for the payment of workingmen and for material of large sums is anticipated by the British Columbia Electric Railway company, including extensions to outlying districts.

### Fruit Shipped to England

A full carload of the choicest apples ever exhibited in British Columbia, and comprising 28 boxes—the pick of the recent Canadian National Apple show at Vancouver—have been secured by the provincial government and shipped to England for exhibition purposes in charge of Mr. W. J. Brandrith, deputy commissioner. All the fruit is of the highest quality, and in color, form, etc., leaves nothing to be desired. The consignment will go forward to Liverpool by the Empress of Britain, sailing from Montreal on the 18th inst., and will make its first appearance, handsomely staged, at the Royal Horticultural society's great show, the dates for which are this year December 1 to 5.

# SUSPICIOUS BUT JUST CURIOUS

## Policeman Interrupts Little Sight-Seeing Excursion in Belief He Was Making a Grand Coup

Perched disconsolately upon the fuel box in the police station while their status, residential and otherwise, was awaiting determination, three gentlemen, well known in the city, had a harrowing experience a night or two back. And it was all because a recent addition to the police force, not knowing the three suspects whom he had gathered in, persisted in bringing them along to the police station for identification. The contretemps was the result of the desire on the part of the trio to ascertain for themselves, and incidentally for the organization to which they belong, whether the recent order directing the dispersion of the restricted district on Chatham street was being enforced by the authorities.

When the sergeant on the night patrol arrived at the station and heard the facts of the case, he allowed the three to go. Their actions, while sufficiently strange to arouse the suspicions of the bluecoat on the beat, denoted nothing particularly criminal and the matter ended without any official fuss.

The man on the beat shortly before midnight saw the three on Chatham street. He would doubtless have paid no attention to them were it not that their continued presence on the street made him curious. And when frequent excursions down alleys, around behind houses, and tip-toe approaches to windows of the former disreputable houses pointed out the opportunity to the stalwart to make a grand coup and win a stripe, he did not hesitate, but accosted the three midnight prowlers.

### Averred Respectability.

It was just here that the latter made their mistake. In response to the question of what they were doing and what were their names, the suspects stood upon their grand old Anglo-Saxon privilege and treated the requests of the policeman with scorn. They were, they averred, respectable citizens who were merely taking in the sights and they could see no reason why they should gratify the curiosity of the police. Much the same story is generally told by all suspicious characters who are gathered in after the witching hour of midnight, and it was but natural that Mr. Policeman should have shown considerable doubt and treated the explanation with more or less scorn. He did the usual thing, marched the trio to the headquarters, and as the sergeant in charge was not in at the time there was a disconsolate row of "sight-seers" perched on the coal box until an hour later, when they were allowed to go.

Just what information they secured, if any, and to what purpose it will be devoted, is a question which they failed to answer before departing to seek their respective homes.

Robert Glockling, president of the Brotherhood of Bookbinders, in speaking of the growth of his organization, said "It is now seventeen years since the International Brotherhood of Bookbinders was organized. Since that time we have advanced the price of our labor from: $11 to $17.50 for males and from $4 to $7 for females per week. We have reduced the hours of toil from sixty to forty-eight hours per week. To summarize, we have advanced the wages of our craft, male, $260 per year; female, $156 per year; a reduction of hours of a fifth, equal to a further increase in wages, making a total advance of $312 for male and $187 for female per year."

Mr. Harry Wright, M.P.P., Mrs. and Master Wright have arrived in Nelson.

# INQUEST HELD ON TRAGEDY AT FORT

## Verdict of Murder and Suicide Returned by Coroner's Jury at Work Point Barracks Yesterday

The inquest held by the coroner, Dr. E. C. Hart, upon the Fort Macaulay tragedy, was held yesterday at the Work Point barracks, and the jury returned a verdict of murder by Gr. Ratcliffe in the case of Corp. Bowlan and of suicide in that of Gr. Ratcliffe, who died by his own hand after murdering the non-commissioned officer.

The last act in the tragedy will take place tomorrow afternoon when the remains of Corp. Bowlan will be borne to the grave in the military cemetry at Esquimalt with full military honors. Gr. Ratcliffe will be buried, without ceremony, at the same place.

The military court of enquiry into the affair was continued yesterday, but nothing further was elicited and no further motive than Gr. Ratcliffe's resentment against the non-commissioned officer for reprimanding him for slight offences was shown.

The evidence of Gr. Smith was the first taken in the case of Corp. Bowlan by the coroner. Gr. Smith stated that he had gone from the six-inch gun on which he was working to the latrine at the back of the barrack room and while there he heard a shot. He came out and was covered with a rifle by Gr. Ratcliffe, who told him he had shot Corp. Bowlan and made him look at the body. He then told him to go into the kitchen and remain there. He did, and Ratcliffe moved away. He did not see him again alive.

Grs. Dodd and Robinson were at work on the six-inch gun when they saw Corp Bowlan in the keep at the highest part of the fortress. He called to them to come to the barrack room, ordering them to "double." They did, and when near the barrack room heard a rifle shot. Gr. Robinson deposed, so that just before the shot was fired he heard Bowlan say: "Drop that rifle." Directly the shot was fired they ran. They did not see Bowlan's body. They ran from the fort and gave the alarm.

A verdict of murder by Gr. Ratcliffe was returned and the other inquest was then proceeded with. Dr. Bapty, who made the post mortem examination, stated that he death was undoubedly due to suicide and Gr. Reardon, who was first of the skirmishing party which surrounded the murderer to come up to the body, gave evidence to that effect. A verdict of suicide was returned.

# RELIEVING CONGESTION

### Officials Remove to the Temporary Annex to Government Buildings Now in Service.

The converted annex to the provincial buildings, for which the old garage on Government street has been utilized, was yesterday officially visited and inspected by Premier McBride, Hon. Dr. Young and Hon. Mr. Taylor, preliminary to the moving in of various officials who are to be there accommodated with offices for the time being. These include the Bureau of Information, the Free Textbook Branch of the Educational Department, the Provincial Water Commissioner, and the Inspector of Boilers and Machinery. The equipment of the first named branch will include a handsome window display and well staged, if condensed, collection of representative provincial products, with all the usual accessories of a first class and modern information and tourists' bureau. All the new offices are spacious, well lighted, well heated with a steam plant of their own, and in every respect comfortable and convenient for their temporary uses. It is understood that there will also be erected on the Menzies street frontage, adjoining the Drill Hall, a temporary building for use as a printing house storeroom, this, as well as the Government street annex, being designed to relieve the departmental congestion pending arrangements for a general enlargement of the Parliament Buildings, concerning which legislation will be brought down during the forthcoming session.

# THE FORESTRY COMMISSION

### Report Will be Presented to Provincial Government on Tuesday Next.

Premier McBride has been advised that the report of the royal commission on forestry and kindred matters has been completed, and will be presented to the government on Tuesday next. It will be considered by the executive at its first meeting after the return of the ministers from the Nelson convention, and will undoubtedly form the basis of legislation for the better protection of the forests from fire and otherwise, to be presented to the legislature at its meeting in January. The forestry commission was composed of Mr. Fred J. Fulton, K. C., chairman; Mr. A. C. Flumerfelt of this city, and Mr. A. S. Goodeve, M. P., of Rossland. Sittings were held at all the various population centres throughout the province, a host of witnesses being examined who contributed an immense amount of practical information, from both the scientific and the commercial viewpoints, as to the matters under consideration.

### Another Drummond Election

QUEBEC, Nov. 12.—Jules Allard, minister of crown lands, will resign shortly, and an election will be brought on in Drummond county. Bourassa and his lieutenants will again enter field.

### Causes Long Delay

The clearing away of the big rockslide at Golden, which has been responsible for vexatious delays in the arrival of mails and passengers during the past week, is proving a heavier work than at first anticipated. Two train loads of passengers were stalled at either side of the slide for three days.

# CONSERVATIVE ASSN.

### List of Those Eligible to Represent Local Association at Nelson Gathering.

The local delegates to the Conservative convention in Nelson will leave tomorrow evening. All should secure their standard railway certificates at the C. P. R. ticket office prior to their departure.

The list includes: Mr. Leonard Tait, president of the Victoria Conservative Association, Mr. W. H. Price, hon. secretary; Messrs. A. G. Sargison, R. F. Green, H. G. Wilson, Reginald Hayward, W. Blakemore, T. S. McPherson, A. C. Burdick, Frank Davey, C. L. McCameron, Herbert Cuthbert, W. E. Staneland, J. Haggerty, W. Duck, C. H. Gibbons, A. J. Maynard, H. H. Maloney, S. Williams, Crawford Coates, J. W. Robinson, Aleck Watson, Jr., John Dean, J. L. Skene, A. Babbington, Jr., J. Holding, Ernest Brammer, G. Morris, Watson Clark, T. Redding, C. R. Kirk, G. Morphy, J. W. Croker, A. Berwick, C. S. Baxter, G. Fraser, H. Callow, J. Legg, Waldo Skillings and Guy Walker.

The following were chosen as alternates: Colonel E. G. Prior, Captain McIntosh and Messrs. J. S. H. Matson, H. Austin, J. L. Beckwith, H. B. Robertson, R. W. Perry, R. Eccles, J. H. Brown, H. Maynard, R. W. Hannington, C. M. Cookson, H. F. Bishop, W. C. Moresby, J. Morris, J. A. Mara, G. H. Maynard, J. A. Aikman, D. S. Tait, F. J. Riddell, Angus McKeown, J. Hammond, F. S. Barnard, G. A. Kirk, W. Mable, W. Ross, A. W. Millington, and H. Hirst.

# SEEKS COOPERATION OF OTHER PROVINCES

## Hon. Thomas Taylor Seeks Co-operation of Neighboring Governments in Grand Trunk Road Project

Hon. Thomas Taylor, Provincial Public Works Minister, has recently addressed important letters to Premier Sifton of Alberta, Premier Scott of Saskatchewan, and Hon. Mr. Rogers, of Manitoba, each of whom administers the department of works in his respective province, soliciting their cooperation in the construction of a Trans-Canadian trunk road and automobile highway, of which the British Columbia through trunk road will form an important and most picturesque portion. If the co-operation of the provinces can be secured—and Alberta is already carrying forward a road construction programme which fits in well with British Columbia's—Hon. Mr. Taylor will enjoy the worthy honor of having initiated construction of one of the most important and acceptable highway enterprises in all America, and which will constitute an enduring monument to the official career of "Good Roads Taylor."

# V. & S. TO MOVE WITHIN MONTH

## Local Railway Take Up Quarters at New Depot Site, Corner Herald and Blanchard Streets, Soon

In a month at the outside the V. & S. Railway company will vacate the Market building and make their local headquarters at the newly selected depot site on Blanchard street, corner of Herald and Fisguard streets.

The work on the new freight and passenger station, which is in the hands of Contractor Robert Dinsdale, is making excellent progress. The former is practically completed and all that remains to be done being the installation of the huge sliding doors. The modern offices designed for the use of Manager Van Sant and his staff as well as for the convenience of the public will not be ready for occupancy for a few months. However, meanwhile they will make use of a temporary structure thus enabling them to leave the Market building in the time indicated.

Today work will start in the grading and the laying of the double tracks from the main road on Pembroke on Blanchard street to Cormorant street. When this is complete, as it will be within the month, the trains will run direct to the new warehouses.

### Gives Six New Churches

One of the most handsome gifts ever made by a single individual to any church in British Columbia is that just announced of Mr. W. J. Walker of New Westminster to the Anglican body. Mr. Walker is presenting new churches to six places in the New Westminster district, which he will not only build, but also furnish and equip. One of these churches is at Port Kells, and is rapidly approaching completion, the consecration being arranged for next month. There are to be others at Brownsville, Cloverdale, South Surrey, Port Mann, and one other point yet to be announced.

# MURDER IS SUSPECTED

## Body of Unknown Man Found on Songhees Reserve—Circumstantial Evidence Pointing to Foul Play

Giving every indication that death had been the result of foul play, the body of a man, more or less decomposed, was found last night on the Indian reserve, at a point about 200 yards northwest of the E. & N. railway track and about 400 yards back from the waterfront. While the body must, from its condition, have lain where found for many days at least, the appearance of a hideous hole in the throat the upper edge of which was smooth as would be the case had the throat been gashed with some sharp instrument, and a neat, oval hole in the chin just below the right hand corner of the mouth, lead the police to believe that the unknown did not meet death at his own hands.

In addition, as if to indicate that robbery might have been the motive for the killing, the right hand pocket of the trousers was turned out and empty. The other pockets were also empty with the exception of the right hand pocket of the coat, in which was an almost empty tin of tobacco of the Will's Capstan brand and a small piece of lead pencil.

A hasty search of the clothing at an early hour this morning disclosed nothing which would lead to the identification of the unknown.

A peculiar feature of the case is that the wound in the throat had been greatly enlarged by vermin which swarmed in the cut and clothing. But the tell-tale, even, upper edge of the opening showed clearly that the initial wound had been a hideous gash.

When found, the body was in a half sitting posture, inclined slightly towards the right, with the arms dangling at the sides and the head thrown back, the whole position being such as a body would assume were it pitched back among the bushes. Alongside was an empty bottle which had contained Seagram's whiskey, a faint odor of which could still be detected.

The body was first discovered by an old Indian couple who were taking a short cut home through the bush. The woman made the discovery and her husband ran with haste to the E. & N. bridge and notified the bridge tender, Patrick Carroll, by whom the police were communicated with at midnight. Detectives Handley and Hutchinson took a boat across the Inner Harbor and following the directions of the Indians located the body, which was brought into the city to the undertaking rooms of the B.C. Funeral Furnishing Company, where the clothing was searched.

Such search as was possible by the aid of lights was made at and around the spot where the corpse was found, but nothing was found which would give a clue to the mystery, with the possible exception of a well-worn soft brown felt hat bearing several cuts or ragged holes.

The body is that of a white man, of any age between 25 and 30, well built, about 5 feet. 7 or 8 inches in height. The face was clean shaven, the hair was long, somewhat thin, and of a dark brown color. The color of the eyes could not be ascertained, but they protruded from the skull in a horrible manner.

The clothing consisted of a dark coat, vest and trousers, the latter tucked into a pair of thick grey woolen socks, such as are usually worn by loggers, and the heavy logger boots on the feet indicate that it was that occupation the deceased had followed. The hands show signs of decomposition.

Within the past year at least, the police authorities have had no report made to them of any missing persons who would answer to the description of the unknown. A further search of the locality where the body was found will be made at daylight this morning.

### Strange Stand of Society

The Royal Humane Society, unquestionable a most excellent institution although suffering from dry-rot and red-tapeism, has covered itself with anything but glory in its rejection of the application for a medal for the Indian, Johnnie Baker, through whose heroic endeavors three of the hapless pleasuring party on the yacht You-and-I were saved from death in the Narrows at Vancouver on the 18th of September last. The yacht capsized owing to rough water and the Indian went to the rescue in a frail canoe, wisely judging that he could save more lives thus than by swimming in the rapid water. That his good judgment and presence of mind saved three lives instead of one is not questioned, but the society officials have ruled that he is entitled to neither the medal nor the diploma because he did not swim, and the risk of his own life was thereby lessened. Three other applications for the reward of heroism in the Kootenays have been refused on somewhat similar grounds.

Mr. C. B. Foster, assistant general passenger agent of the C.P.R. at Vancouver has been transferred to Winnipeg where he will assume the duties of general passenger agent, Mr. H. W. Brodie of Winnipeg will succeed Mr. Foster as general passenger agent from Vancouver to Revelstoke, while the latter will have charge of the business from Winnipeg to Revelstoke. Before his departure the office staffs at Vancouver and Victoria presented Mr. Foster with a handsome gold watch. Mr. L. D. Chetham, local passenger agent of the C. P. R. went to Vancouver to be present at the farewell ceremonies and extend, on behalf of the local staff, congratulations to Mr. Foster on his advancement.

# ENGLISH AND SCOTCH FOOTBALL MATCHES

LONDON, Nov. 12.—The result of today's matches in the English and Scottish football leagues are as follows:

First division—Liverpool, 3; Preston North End, 0; Notts Forest, 4; Oldham Athletic, 1; Bury, 4; Middlesborough, 2; Woolwich Arsenal, 1; Sheffield Wednesday, 0; Blackburn Rovers, 2; Manchester City, 0; Aston Villa, 3; Newcastle United, 2; Sheffield United, 3; Tottenham-Hotspur, 0; Sunderland, 3; Bristol City, 1; Bradford City, 3; Everton, 1; Manchester United, 0; Notts County, 0.

Second division—Barnesley, 4; Fulham, 2; Blackpool, 5; Lincoln City, 1; Chelsea, 2; Birmingham, 2; Clapton Orient, 2; Huddersfield Town, 0; Derby County, 4; Bradford, 2; Glossop, 1; Bolton Wanderers, 2; Leeds City, 4; Gainsborough Trinity, 0; Leicester Fosse, 0; Hull City, 2; Stockport County, 4; Burnley, 2; Wolverhampton Wanderers, 2; West Bromich Albion, 3.

Southern division—Crystal Palace, 3; New Brompton, 2; Bristol Rovers, 1; Millwall Athletic, 0; Swindon Town, 2; Queens Park Rangers Exeter City, 0; Weatham United, 0; Brighton and Hove Albion, 3; Luton, 3; Northampton, 1; Portsmouth, 0; Brentford, 1; Coventry City, 0; Leyton, 1; South End United, 1; Watford, 1; Southampton, 1; Plymouth Argyle, 1.

Scottish league—Hamilton Academicals, 1; Hearts, 2; Hibernians, 3; Morton, 3; Dundee, 2; Aberdeen, 0; Airdriechonians, 0; Celtic, 0; Clyde, 1; Patrick Thistles, 2; St. Myren, 3; Queens Park, 1; Raith Rovers, 0; Motherwell, 1; Glasgow Rangers, 3; Kilmarnock, 0; Third Lanark, 3; Falkirk, 1.

The Arkansas State Federation of Labor is active in urging upon the people of that state an amendment to the constitution providing for the initiative and referendum.

# IS DEPRESSED AS END APPROACHES

## Allen, Condemned to Hang, Shows Effect of Worry Over His Approaching Death—Eats Little and is Silent

With the fatal day approaching on which he must pay the extreme penalty for the murder of Capt. Elliston, whom he shot to death in the barracks yard at Work Point, Gunner Allen confined in the death cell at the provincial goal is showing the effects of the confinement and worry over his approaching end. Within the last few days the condemned murderer has shown signs of his mental condition. His appetite has failed and he eats but little, the while continuously pacing his cell. He shows little interest in his surroundings and speaks little, if at all.

The execution as ordered by the court will take place on December 2. The petition which has been in circulation for some time and which has been largely signed asking the Department of Justice for a commutation of sentence to life imprisonment, will go forward to Ottawa in a few days.

In case the petition is refused by the Minister of Justice, the sentence of the court will be carried out. It is doubtful if Radcliffe, the official hangman, will perform his duties at the forthcoming hanging. His place will probably be taken by another man whose appointment to this grewsome office has been, it is stated, under contemplation for some time.

# AMERICAN FOOTBALL

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Nov. 12.—Whether Pennsylvania or Michigan has the better football team will not be known for at least another year, as these two elevens, each a leader in its section, fought a scoreless battle on Franklin park this afternoon before 18,000 persons.

If there was any advantage in the game, it was with Michigan, which several times outplayed Pennsylvania, but was unable to push the Quakers over the goal line. Twice the Wolverines crashed in the Pennsylvania line eight yards from the goal and each time the attack crumbled against the stone wall defense of the Pennsylvanians.

Pennsylvania had one good opportunity to score. It came in the second period. After getting the ball on downs Pennsylvania worked it to within striking distance and Thayer was brought into the game to drop a goal. The kick was blocked.

The forward pass did not figure to any extent in the game, fact it failed more than it succeeded.

SPOKANE, Nov. 12.—University of Washington, 16; Washington State College, 0.

CORVALLIS, Ore., Nov. 12.—University of Oregon, 12; Oregon Agricultural College, 0.

Tacoma High school, 33; Everett High, 15.

CHICAGO, Nov. 12.—The University of Illinois completed its conference football season at Evanston today by defeating Northwestern University 27 to 0, and thus registered an unbroken series of victories for the year.

CORVALLIS, Ore., Nov. 12.—The University of Oregon eleven today triumphed in the annual game of football over the Oregon Agricultural College team by the score of 12 to 0.

Current from the new Stave Lake power plant will be delivered in the Royal City.

# FEDERAL DELAY IN KEEPING PROMISES

## No Indication of When Much Needed Improvements in Victoria Harbor Will be Undertaken

Considerable dissatisfaction is expressed locally because the Dominion Government has up to the present failed to implement its promises in connection with the proposed improvements to Victoria harbor. Over eight months ago a delegation was sent to Ottawa by the local board of trade and among other matters of vital interest to Victoria brought before the Dominion ministers, with whom several interviews were had, was that of the much needed improvements in the harbor. On their return from Ottawa the members of the delegation reported that their representations in this instance had met with success. The Hon. W. Pugsley, Minister of public works, had promised that a sum in the neighborhood of $250,000 would be expended in improving Victoria harbor within the next two years. This sum was to include the purchase of two Lobnitz dredgers at a cost of $30,000 each. These dredgers, according to promises were to be worked night and day, being exclusively acquired for the purposes of the local harbor, until the inland waterways were in such shape as to require no further improvements.

Nothing is known locally as to whether these two Lobnitz dredges have as yet been even ordered. It was understood that they would be purchased in England and shipped out here in parts on board the Blue Funnel lingrs. At present the only work being carried on in the harbor is the deepening of the upper portion by the dredge Mudlark, while the dredge Ajax is at work in the steamboat channel. Both of these vessels are only working in the day time and as yet there is no indication of how or when the Dominion Government intends to spend the large sum promised in those improvements which are regarded by all shipping men as essential to the development of the port.

### A Fatal Deed

Some times even the attorney general receives communications that even Solomon himself could not make head or tail of. Such an epistle presented itself in the Nanaimo mail a day or so ago, being in the following terms:

"Mr. Bowser, torney general,

"Dear sir—I will just come to the point about this murder the man who saw the fatal blow struck he live in one in part The slayer strucks her in the breast and knocked her over the rail she was put to bed but never spoke again he says I will never testify against him he gave me the names of others who was their and was looking at the troubel on question there is 4 besides him I do not count no him this happened about 2 years ago this slayer in question have made other muderous attempts this last season and one may prove fatal better send a detective I will put him on the trail."

As this is the first correspondence in the matter, and a would puzzle the best of the Sherlock Holmes brigade to assign names, dates and particulars in the matter talked about.

### Witness Arrested for Perjury

Advices have reached the attorney general's department of a sequel to the recent killing of Billy Squalkum, the Douglas Lake Indian who assumed the role of highwayman near Merritt recently, in the arrest and committal for trial of John Davis, on a charge of perjury alleged to have been committed at the coroner's inquiry. The latter was conducted by Dr. Tuthill and was especially thorough and exhaustive, no fewer than five days being devoted to the hearing of a mass of evidence. The facts were plainly established that the dead Indian had violently attacked the two white hunters, Holdsworth and Snedden, demanding their money and striking first Holdsworth and then Snedden repeatedly with a heavy club. It was Snedden's intention when he fired merely to "scare away" the Indian, who had obviously been drinking freely; but the shot was an accidentally clean one, and the native, after riding away, was found lying dead on his back a short distance from the scene of the encounter. Testimony was offered leading to no other conclusion than that the party of Indians had got drunk on liquor taken to them on the reserve by one John Davis, a "squaw man" living there, and upon Davis' evidence being found to directly contradict that of a number of others, the coroner ordered his apprehension, and he was subsequently committed on a perjury charge. The jury at the inquest "honorably discharged" Snedden, who had fired the fatal shot, declaring that it had been solely in self-defence and that Snedden's own life was in jeopardy at the time.

### Alleged British Spies

LONDON, Nov. 12.—The British foreign office has applied to the government of Germany for permission to be represented at the trial in December of the alleged British spies, Capt. B. F. Trench of the Royal Marines and Lieut. V. H. Brandon of the Royal navy.

### Schenck Will Recover.

WHEELING, W. Va., Nov. 12.—John O. Schenck, the millionaire pork packer, who is alleged to have been poisoned with arsenic, will recover, according to his physician, Dr. F. I. Hupp, tonight, although his recovery will be slow. All communication with Mrs. Schenck is forbidden, and her attorney tonight issued a statement denying rumors that she had made a confession of any wrongdoing.



# SHOOTS COMRADE THEN SUICID

## Gunner Ratcliffe Shoots C poral Bowlan at F Macaulay—Surrounded, Takes Own Life

When about to place Gunner R iffe of No. 5 Company, R. C. G. under arrest for breach of discip shortly before noon yesterday C John Bowlan, in charge of the su of four men at Macaulay Point w shot and killed by Ratcliffe. The in derer afterward killed himself, wh his ammunition was almost expend after standing at bay against armed party of thirty-five men und Capt. Lindsay, which fired about th ty rounds. Several narrow escap were had by the party from the ba racks which surrounded him, bull whistling dangerously near to Ser Majors Clements and Farley a Sergt. Elton. The murderer left a co fession written on a small piece notepaper at the gate of the fortress where it was found after his death This read:

"I, Chas. Ratcliffe, shot and kille Corp. Bowlan for a good reason. Dow and out myself.—C. Ratcliffe."

The condition of the barrack roo at the entrance to which Corp. Bow lan was shot down—his body lay yet tering in blood sprawled across th cement paving when the troops ar rived—indicates that a struggle oc curred there. The mark of the out end of a rifle in the plaster would in dicate that a struggle for a rifle ha taken place. There is every indicatio —although neither of the men live to tell it—that a battle had take place there between the gunner and the corporal who had gone out to call an escort to have the former placed under arrest.

Corp. Bowlan went to the keep of the fortress and called to Gunners Robinson and Dodd who were working on the guns to come to the barrack room. They started to walk and he ordered them to "double up." As they neared the barrack room they heard a shot and on turning the corner to the barrack room they saw Corp. Bowlan's corpse sprawled across the paving at the entrance in a pool of blood, welling from the back of the head.

Gunner Smith, who had been in an outhouse when he heard the shot fired, walked out to the barrack room and as he neared the door of Gunner Ratcliffe covered him with a rifle.

"Come and see what I've done to Bowlan," said Ratcliffe. "I warned him before."

Gunner Smith looked at the body, sprawled out crucifix-with its grueseme surrounding and Ratcliffe came at him with the rifle cocked, saying:

"You get into the kitchen and stay there until I tell you to come out. I'm going to get the other two."

While Gunner Smith ran across to the kitchen Gunner Ratcliffe shouted to him that Corp. Bowlan had sent for an escort to run him into the guard room.

Gunners Robinson and Dodd when they turned the corner and caught sight of Corp. Bowlan's body, after hearing the rifle shot a moment before, turned and ran, Robinson running out from the fortress to give the alarm. Before turning the corner, just prior to the shot being fired, Gunner Robinson heard Corp. Bowlan say: "Put down that rifle."

### Indications of Struggle.

The condition of the barrack room and the stories of the only men who were near the tragedy would indicate that Corp. Bowlan had been attacked by Gunner Ratcliffe, who resented the reprimands of the corporal. There had been a struggle and then Corp. Bowlan had determined to put Ratcliffe under arrest. He went to call an escort to do this and returned to the barracks, being shot down in the door way by Ratcliffe as he entered. The bullet entered at the left cheek bone and tore away the back of the skull, killing him instantly.

The motive for the murder seems to have been resentment by Ratcliffe at being spoken to by Corp. Bowlan for breach of discipline. The couple had been seemingly the best of friends until recently Bowlan and Ratcliffe had some words over the latter's dog howling at night and interrupting the corporal's sleep. The two had attended the banquet given by the city to welcome the crew of H. M. C. S. Rainbow at the Drill Hall the previous evening and Ratcliffe had been spoken to by Corp. Bowlan for being boisterous. Ratcliffe returned to the fort yesterday morning and was again reprimanded for being noisy when he arrived, and also for having his kitchen dirty. When Corp. Bowlan reprimanded him, one of the other gunners heard Ratcliffe say:

"Now, you've had your say; I'm going to do as I like."

When Corp. Bowlan went to the guns afterward he was depressed and, spoken to about his depression, told one of the bombardiers that he had had to "jump" Gunner Radcliffe. When some further talk occurred on his return to the barrack room it seems that he concluded to place Ratcliffe under arrest and before the escort came the tragedy occurred.

After sighting the body of Corp. Bowlan, Gunner Robinson ran from the fort, and Dodd dodged back to take cover. Gunner Robinson ran across Macaulay plain to give the alarm. He met Sergt.-Major Clements and told him that Corp. Bowlan had been killed and Gunner Ratcliffe was holding the fort with a rifle. Clements and Ratcliffe were then within shouting distance from the fort and the murderer came to the fence and shouted: "Now I am ready for anyone." Word was sent to the barracks and Capt. Lindsay and Lieut. Cockburn at once started with a party of thirty or forty men, hurriedly gathered, each armed with a Ross rifle and supplied with ammunition. The party was split up and widely extended. It worked its way forward slowly, taking what cover could be secured in