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WORK DONE BY
HYDROGRAPHERSADVERSE WEATHER
ENCOUNTERED IN NORTHParties From Steamer Lillooet
Did Considerable Sounding
During Summer.

The past season has been a poor one for the hydrographic surveys. The steamer Lillooet has been in the north about six months and in all that time there were not two months of weather when it was possible to work. A camping party in the mouth of the Skeena did a good deal of work in the time they were able to be out, but the other party on the steamer found it very difficult to find their landmarks. The main work done was the sounding of nearly eight miles of the mouth of the Skeena, the continuation of the work in Dixon Entrance, the surveying of Masset Inlet as far as the basin, and the placing of Ohio rock. While Captain Macgregor had charge of the work from the steamer Lillooet, H. D. Parizeau and L. Davies undertook the work in the Skeena. They worked from a camp on shore, using launches. The work was done in the month of August, the continuation of the work in Dixon Entrance, the surveying of Masset Inlet as far as the basin, and the placing of Ohio rock. The soundings taken are twice as many as were taken in the last year and four times as many as it is possible to place on the ordinary navigating charts.

Later, Messrs. Parizeau and Davies and their camps to Lewis Island, where some triangulation work was done from the south part of Chatham Sound to Stuart Anchorage on Grenville Channel and Alpha Bay on Orford Channel.

In Dixon Entrance the area sounded covers a distance of about twenty miles by fifteen miles between Rose Spit and Cape Chacon. This was the most difficult work because the mountains were most of the time covered with clouds. There were only a few days when it was possible to work, but during those days from daylight to dark the boats were out and the men usually engaged. During October the party were engaged in completing the survey of Masset Channel. The steamer was left on the outside and a big launch was hired, the whole of the two days' work was done as far as the basin being sounded and deep water found. Eleven fathoms was the shallowest part of the centre of the channel, ranging all the way to five fathoms.

The last work done was at Ohio rock. This rock was found to be half a cable from shore with nine feet of water over it at low water. Not much help is visible there and the position of the rock cannot be noticed except during very slack water. There is deep water all around it.

The offices of the hydrographic department have again been opened in the block over the C. P. R. ticket office, where the charts from the surveys will be completed.

LABOR LEADERS LOSE APPEAL.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 16.—The circuit court of appeals has denied the petition of President Gomper, Vice-President Morrison and Secretary Morrison, of the American Federation of Labor, to stay the issuance of the mandate until July 22nd, thereby giving the labor leaders more time to perfect their appeal to the supreme court.

Unless the supreme court intervenes, the mandate will be issued next Saturday.

FUGITIVE ENDS LIFE.

St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 16.—Chief of Detectives Smith has partially identified as Al Slander, the boy fugitive who committed suicide late Saturday when surrounded by detectives endeavoring to arrest him. Slander was one of the robbers who attacked a clerk at the Canadian Express Company at Niagara Falls, Ont., November 4th, when sacks containing \$14,000 in Canadian currency were stolen. Detectives were seeking to arrest Slander on the charge of robbing the Rainey River branch of the Nova Scotia bank at Rainey River, Ont.

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THE DOCTOR: "Ah! yes, reddish and feverish. Give him a Spoonman's Powder and he will soon be all right."

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IT WAS CASSIDY'S
RING BUT NOT BODYStranger Drowned in Scotland
Has Keys and Ring of
Lawyer's.

Vancouver, Nov. 15.—Some little time ago the body of a man, a stranger to the district, was thrown ashore by the waves on the east coast of Scotland, and the only mark of identification upon it was a ring and key inscribed with the name of Robert Cassidy, barrister, Winnipeg. This was the only mark of identification at first, but by the time the coroner's inquest was held it had been established that the body was that of Sober Watkin Tate, aged 55 years, who had been a prospector in British Columbia and had travelled in Australia and South Africa. In the latter country deceased had a sunstroke which had affected his mind and the coroner's jury returned a verdict of suicide while temporarily insane.

The possession of the key of a former Winnipegger, now of Vancouver, was explained by one of the witnesses, who said that these articles had been the possession of the deceased for many years, that he had had business dealings with Mr. Cassidy in earlier days in respect to specifications, and often spoke of him.

It was communicated with at the time of the inquest when asked about the matter, "for my London agents at first thought that it was I who had been drowned. It was most extraordinary that the only marks of identification upon him when recovered from the water, were a ring and key with my name. I have found some difficulty in tracing my connection with the man; in fact, I have never fixed him yet, but I meet so many people. How he came by the ring I don't know. I don't suppose I could have given it to him."

NEW PRESIDENT OF
PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE
Judge Graham Succeeds Col.
Ewing—Will Not Sell
Portland Territory.

San Francisco, Cal., Nov. 16.—Superior Judge Thomas F. Graham, of this city, was elected president of the Pacific Coast Baseball League last night after many other names had been presented. Judge Graham was finally accepted by the directors as a compromise candidate. The others mentioned to succeed Col. Ewing as head of the league were Fielder A. Jones, Harris Allen and George Robertson, all of Portland, and William Lang, of this city.

Before electing their president, the directors adopted a resolution in answer to an offer from the Northwest League, concerning the Portland territory, declaring that the territory was not for sale at any price. It was also decided that the number of clubs in the league would be the same as last year, and the discussion of the future of the Portland territory occupied the meeting to the exclusion of the election of the other officers.

The only action taken by the directors was the awarding of the pennant to the San Francisco club.

HENRY TO PROSECUTE IN
OREGON LAND CASESAppointed Assistant Attorney-
General by the U. S.
Government.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 16.—Formal announcement was made at the department of justice yesterday of the appointment of Francis J. Heney as assistant attorney-general to represent the government in the Oregon land cases.

Portland, Ore., Nov. 16.—The report that Francis J. Heney has been re-appointed an assistant attorney-general to prosecute the remaining land fraud cases in Oregon, created a sensation here. The most important case that Heney will have to try is that of the government against Blinger Hermann, ex-congressman and formerly commissioner of the general land office at Washington.

The indictment against Hermann charges conspiracy to obtain fraudulent lands in the Blue mountain forest reserve. Hermann was tried on a charge of defacing government records about two years ago with Heney as prosecutor for the government, but was acquitted.

There are a large number of land cases on the calendar of the federal court of this district, but it is understood at the office of the United States district attorney here that a greater portion of these will be dismissed as almost four years have elapsed since most of the indictments were returned.

MUST STAND TRIAL.

Oklahoma City, Okla., Nov. 16.—Judge Marshall yesterday overruled the demurrers to the fraud indictments imposed on ex-Governor Charles M. Haskell and other prominent businessmen of Muskogee in connection with the town lots cases. This means that Haskell and the other defendants must go on trial on the indictments. This is the second time Haskell has been indicted for the alleged fraud. The first indictment returned against him was dismissed on Haskell's objection that the indictment returned by the grand jury was faulty.

NATIONAL APPLE SHOW.

Spokane, Wash., Nov. 16.—The doors of the second national apple show were thrown open yesterday when President Taft touched a golden key in the White House. A million and a half apples of all varieties are on exhibition. The show covers more than ten acres of space.

LITTLE MONEY
FOR STREETSONLY \$4,000 NOW
IN THE TREASURYCity Engineer Topp Explains
Situation to City
Council.

That the city has only \$4,000 available for the work of maintaining the streets in proper shape before the incoming council makes an additional appropriation and that this sum is entirely inadequate was pointed out by the city engineer, C. H. Topp, at yesterday night's meeting of the city council.

Mr. Topp reported that he had placed G. H. Bryson, the recently appointed assistant engineer, in charge of the outside construction work, principally on pavement and local improvements. He said further that with the small sum at his disposal he could not guarantee that the streets would be attended to as they ought to be. At the beginning of the present year he had been granted the sum of \$84,300 for maintenance. Of this, \$12,038 has been taken for plant, surface drains, etc., so the appropriation for maintenance amounted to \$72,262, and of this latter sum but \$4,000 is left, whereas there should be about \$16,000 if the appropriation had not been reduced by the purchase of plant. He would divide the city into districts, appointing a foreman in charge of each, who would be directly responsible to James Pusey, who would be in charge of maintenance. All brick, granite, block, and other permanent roadways would be under the direct control of the engineer's department, and such foremen as necessary would be appointed as required by the amount of work in hand. All macadam roads, cement sidewalks, gutters, etc., would be placed under one head responsible to the engineer. As regards surface drainage, this would be transferred to the sewer foreman, bringing all pipe laying and trenching under one head.

Ald. Turner wanted to know what had become of the extra \$10,000 which the council had decided to give Mr. Topp, in addition to the \$64,000 which he mentioned in his report. He reminded the board that the engineer had stated he would require an extra \$20,000 and the matter had been compromised by the council agreeing to give \$10,000. He thought it strange that the engineer should refer to \$64,000 when he had got \$74,000.

Mayor Hall said he remembered that when the rate was struck the council had agreed to strike out the extra \$10,000, and therefore it had not been appropriated.

Ald. Turner was surprised at this. He knew nothing about the extra \$10,000 having been struck out. Or one of the surveyors went out from Winnipeg last year when meeting walls of solid rock, and the consequence was that it zigzags through the canyon, taking much the same course as that pursued by the river in its tortuous way. Currie follows curve all the way through the canyon, and many of them are very sharp.

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FOR HOME AND
FOREIGN MISSIONSMembers of New Westminster
Churches Will Try to
Raise \$13,500.

New Westminster, Nov. 15.—The church members of the city of New Westminster will make an active attempt to raise \$13,500 for home and foreign mission purposes. This decision was reached at a banquet in connection with the Laymen's Missionary movement. Fully 150 men from practically all the churches of the city attended this banquet and proved themselves enthusiastically in favor of this great movement which is sweeping over the country.

MURDER AND SUICIDE.

Murderer Shoots Himself After Sur-
rendering to Officer.

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2. Re communication of A. Lineham, desiring that a wooden sidewalk be constructed on Cook street from May street to Dallas road.

Recommended that the writer be informed that the council is opposed to the laying down of any more wooden sidewalks, but should the owners of the property to be benefited by the construction of this walk agree to pay the entire cost of same, the city will have the work done.

Recommended that the following sub-division plans be approved by the council, viz.:
a. Plan of sub-division of sections 12, 13 and 14, block J, Fairfield Farm estate.
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BIG DEAL HAS
BEEN COMPLETEDGroup of Spokane Capitalists
Secure Property Near
Princeton.

Princeton, Nov. 15.—The United Empire is the scene of considerable mining activity just now, resultant from the deal put through by F. G. Galland, representing Spokane capital, in building a road one mile to enable shipments by rail to be made, will be increased to 100 men within a few months as accommodations are provided and the coal and ore properties developed.

Mr. Galland is thoroughly conversant with the work he has in hand. He will reside on the property.

While no figures are available it may be reasonably inferred that a deal including nearly 5,000 acres of valuable agricultural land, nearly all of which has a productive capability of either coal or ore, must involve a price consideration of about one hundred and fifty thousand dollars. There are reports of a smelter and cement works, along with other industries, being in the programme of the new owners. The acquisition of important water rights point seen to give some credence to these reports. In any case active and energetic operations have begun, which foreshadow development along businesslike and progressive lines.

MILLION DOLLARS FOR
IMPROVEMENTS OF ROADCanadian Pacific Preparing for
Work Along the
Fraser.

Vancouver, Nov. 15.—Surveys have been completed for a million dollars' worth of reconstruction work on the line of the C. P. R. between Lytton and a point to the west of Hope. The line is to be straightened and the grades reduced in order that passenger and freight traffic may be handled more expeditiously and at less cost than is possible at present.

The distance embraced in the location surveys just finished is between 65 and 70 miles, and both the Thompson and cascade sections will be affected. The principal part of the reconstruction will be performed in the famous Fraser canyon, through which the railway runs for about 61 miles. Every inch of the line through the canyon was cut out of solid rock, and the cost per mile averaged approximately \$80,000. Despite the heavy expenditure on this section of the railway, the road was permitted to follow the line of least resistance when meeting walls of solid rock, and the consequence was that it zigzags through the canyon, taking much the same course as that pursued by the river in its tortuous way. Currie follows curve all the way through the canyon, and many of them are very sharp.

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CONSERVATIVES
HOLD RALLYTWENTY-THREE HEAR
CANDIDATES TALKCity's Old Representatives
Have Hard Time to Show
Labor Sympathies.

Outside the eight speakers, the caretaker and two newspaper men, there was just the skidno number of twenty-three at Semple's hall, Victoria West, on Monday to listen to the three Conservative candidates and their friends. In the "audience" were two ladies.

The Conservative party went to Victoria West to lay the policy of the government before the people and took eight speakers along, so that the total attendance in the hall, the speakers numbered almost one-third. The eight spoke to the twenty-three and eleven rows of empty benches in front. On one of the side benches there was a working man who handed up to Henry Behnen and H. B. Thomson their records in the last parliament, and showed the audience that in 1907 the candidates had not voted for the eight-hour day bill, and the dangerous employment bill; in 1908 they voted against the dangerous employment bill, the eight-hour bill, the eight-hour shipyard bill and the fortnightly pay roll bill, and in 1909 against the eight hours in mines and the amendment to the election act.

The working man asked: "Why does Mr. Thomson ask for the working man's vote when he has voted down the workmen's measures?" Continuing, he asked Mr. Thomson how he could find such an inconsistent position. Mr. Thompson's reply was that he represented the greater majority in parliament and had voted in the interest of the greater number.

"Then you won't get the working man's vote," interrupted the speaker. He further questioned Mr. Thompson's ability as a horseman by asking: "Can any man ride two horses at once, especially if they are running in opposite directions?"

The same speaker was on his feet instantly when Henry Behnen, the candidate for the Conservative party, said: "Labor delegations have always been received at the parliament house." The questioner asked: "What measure did you introduce that supported the working class?"

Mr. Behnen's reply was: "There is no one in the room that has worked harder than I have."

The questioner: "Answer my question." Mr. Behnen: "I have worked hard all my life."

To this questioner "Did you support the eight-hour bill? Did you vote for the dangerous employment bill? Here is your record," and he handed up a statement of how the candidate had voted on labor measures during the last three sessions.

Mr. Behnen: "Yes I did." The questioner: "Did you not try to disfranchise the working man?" To this question there was no answer as the chairman interrupted and called on the next speaker.

Leonard Tait, the chairman, in opening the meeting said the McBride government was on its record words of support, and that with the construction of the Barkley Sound railway island development would follow. The McBride railway policy he said was clear and ought to appeal to every man on the island. Unlimited resources were dormant without a railway. The road would mean increase of wages, settlement and homes on the island.

Henry Behnen said that since opening the campaign he had gone into the fight clean handed, and would not cast slurs. He hoped the Liberals would treat him likewise. He told electors that twenty miles from Victoria there was a mining property that had been idle since 1887. Engineers had examined it 22 years ago. With railways the property would have been opened and iron furnaces worked. The property is in the Sooke district, and there were others in Quatsino district. The property had a 15 to 30 feet ledge, and had assayed from 61 to 75 per cent. With \$200,000 would be spent, and if the foundry manufactured steel plates an additional \$8,000,000 would be spent, and work given to thousands at high wages. Two years ago a move had been made to establish a foundry, but it had fallen through. On the west coast he said there were 30 odd prospecting licenses, and he felt sure coal would be found. With respect to the "Reds" he said the outlook in the province was most gratifying, and he couldn't see a constituency which would return a Liberal.

He then went on to tell of his work for the labor interests, but was immediately taken up with adverse questions by a working man in the hall. H. Fessenden, the next speaker, said he had been two years here, and had been closely connected with the discussion on the C. N. R. in Manitoba. He claimed the Liberals had been making reckless statements, but he would not make any statement he could not prove. He held that in ten years there would be tremendous changes on Vancouver Island. There was no excuse for Mr. O'Connell, of the Saturday Sun, in the recent C. N. R. taking, as under the laws of Canada, all railways had to lodge a statement of its affairs with the government annually, and in that statement the C. N. R. for 1904 showed a net earning of