

TIMBER SOLD AT COWICHAN LAKE

C. P. R. DISPOSES OF REMAINING TRACTS

American Capital Invests and Will Use Proposed Branch Line.

(From Monday's Daily.)

A timber deal involving well on to a million dollars has been completed by which a syndicate of United States capitalists has acquired the timber lands about Cowichan lake, which were formerly held by the C. P. R. as a part of the E. & N. land grant. The sale of the timber is said to be conditional upon the early construction of the Cowichan lake branch of the railway.

The C. P. R. has long desired to build to the timber lands of Cowichan lake for a double purpose. One is to secure the trade which the conveying of the timber to salt water would entail, and the other is for the purpose of saving the Cowichan river as a fishing river. The floating of logs down the stream has had a disastrous effect upon the river as a fishing place. The logs tear up the bed of the river in places, and do inestimable damage in that way. The C. P. R. is interested in preserving the good qualities of the Cowichan as a fishing river, and when it was proposed to construct this line of railway a proposition was made to the owners of timber lands in the district to be reached to use the railway instead of floating logs down the river. Satisfactory arrangements it is said have been made, and by the selling of the remaining timber held there the use of the proposed railway as a means of transportation is assured.

The company has about completed the location of the line, which will reach the E. & N. main line a few miles out of the centre of Duncan. The timber will be brought over this line to salt water probably where it will be manufactured into lumber for shipment. In all its negotiations for extensions of the E. & N. the C. P. R. Company has recognized that for some time to come the great source of freight will be the timber of the island. This was recognized in connection with the Alberni extension, and there lumber companies were negotiated with before the extension was decided upon so that the railway might have an assurance of traffic.

POLITICAL CRISIS IN TURKEY

(Continued from page 1.)

"Despotism."

Constantinople, Feb. 15.—(Later.)—The dismissal of Kiamil Pasha from the post of Grand Vizier has caused considerable political unrest, and the public feeling is excited by what is characterized as the despotism of the young Turkish committee. Up to the present time, there have been no actual disturbances, but yesterday in some quarters of the city pistol shots were heard, and there was more or less of a panic.

Bad Impression in England.

London, Feb. 15.—The dismissal of Kiamil Pasha has created a decidedly bad impression in England of the stability of the new Turkish regime. The Young Turks up to the present time have commanded the strongest support here. It is apparent that the constitutional government is trying to make believe that the country is in reality being managed, as was France during the revolution, by the committee of union and progress. Many members of parliament are described as voting against Kiamil Pasha, at the command of the committee contrary to their own judgment. The real reasons for the Grand Vizier's downfall are not yet understood here.

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VANCOUVER HOSPITAL.

Erection of Additional Wing is Urged at Annual Meeting.

Vancouver, Feb. 11.—In the absence of Campbell Sweeney, W. F. Salsbury officiated in the position of chairman at the annual meeting of the governors of the General Hospital, held last night. Mr. Sweeney's annual report stated that the increase of the hospital days from 47,788 in 1907, to 54,940 in 1908, approximates an average of 20 additional beds occupied daily during the year. This also shows that the institution is taxed to its capacity, and that the erection of the southeast wing will not be undertaken a day too soon. The general balance sheet shows that in addition to the deficit of \$2,550.40 on the operating account, there has been expended during the year the sum of \$6,308.88 for what is termed emergency expense on capital account, and this makes a total of \$8,858.28 carried to the profit and loss column.

Mr. Salsbury and Mr. Robertson, whose terms of office as governors had expired, were both re-elected by acclamation. The incoming governors in place of Mr. Sweeney and Dr. Tunstall are Dr. A. S. Munro and Dr. William Murray.

During the year 2,335 patients have been treated at the hospital, and of these 2,008 have been residents of the city, while 327 have come from various parts of British Columbia.

PLAN TO REORGANIZE DOMINION COPPER CO.

Committee Formed at Boston Will Submit Proposal to Those Interested.

Phoenix, Feb. 11.—Information comes from Boston that a committee appointed some months ago to formulate some plan for the reorganization of the Dominion Copper Company, is about to submit a plan to those interested. The company, now in the hands of the court, has outstanding \$500,000 of bonds, with \$25,000 of unpaid interest thereon, \$100,000 of floating debt, and 500,000 shares of stock, par \$10.

The plan to be submitted by the committee is as follows: The committee to purchase the property at foreclosure sale and transfer it to the New Dominion Copper Company, which shall issue the following securities: \$500,000 of city only desired to acquire the rights of the company, which shall be convertible into stock at par, \$5 per share, 250,000 shares of common stock of a par value of \$5 per share.

Present bondholders will take new stock on their bonds on the basis of 210 shares of new stock for each \$1,000 bond. This will absorb 168,000 shares of new stock. Creditors will receive 20,000 shares of new stock in the proportion of twenty shares for each \$100. Present stockholders upon turning in their stock and subscribing at par for the new bonds on the basis of \$100 of bonds for each 100 of present shares will receive, in addition to the bonds subscribed for, ten shares of new stock for each 100 shares of present stock, this calling for 50,000 shares. Underwriters will receive 12,000 shares of the new stock, which will account for the entire 250,000 shares.

The new bonds are to be paid for in four installments, beginning February 25th and ending May 25th, 25 per cent. monthly. The cash requirements of the plan have been underwritten.

EXECUTIVE HEARS LABOR DELEGATES

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5. The desirability of the government taking steps to have the sanatorium at Tranquille taken over, and having same operated and maintained as a free public institution.

6. The establishing of a provincial bureau of statistics.

7. All government work to be done by day labor.

8. Asking the government to extend the scope of the act exempting the funds of labor unions from attachment, to realty and all other property of such organizations.

9. Recommending to the government assistance to night schools.

10. Favoring the granting of licenses to hand loggers.

11. To ask the government to establish the following conditions governing employment on all works and industries in this province:

(a) A legal day of not more than 8 hours, or not more than 6 days per week.

(b) Minimum wage.

(c) Payment of wages at intervals not greater than two weeks.

12. Where the government is urged upon the government the necessity of it assuming the ownership and operation of public utilities, such as coal mines, telephones, canneries, etc.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

B. P. PETTIPiece, Chairman B. C. Executive.

H. GIBSON, Victoria.

C. SIVERTZ, Victoria.

R. A. STONEY, New Westminster.

Premier McBride and his colleagues assured the delegates that all the above matters would receive the government's serious consideration. Chairman Pettipiece and a number of the other mainland delegates will remain in the city for some days, and will continue to urge the government along the lines suggested in the above petition.

COSTLY FIRE AT SUMNER. Sumner, Miss., Feb. 11.—Fire which started late last night partly destroyed the business portion of Sumner. The loss was \$200,000.

—Friday night after the installation of officers of St. Andrew's No. 39, A. F. and A. M., a banquet was held in the Empress hotel. A number of members from the other Masonic lodges in the city were present and nearly 50 sat down to dinner.

HARBOR NEEDS AT VANCOUVER

TIME EXTENSION IN FALSE CREEK SCHEME

Opposition Aroused to Further Delay in Expropriation of Property.

(From Monday's Daily.)

Practically shut off from the open sea on Burrard-Inlet the city of Vancouver has for years had a scheme on hand for the making of a harbor in False Creek. The creek is the property of the city and it has since 1904 had the power to expropriate the foreshore right of the proprietors along the shores of the creek.

There is a bill before the legislature this session to extend the time within which the city may proceed to carry out expropriation proceedings, to which opposition is being offered by some of the owners, and in a quiet way it is understood, by the C. P. R. The matter came up this morning in the private bills committee, when there was a large array of Vancouverites for and against the extension. During the morning A. H. B. Macgowan, the city member in charge of the bill, was deluged with telegrams asking his support for one side or other. He must have received half a hundred messages.

City Solicitor Macdonald pointed out the importance of giving the city the extension of time asked for by it for the carrying out of its extensive False Creek development scheme. Mayor Douglas explained that the city owns the bed of the creek by quit claim deed from the Dominion and provincial governments. The developing of this property would be of the greatest importance to the city as it would give control over harbor rates and would enable the entry of additional railways. Owners of property along the shore would not suffer, as any property required from the city would be expropriated at its value when expropriation took place.

Ald. John Macmillan went into the history of the scheme. He said the city only desired to acquire the riparian rights of owners along the waterfront and not any land at all. It had so many large outlays to make in the near future that it was not able immediately to go on with its harbor plans.

A. H. B. Macgowan considered that the municipal representatives had made a strong case for an extension of time. In early days of the creek waterfront of Vancouver had been legislated away, but under the False Creek scheme there was a great opportunity to build up a harbor and it should not have time to carry out its plans.

A. H. Macneil, K. C., on behalf of the V. V. & E. railway, stated that the company owned nine-tenths of the property which would be affected and was quite agreeable to the extension being granted.

E. A. Brown, of the Great Northern railway, also expressed consent. Joseph Martin, K. C., for the owners on the north shore of the creek, denied that they opposed or blocked the scheme but they protested against having to wait six years longer with the likelihood of expropriation hanging over them. The city should be able to carry out its expropriation proceedings within ninety days, and at most it should not get more than a year. If it had not the money the railway would advance it.

E. Y. Bodwell, K. C., followed along similar lines. He argued that owing to the indefinite nature of the action of the city the owners were unable to conduct their business. The city should say now if it intended to go on with the expropriation necessary. He declared that the whole thing was an effort to beat down prices for the benefit of a foreign railway company.

C. J. Peters endorsed all the two previous counsel had stated.

Mr. Macneil contradicted the statement that the railway would furnish the city with funds. All the money required would have to be raised by the city in the regular way.

Mr. Howard and Mr. Macdonald both repudiated the idea that there was any collusion between the city and the railway. Mr. Macdonald said the time might be made four years.

The committee will consider the matter.

Vancouver also asked for the power to conduct a telephone business if, at any time, it so desired.

W. T. Farrell, president of the B. C. Telephone Co., asked the committee, if it gave the right, to put in a clause empowering the city to take over the property of the B. C. Telephone Co. at a price to be fixed by arbitrators.

City Solicitor Macdonald said the city did not want the power asked if it was to have such a clause attached to it. The matter will be further considered.

MASONS INSTALL OFFICERS. Retiring Master of St. Andrew's Lodge Presented With Founder's Jewel.

The annual installation of officers of St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 39, A. F. & A. M., took place in the Masonic temple, Douglas street, the ceremony being performed by Right Worshipful Grand Master W. K. Houston assisted by grand lodge officers. The officers followed: I. P. M., Wor. Bro. P. J. Riddell; W. M., Bro. G. T. Fox; S. W., Bro. E. Leason; J. W., Bro. A. F. Griffiths; Sec., Bro. H. D. Tilly; Treas., Bro. C. D. Veltch; S. D., Bro. R. Angus; J. D., Bro. H. J. Wasson; I. G., Bro. A. C. Burdick; S. S., Bro. E. C. Hayward; J. S., Bro. J. H. McGregor; Dir. of C., Bro. T. H. Hewlings; Chap., Bro. J. F. Floyd; Tyler, Bro. F. Hillager; Organist, Bro. W. W. Duncan.

After the ceremony Wor. Bro. Riddell, the retiring master, was presented with a founder's jewel. The presentation was made on behalf of the lodge by Bro. R. F. Green, and was suitably responded to by Wor. Bro. Riddell.

RUSHING STREET WORK.

Large Force of Men Employed at Prince Rupert.

The Prince Rupert Empire says: The street work is underway with close to 100 men on the payroll. The force will be increased to 200 within a month, and Contractor Cameron, who is on the ground, having arrived from Victoria on the Princess Beatrice, is satisfied with the progress made while he was away. The sidewalk on which lumber will be unloaded is finished except the decking; 400 feet of mudfills for plank-ed roads have been placed; two cuts have been opened on McBride street, one 25 feet wide and the other 94 feet (the full width of the street), the last being 35 feet deep in one place. A cut has been opened on Second avenue, and preparations are being made to open two others, one of them at Market Place and Second avenue. The work of renaming the streets is progressing under the supervision of a committee of the Shavallians Club. Having used the names of the members of the McBride government, not excepting the name of the president of the council, the names of eminent dead and living Canadians are now being used. Lasalle, Drummond, Macdonald, Pappin, Cabot, Parker, Brown, Howe, Macdonald, Laurier, Borden, and even John Knox are to have streets named in their honor. The leading cities, like Montreal, Toronto, Halifax, St. John's, Hamilton, and Kingston will have streets named after them.

MAKING EXCELLENT PROGRESS ON G. T. P.

Work Trains Will Be in-Operation to Aberdeen by Mid-summer.

In December 2,800 men were at work on the G. T. P. grade between Prince Rupert and the mouth of Copper river—100 miles, says the Prince Rupert Empire. The bad weather in January caused some of the men to quit, but it is safe to say 2,400 men are still at work. At Prince Rupert two steam shovels are doing good work on the rock cuts on the first mile. The next four miles is two-thirds done, and the contractors (Backus & Co.) have another seven miles covered with men and the work going ahead in good shape. They have 400 men employed. Angus Stewart on Mile 6 is reported as making satisfactory progress, and Rankin & Flannigan, who have steam-shovel fills to make at the north end of Porpoise harbor, are getting things in shape. Midsummer should see the grade from Prince Rupert to Aberdeen so far completed that work trains may be worked to advantage.

YOUNG WOMEN'S WORK.

Board of Directors of Y. W. C. A. Hold Monthly Meeting.

The board of directors of the Young Women's Christian Association held their regular monthly meeting on Friday last, with the president in the chair, and nine members present. Miss Gilbert, the general secretary, was obliged to resign her position owing to ill health, and her resignation was accepted with regret. Miss Schofield, who comes highly recommended, was appointed manager. Owing to the time taken by the employment bureau, ladies are asked to kindly make inquiries before eleven in the morning and between seven and eight in the evening.

The secretary was instructed to find out what assistance the Citizens' League would give if the Y. W. C. A. would undertake to meet the incoming boats, as the former had requested them to do. Mrs. Andrew and Mrs. Oliver were appointed visitors for the month.

The business statement is as follows: Receipts, \$384.42; expenditures, \$240.15; balance on hand, \$24.17; meals served for the month, 785; names on register, 27; applicants for servants, 24; applications for positions, 24; positions secured, 12.

—Through the kindness of the united lodges, A. O. F., the charming children's extravaganza, "The Merry Men of London Town," lately given with so much success at the A. O. U. W. hall, will be repeated on Friday evening next, February 19th at 8 o'clock, under the management of J. W. Bolden. The proceeds will be devoted to the Women's Auxiliary fund, Provincial Royal Jubilee hospital. There is a great deal of excellent amateur talent among the young people of Victoria, and whenever these combine together to entertain, a large audience can always be commanded. It is hoped that both the occasion and the cause will attract a full house. Tickets may be obtained from the A. O. F., J. W. Bolden, the Women's Auxiliary committee and the leading stores.

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PLEADS GUILTY TO A SERIOUS CHARGE

Timber Dealer Gets Three Months for Passing Bad Cheque.

W. J. Thickens, a timber dealer, owning \$100,000 worth of timber the proceeds of which is in dispute with the \$975 on deposit at his solicitors office, pleaded guilty in the police court this morning to passing a worthless cheque for \$5 on Copas & Young, grocers, and receiving in exchange fifty cents worth of groceries and \$4.50 in change. The magistrate sentenced him to three months' imprisonment.

Mr. Tait, of McPhillips & Heisterman, who appeared for the accused, said Thickens came here to conduct large timber deals and was a well known man of good family. He, however, was at present without funds, although he owned \$100,000 worth of timber and had \$975 deposited at his attorneys' offices. The survey of the timber was in dispute and the money could not be handled till the dispute was settled. Thickens was at one time a rich man, and a few months ago had put through a large timber deal for which he received a large sum in commission. Thickens, however, had gone, Thickens' fault was that he went on occasional "sprees" and was then in such a condition that he was not responsible for his actions. He was on "spree" at the time he passed the cheque to Copas & Young.

The accused repeated the statements of his solicitor, adding that he had never been in jail and asked for lenient treatment.

Magistrate Jay, in passing sentence, said cases of the kind were so frequent in Victoria that severe treatment was necessary. He did not think accused was so fuddled as to be absolutely unaware of his actions as the cheque was properly drawn. Taking all matters into consideration, however, he would impose a sentence of three months.

DRUGLESS PHYSICIANS OPPOSE MEDICAL BILL

Mainland Deputation to Urge Withdrawal of Measure.

(From Friday's Daily.)

George Evans, D. O. Oph., D. D. C., Vancouver; Dr. Telford, of the Burrard Sanatorium; J. H. Healy, H. Hoffmeister and R. Graydon, of the Dominion hospital, Vancouver; are at the Dominion hotel, where they arrived last night waiting to interview the government and to lodge a strong protest against Dr. King's medical bill, which has passed its first reading before the House. The bill, they claim, will put out of business, if passed, many worthy and helpful institutions, as instanced by the hot springs establishments in British Columbia sanatoriums, and the semi-medical establishments. The deputation, while all being of one mind on the disastrous nature of the bill to them which they claim to be a menace to society, are each representing their personal and individual interests.

Dr. Evans, while in conversation on the matter this morning, said the proposal to put such a bill through was an atrocious attack on the liberty of residents of British Columbia by one section of the community. He claims, if passed, it would be the means of closing up all Turkish bath premises and put out of business all drugless physicians. While he thinks it would be an advantage to prevent the practice of traveling fakes, he says that can be overcome without doing harm to all institutions which do not see eye to eye with accredited physicians. Masseurs and corn doctors would require he says, to pass the full medical course before practice could be followed in British Columbia under the terms of the proposed bill. He interviewed three members of the cabinet on the matter this morning, but beyond the lodging of his protest against the bill he received no intimation as to the course the matter would be viewed in by the government. The other visitors who are here to protest the matter are likewise taking steps in the same direction. The bill will come up for a second reading during the coming week.

CUSTOMS COLLECTOR DEAD.

Toronto, Ont., Feb. 11.—John Small, collector of customs for Toronto, died yesterday as the result of a paralytic stroke suffered some weeks ago. He was appointed collector of customs in 1881, and had then represented East Toronto in the Commons for thirteen years, being a Conservative whip for some years. He leaves a widow but no family.

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CLEAR FAIRWAY IN VANCOUVER HARBOR

Harbor Master Will Not Allow Vessels to Anchor in Mid-stream.

Captain D. A. McInnis, Vancouver's new harbor master, stated at the weekly meeting of the Shipmasters' Association in that city that he intended in future to forbid vessels anchoring in the middle of the harbor, as they were in the habit of doing at present. No harbor of the importance of Vancouver tolerated such action, which was without doubt a considerable menace to the rest of the shipping frequenting the precincts of the port. Such accidents as the recent collision with the Fukui Maru were bound to occur, and if a similar state of affairs were to exist in the future, a disaster was bound to take place. Vancouver frequently experienced fogs in the inlet, and if a vessel was swinging on her anchor in mid-stream, accident could only be prevented by the direct intervention of fortune and chance. In future he, as harbor master, proposed to enforce regulations which would enact that all vessels desiring to moor at Vancouver and not at a wharf for over 24 hours should be moved to the Moodyville anchorage, where they could be in safety for themselves and no danger to others. It would be no doubt, a hardship on persons desiring to visit the vessels, but the present state of affairs was intolerable and the lives of seafaring men who plied their trade in the inlet were in jeopardy every time that fog prevailed over the harbor.

This action of Captain McInnis was endorsed by the Shipmasters' Association, who decided to address a letter to him to that effect in order thereby to strengthen his hands in the matter.

DEVELOPMENT OF MEXICAN CONCESSIONS

Local Interests Are Taking Steps to Colonize Large District.

The pick of Mexican government lands in the province of Guerrero, to the extent of 500,000 acres, has been granted as a concession to a company formed in this city by Bond & Clark, the local brokers. The whole province contains 15,000,000 acres and about half of it has been taken up. The other half is open for settlement and the track has been granted to the local interests free of taxation and of import and export duties for the next ten years. In return for this the company is under contract to colonize the land, and part of the colonists must be Canadians. If they do not colonize it they have to pay an extra price of 27 cents an acre.

Negotiations have already been entered into with several large colonization companies, one of which is located at Winnipeg, to put people on these lands, and it is expected that in the near future development work will be commenced in earnest.