Alert Bay Tragedy

Two Indians Pinned by a Fallen Tree For Many Hours.

One Dies and The Other Taken To Vancouver For Treatment.

Fight Over Deadman's Island—Freight Rates to North-West.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, Feb. 12.—The steamer Cassiar brings word of the terrible suffering of two Kingcombe Inlet Indians. On February 4 two Indians left Alert Bay in a canoe. They went to secure a large log for fuel. They should have returned on Thursday or Friday. There being no trace of them, a search party went afte them and found the two lying beneath a tree which had rolled on top of them. The men were horribly injured. They were brought to Alert Bay and placed on the Cassiar. One of them died before reaching Vancouver. The other will survive. It appears that the rolling tree caught the two men and dragged them over the rough ground before pinning them down prisoners for sixty hours till rescued, during which time they were exposed to a heavy rain. The men were cared for at Malcolm Island before being sent to Vancouver.

A deputation of business men waited on the council in special session this morning, asking them to secure action, if possible, from the provincial government to put up Deadman's Island to public competition. Failing to convince the council of the wisdom of this move, they asked that a deputation be sent to Victoria to urge the government not to grant the lease to Ludgate, but to let the city deal with Mr. Ludgate. The council also objected to this course. It was finally decided that the Mayor, Ald. McQueen and Grant should prepare a memorial of the city views on the question to be submitted to Premier Prior and Hon. D. M. Eberts on their arrival in Vancouver. Mr. Ludgate said to the Colonist this afternoon that he was prepared to meet any fight that those hostile to him were putting up; that the lease had been promised and the mill would be built.

The Board of Trade will endorse the representations of the silver-lead delegates to the Dominion government. It was so decided after a meeting between the Board of Trade and the silver-lead delegates to Ottawa, today.

A factory for creosoting piles to protect them from the teredo, also shingle and pavement blocks, is being started in Vancouver, by English capitalists.

Some time ago a delegation from the Board of Trade asked Mr. Peters, then freight agent of the C. P. R. to place the Canadian Pacific Coast cities on the same basis as Winnipeg in regard to freight rates on certain lines of supplies to the common markets in the Northwest about equidistant between Winnipeg and British Columbia Coast points; as Winnipeg was now enjoying a rate of 25 per cent. better than Vancouver. Mr. Peters promised to reply in 30 days. He was then on his way to take up his duties in a higher position at Winnipeg. As no reply was received, the Board of Trade took up the matter with Mr. Greer, Mr. Peters' successor in office at Vancouver. Yesterday Mr. Greer informed Mr. Skene, secetary of the Board of Trade, that he had been in communication with Mr. Peters, who had been very busy with matters incident upon his change of location, and had been unable to find certain papers bearing upon the matter, as quickly as anticipated. He had, however, found those papers and laid the whole matter before his superiors and will be able to give a definite answer in a few days. Great tracts of land are to be reclaimed by irrigation in the Territory mentioned by the C. P. R., and a big settlement is expected in the reclaimed territory. At present Winnipeg almost entirely controls the trade at points in the Northwest that are the legitimate markets of Vancouver and Victoria.

The fishermen are determined to do what they can to prevent traps being operated in British Columbia. Mr. Durham, who is a prominent officer in the local union, states that no less than 160 separate copies of the petition asking the Dominion government not to allow traps are in circulation on the Mainland and are being largely signed. Mr. Durham expresses the belief that if traps were allowed, the fishing interest on the Mainland would be seriously affected to the advantage of the Island, and that the industry on the Fraser would be imperilled; thus their earnest efforts to urge the government not to allow traps by sending to Ottawa a monster petition. This and other subjects will be discussed at a mass meeting to be held in the City hall on the 21st inst. The anti-trap petition was to have been endorsed by the Westminster City Council last night, has already been signed by Mayor Neelands of Vancouver, and it is promised will likely be signed by all the Vancouver aldermen.

Forbes G. Vernon is applying for foreshore rights on Burrard Inlet.

The first annual meeting of the hospital committee took place last night. The treasurer's report showed that the hospital committee were trustees for $26,640 real estate and $18,694 cash. The directors for the ensuing year are Aldermen McGuigan, McQueen and G. Grant, representing the city, and the following representating the governors: Campbell Sweeny, Dr. Harrison, Thos. Duke, D. Donaldson, Dr. Carroll, Dr. Tunstall, W. F. Salsbury, F. F. Burns, Dr. D. G. D. Johnston.

UNITED LABOR.

A meeting of leather workers on horse goods will be held in Labor Hall this evening, when the new local union will be formally constituted, under the international association of the trade, and officers installed.

Electrical Workers' Union, No. 230, will hold a smoker in Labor Hall this evening. All electrical workers in the city are invited to attend. The charter was closed yesterday, the membership roll showing a substantial increase.

HELPING THE GOOD WORK.

Northern Pacific Railway Effectively Advertising This City.

The Tourist Association are in receipt of a letter from A. W. Charlton, general passenger agent of the N. P. R. at Portland, enclosing a circular letter which has just been sent out from headquarters at St. Paul, which shows that that railway company are showing a commendable desire to assist the association in the work of bringing tourists to Victoria. The circular reads as follows:

St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 3, 1903.

To General and District Passenger Agents East and Principal Agents of Line:

I am sending you, under separate cover, a very neat publication, issued by the Tourist's Association of Victoria and the British Columbia Board of Trade.

I will thank you to give these books careful distribution, placing them where they are likely to be beneficial to the Tourist's Association and the Northern Pacific railway.

A. M. CLELAND,
A. C. [illegible] A.

CHAS. S. FEE,
G. P. & T. A.

THE ROYAL CITY.

Annual Meeting of Board of Trade.

New Westminster, Feb. 12.—(Special)—The annual meeting of the Board of Trade was held last night. Mr. Hirschfield requested permission to address the meeting on the proposed local branch of the Mining Association, but it was decided to leave this matter for a public meeting called for tonight, which, however, was postponed. The committee on railways reported that John Hendry had promised a line from this city to Port Guichon direct with two daily trains to connect with two trips of a ferry daily between Guichon and Sidney. David Robson, who has been secretary-treasurer of the board for 14 years, retires.

The request of the press reporters for admission was given a cold shoulder, being laid over to next meeting. The board is behind the times in this respect.

The election resulted in the re-election of R. F. Anderson, L. A. Lewis, president and vice-president, respectively, and A. E. White, insurance agent, secretary-treasurer. Various standing committees were appointed and the meeting adjourned after referring to a subcommittee the alleged infraction of the alien labor law by navvies now building the Great Northern Delta branch.

Fred. Newmann, aged 85, an old resident of this district, died today at his home at Halls Prairie.

Four inches of snow fell at Chilliwack this morning. A similar storm broke the spell of cloudless weather here.

It is reported, but not confirmed, that there are seven cases of smallpox at Blaine, Wash.

The Manitoba Session Opens

Speech From the Throne and the Legislation as Foreshadowed.

Wonderful Endurance of Man Who Loses His Arm in Accident.

Winnipeg, Feb. 12.—The Manitoba legislature was opened today by Lieut-Governor McMillan. The speech from the throne referred to the coronation, His Majesty's illness, the close of the South African war, the prosperity of the past year in the province, and the tide of immigration flowing in the direction of Western Canada.

Notice of intention to establish an agricultural college was given.

Payment of the school land interest by the Dominion government was mentioned with gratification, and the intention expressed to press upon the federal parliament the transfer of administration of unsold school lands to the Manitoba government. One paragraph says:

"It is with regret that I announce that the federal government refuses to rectify their retroactive legislation in the reduction of interest to five per cent upon the unpaid purchase money secured under executed agreements for sale bearing six per cent. without consultation with the province, to our detriment and against our wishes. The federal government being trustees for this province in regard to this matter, my government have presented a claim for the loss caused by this reduction of interest, and you will be asked to endorse their action in that respect and convince the federal authorities that their action in refusing to grant our request does not meet with your approval."

The session promises to be a lively one, as considerable desired railway legislation will be considered.

Winnipeg City Council reports state that six miles of asphalt were laid in the city last year, at a cost of $279,000.

The Rainy River Navigation Company has decided to build a $125,000 steamer.

James Guest, a boiler-maker from North Bay, while in the act of jumping between two freight cars in the C. P. R. yard at Fort William last night, slipped and had his left arm just below the elbow run over by a car. The arm was not completely severad, and Guest, holding the hanging arm up with the other hand, walked from the yard into the Queen's hotel, asked for a drink of water, and then told the men present that he had got his arm cut off. Dr. Birdsall was summoned and had the man removed to the Cottage hospital, where Dr. Hamilton, the C. P. R. surgeon, amputated it. The doctors say they never saw a man with so much nerve, for after the operation Guest jumped up and walked upstairs to his room.

TABLEWARE AS SOUVENIRS

One of Mrs. Pat Campbell's Company Stole From Hotels.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Toronto, Feb. 12.—(Special)—Magistrate Denison sent Wm. Birchall to jail for 20 days this morning for stealing silverware from the Grand Union hotel. Birchall is general utility man in Mrs. Pattrick Campbell's company and claimed to have taken the stuff off the table as souvenirs. In his trunk was found property of many hotels in New York and elsewhere. Col. Denison's reference to the practice of thieves going through the country stealing stuff from hotels was particularly severe.

Mr. Wm. Munns, manager of the Crown Manufacturing Company, Toronto, has issued an address to the electors of North York announcing his intention to run as an independent prohibition candidate.

The master in Chambers this morning granted the Traders Bank an order to compel George and Sarah Sleman to attend for examination. Sleman is a well known Guelph broker and is said to own about one hundred thousand dollars. He made over some property to his sons, and they built a fine brewery. Sleman is owner, or did own, one of the most valuable collections of stamps and coins on record, but it is alleged part of it is missing, and Sleman did not account for it.

NEWFOUNDLAND.

Four Deaths Reported Due to Blizzard —House Opening Postponed.

St. John's, Nfld., Feb. 11.—Four more deaths, due to the recent blizzard, are reported today. The first train for six days reached here today. The railroad traffic is still delayed by heavy snow drifts.

The opening of the legislature has been postponed from February 19 to 26, owing to the delay in the departure of the governor, Sir Cavendish Boyle, from England. He was detained there by a number of public questions affecting the colony coming up for consideration, but will sail from England [illegible]

No one knows better than those who have used Carter's Little Liver Pills what relief they have given when taken for dyspepsia, dizziness, pain in the side, constipation, and disordered stomach.

Will Explain To Nanaimo

Commitee on Railway Extention to Dispel a Wrong Impression.

The Coal City Apparently Laboring Under a Regrettable Delusion.

At this afternoon's meeting of the general committee on Island railway extension steps will be taken to correct a very erroneous impression which appears to exist in Nanaimo. At the time of the holding of the first mass meeting in the railway agitation at the City Hall some weeks ago, a rough draft of suggested committees was prepared, and in this list were included the names of certain representative men at Duncans, Ladysmith, Nanaimo and other points throughout the Island. These committees were merely "suggested" committees—it being considered desirable to indicate right at the outset that Victorians wished to work hand in hand with every district on the Island for the consummation of the project. The names of those persons thus named on the committees in the manner described appeared in the press in the usual course; but it was not intended in any sense to usurp the liberty of the various districts to choose their own committees in their own way. A number of people in Nanaimo, however, have put a different construction on the matter, among whom is Mayor Manson, of the Coal City, who explains what his views are of the proceeding in the following letter to the secretary of the Nanaimo Board of Trade:

Nanaimo, B. C., February 11, 1903.

Geo. L. Schetky, Esq., Secretary of the Board of Trade, Nanaimo, B. C.

Dear Sir,—As you are no doubt aware a meeting of the citizens is to be called for Wednesday evening, the 18th inst., for the purpose of appointing delegates to attend the mining convention and also to discuss railway matters.

You may also have seen that I questioned the necessity for a meeting to be held on railway matters just at the present time. I felt that before calling a meeting some understanding should be had as to what features of the subject should be presented to the meeting, and that the Board of Trade who have had the matter in hand so long and who have done so much hard work in that connection, should have been consulted as to whether a meeting was advisable just now.

The meeting, however, is to be held and as the Council of the Board of Trade is in possession of a great deal of information on the subject, I would be glad if you would bring the matter before them and have such presentation of the facts made at the meeting as they may think necessary.

I wish to add in connection with the committee named at Victoria with the Mayor and Council at the head of the list, that I do not consider they had any right to name a Nanaimo committee. As the first named I did not feel called upon to take the initiative, as the matter has been in the hands of the Board of Trade all along, who are much more free to act in such matters than the Municipal Council, who are tied down by the Municipal Clauses Act.

I may say, however, that I am prepared to take my share of the work and responsibility with our own citizens and Board of Trade, but I think it ill-advised for a committee named in Victoria to usurp the duties of the Nanaimo Board of Trade, and I would request the Board to continue to act in the matter as if no committee had been named, and I shall be prepared to do what I can to assist them.

Yours truly,
WM. MANSON.
Mayor

On the general question of railway extension the Nanaimo Herald says editorially:

On Wednesday evening last Mr. W. J. Sutton gave a most interesting address to a Victoria audience on the resources of Vancouver Island. The address was full of useful information and proved that this Island is immensely rich in all natural wealth. The object of the address was to help along the railway proposal which has been threshed out in Nanaimo years ago, and to the importance of which the Victoria business men are now waking up. In outlining the route which the railroad should take to open up the Island, Mr. Sutton advocates starting at Wellington and building North along the East Coast of the Island to Cumberland, with a branch line to Alberni. This view of the railway questions is the one taken by 90 per cent. of Victoria's business men, and is fully in accord with the conclusion arrived at by Nanaimo people, and for which they have always directed their efforts. The only obstacle that stands in the way of the construction of this route at once, at least as far as Cumberland, is the Dominion subsidy. We understand that every arrangement that can be made to secure this has already been made with our Dominion member, and indeed, it is generally understood that when the Dominion House meets next month all the British Columbia members and Senators will favor a subsidy for this route. Since all this has been successfully accomplished it is an open question if any advantage will be gained by holding more public meetings. As for ourselves, we are delighted to notice that Victoria people see this question in the same light at Nanaimo people do, and we wouldn't for a moment throw cold water on their buoyant enthusiasm. Nanaimo, however, has brought the proposal up to its present stage of evolution by dint of hard and consistent work, accompanied by the expenditure of considerable money, and it seems just a trifle nervy for Victorians to fall over themselves pushing for Island development and take into their own hands to appoint a special committee for Nanaimo to do what Nanaimo has already done while Victoria was asleep."

At this afternoon's meeting of the general committee the secretary will be instructed to write to Mayor Manson of Nanaimo and to the secretary of the Board of Trade, explaining that Victorians had no intention of assuming a dictatorial attitude in respect to how the other districts on the Island should co-operate in the movement aiming at railway extension.

FORWARDING AGENTS.

Canadian Manufacturers to Appoint Them at Principal Ports.

Montreal, Feb. 12.—A meeting of the Montreal executive of the Canadian manufacturers' has decided to appoint a forwarding agent for the port of Montreal, applications for the position to be received from among those at present engaged in business. It was also decided to make similar appointments for the ports of St. John, N. B., and Halifax.

A WINTER PORT.

Montreal, Feb. 12.—(Special.)—There are rumors that the Grand Trunk Railway in view of the opposition to its Pacific scheme on the ground that its Atlantic winter terminus is Portland, are seeking a Canadian winter port or running over other lines to a Canadian port. The officials have nothing to say about it.

A New York syndicate is trying to purchase the St. Lawrence Hall for $500,000.

CEDRIC SAILS.

Biggest Vessel in the World Starts Over the Ocean.

Liverpool, Feb. 11.—The new White Star line twin-screw steamer Cedric, the largest vessel in the world, sailed hence today for New York via Queenstown. The Cedric has a gross tonnage of 21,000 tons. It is expected that the Cedric will make the trip to New York in about eight days.

RETIRED FROM BUSINESS.

Tom O'Connell, of the Commercial Hotel, Nanaimo, Sells Out.

The Commercial hotel has been purchased from Mr. T. O'Connell by Messrs. Angelo Balzano and A. Jaay. The two new proprietors took possession yesterday afternoon.

Mr. O'Connell's residence in Nanaimo has extended for nearly twenty-five years, and during all that time he has been one of the best known citizens of the city. For nine years he acted as chief of police, filling that difficult position with great credit. On retiring from that he entered the hotel business, and during his occupancy of the Commercial hotel has been known as a public spirited citizen, taking an interest in all matters for the good of the city and dealing liberally with all public institutions. He was police commissioner for a number of years, and is now treasurer of the board of pilot commissioners, besides being on the hospital board. His genial countenance will undoubtedly be greatly missed about the Commercial, but his many friends will be pleased to learn that it is not his intention to give Nanaimo the go-by. He will build a home on Newcastle Townsite, plans for which are already prepared, and settle down among the friends and acquaintances that his twenty years' of public life have made for him in Nanaimo. Nanaimo Herald.

Seeks to Buy Canadian Coal

Standard Oil Company After Large Fields in British Columbia.

Price Agreed Upon Said to Amount to the Sum of $2,500,000.

One of the largest coal deals that has been effected in the West for years, it is said, is now being consummated across the line in British Columbia, says the Spokesman-Review. The prospective purchaser is the Standard Oil company, and the property is owned by the Nicola Valley Coal & Iron company, fifty miles North of the boundary line, on the shores of the Similkameen-Nicola branch of the Canadian Pacific and close to the surveyed line of the Coast Kootenay road to be built by the Great Northern railway.

The property contains 2,660 acres of coal lands and the quality of the coal mined is said to be even better than the famous Crow's Nest Pass product. The consideration is said to be $2,500,000, and the negotiations on the part of the Standard Oil company are being conducted by M. K. Rogers, the company's representative at Vancouver, B. C.

Among the visitors in the city yesterday was W. L. Mitchell, of Vancouver, who is interested in the Similkameen valley coal properties. In speaking of the deal at the Rainier Grand yesterday he said:

"For the past two weeks two expert coal engineers employed by the Standard Oil company have been looking over the coal and iron deposits of the Nicola Valley Coal & Iron company, and the statement was made in Vancouver yesterday that the deal would go through and the American company buy out the fields, consisting of 2,660 acres, for a consideration of $2,500,000. All the negotiations are being conducted by M. K. Rogers, of Vancouver, agent of the Standard Oil company in British Columbia: If it goes through it is the intention of the company to develop the properties and put the coal on the market.

"As to the quality of the coal, there is none better in the province. So far as veins have been struck averaging in width from seven to eleven feet. The coal is absolutely clean from wall to wall. The sandstone formation in which the coal is found is solid and will permit of the working of the properties with the least possible danger and with practically little expense.

"In this respect I do not think there is another coal property that is better situated, and the opening up of mines there would mean a large output in a very short time. At the present time there is no railroad to the mines. However, within the present year it is expected there will be two. The Great Northern is at the present time engaged in building a line from Grand Forks to the Pacific Coast at Vancouver. This will pass within three miles of the Nicola valley fields and the Canadian Pacific has undertaken the construction of what is known as the Pentleton - Similkameen - Nicola branch, which will pass right through the properties. With these lines built all that would be necessary for the company to do would be to construct sidetracks and a short line to the Great Northern Coast-Kootenay branch and it would have two outlets in either direction.

"Without a doubt, when the mines are developed, a large share of the product will come to the American Pacific Coast. It will be able to enter into competition not only with the Washington mines, but also with the product of the Vancouver Island mines, and it might have the effect of lessening the price of Canadian coal in these markets. The quality of the Nicola valley coal is better than that of the Vancouver Island mines, and therefore for steam and domestic purposes there is no better to be found anywhere in the West.

"There are a number of other coal properties in that same district that will be opened up and be made producers as soon as the railroads get their lines through. Much of their product will be brought to this side as well as placed on the Canadian markets."

MONTANA TRAIN ROBBERY.

Butte, Mont., Feb. 12.—The Burlington express No. 6, East-bound, was held up shortly after midnight on the Northern Pacific tracks eight miles East of this city, near Homestead, by five mounted men. They covered the sides of the train with guns, uncoupled the engine, mail, express cars and ran them ahead of the train two miles, where the robbers fired two charges of dynamite, blowing the safe to pieces and wrecking the express car. The trainmen and passengers of the train, after the robbers left the engine and cars, hastened back towards Butte and met an incoming freight train, the engine of which was uncoupled, run to Butte and the alarm given. The sheriff and posse and a force of police have left for the scene.

The railway officials have asked the penitentiary officials at Deerlodge for their bloodhounds. Every official in the country has been called to South Butte, and all approaches to the city carefully guarded. The sheriff is scouring the country, and a fight between the officers and robbers is believed to be imminent.

The safe, according to railroad people, contained nothing of value, but reports vary as to the amount of booty secured by the bandits. The express messenger says they did not get over $500, while in other quarters it is said the plunder amounts to several thousand dollars at least. It is also said several of the mail pouches were rifled.

Detective Murphy has arrested Wm. McCullagh on suspicion of being one of the Northern Pacific train robbers. Four hundred and eighty-five dollars were found in his possession. There is evidence that the hold-up was done by two robbers. They drove to the scene of the robbery in a buggy, and after stopping the train and looting the express and mail cars drove back to Butte. The bloodhounds from the State prison were on the scent of the robbers early today. After the express messenger threw the package of money up in the rack, he jumped out of the car on the other side. In the exchange of shots he is said to have been hit by a bullet in the hip, but he and the other trainmen went on with the train, and he was not injured badly enough to cause him to return to Butte.

Campaign In West Yale

Dr. Sanson Receiving the Enthusiastic Support of a Big Majority.

Opposition Spellbinders Meeting With Very Little Encouragement.

Hon. W. W. B. McInnes, provincial secretary, who arrived in the city last evening from a visit to West Yale, reports that Dr. Sanson's candidature in the Government interest is being received with great enthusiasm all through the district, and especially in the Southern portion, where the electors are almost a unit in their pledges of support. Mass meetings held at Spence's Bridge, Nicola and other points during the past week proved beyond doubt that Dr. Sanson is the people's choice. At Lower Nicola on Monday evening the largest meeting ever assembled there was unanimous for the doctor and reports from other places in the riding are equally encouraging.

Messrs. McBride and Oliver, who are stumping the country for Mr. Semlin, are meeting with cool receptions wherever they speak, the people seemingly taking little interest in their personal attacks upon members of the Government, through which they endeavor to conceal the weakness of their cause.

Dr. Sanson's candidature appeals to the electors of West Yale from the fact that he is young, energetic, and businesslike, for while Mr. Semlin is personally popular, and deservedly so, for his amiable, kindly disposition, even his best friends cannot disabuse their minds of the fact that during the 20 long years that he represented the constituency he did little or nothing for the advancement of its interests. During 18 years of his long service in the legislature he made the excuse that he was in opposition, and could therefore expect little from a hostile administration. For two years, however, he represented West Yale as Premier of British Columbia, and in those two years the improvement in the conditions of the constituency in regard to roads, bridges, buildings and other public works was hardly perceptible. Mr. Denis Murphy, strong opponent of the Government as he was, secured more for his riding during his two years in the House than Mr. Semlin did while he was at the head of the Government. Mr. Murphy gained his point by dogged perseverance and logical argument, on the floor of the House, while Mr. Semlin, either through lack of force or indolence, did practically nothing. These facts are in the minds of the electors today, and they appear to have no desire to again entrust their interests to Mr. Semlin who proved such a failure as their representative in the past. The new man, young, energetic, and masterful, who possesses a thorough knowlerge of the wants of the constituency, and who will make his personality felt in the House, and such a man they have found in Dr. Sanson.

Mr. McInnes left by the steamer Charmer this morning and will likely remain in West Yale until the election, which takes place on the 26th inst.

INSTAL OFFICERS.

Ladies' of the Maccabees Hold an Interesting Session.

The hall in which the Ladies' of the Maccabees of this city hold their regular reviews was packed to the outer door by members and invited friends who assembled to witness the installation of their officers for the ensuing term. From time to time there have been reports of their growth and activity, but it is safe to say that even outside the order guessed how rapidly they were growing in numbers or what fine work they were doing.

Of course every one knows that the Ladies' of the Maccabees is the largest body of women banded together in fraternal work in the world, and the seventh largest society in North America, the other six being composed of men, but its only when occasion brings home some vital fact that one stops to notice just what their organization means in a community, and in this connection it was stated that a young woman who joined the order here six years ago, and has since become insane, is now receiving $200 per year under the disability clause. Deputy Supreme Commander Marion B. Baxter was present to assist in the ceremonies, and from start to finish there was not a hitch in the programme. This city is accustomed to military manoeuvres, but it is safe to say that nothing in military drill could be finer than the floor work of the guards last night.

After the officers-elect were installed and conducted to their station, the Bishop of Columbia, who sat at the left of the supreme deputy, delivered a most scholarly and beautiful address on the spirit of fraternity. As he got into the spirit of the theme he carried his listeners with him, until every woman present felt how good it was for women to band together for mutual protection, and as the result of his talk many women signified their intention of joining the society.

The programme arranged was ideal; there were vocal solos by G. P. Watson and Miss Kneeshaw at the conclusion of which Supreme Deputy Commander Marion B. Baxter spoke feelingly on the power of song, saying that more people were sung in to Heaven, than were talked in.

Then came Miss Underhill in a delightful reading, which so pleased her auditors that they demanded to hear her again; after which there were two cornet solos by Master Rausch, who shows unmistakable talent.

In a very brief, but straightforward address, Celia A. Spofford, deputy at large for the province, set forth the merits of the order, begging the women to provide for the days of famine, in the days of plenty. Then followed the refreshments, which were fine and ample, and the evening closed with words of pleasure and good will on every hand.

A new hive is being formed in Victoria West, and Mrs. Spofford having consecrated herself to the work, means to let the Maccabee light shine for the leading of women in this Capial city until hundreds shall be enrolled under the L. O. T. M. banner. The hive is looking forward to the coming, in June, of the world's commander, Lillian M. Hallister, and are already planning a reception worthy of her who stands for the guidance of one hundred and twenty thousand women banded together until death.

A SUCCESSFUL CARNIVAL.

Masquerade at the Vernon Skating Rink Last Friday.

The first masquerade carnival in the Vernon Skating rink was held last Friday evening, and was in every sense of the word a success, says the Vernon News. A more brilliant and interesting scene of the kind has perhaps never been witnessed in the Interior. The ice, which was in fine condition, was covered with well-dressed skaters, and the crowd of spectators was unusually large.

The attendance of the Fire Brigade Band added much to the enjoyment of those present, and a large meed of praise is due them for the excellent nature of the music furnished on this occasion.

Messrs. Henderson, Hankey and Billings acted as judges and gave complete satisfaction. Their awards were a sfollows:

Best dressed lady, Miss Venner, Victoria—Flower Girl.

Best dressed gentleman, A. L. Moreland—Count of Monte Christo.

Best dressed boy, A. Pound—Sitting Bull.

Best dressed girl, Kate McCulloch—Fish Maid.

Best character gentleman, A. Birnie—Uncle Sam.

DEATH OF EDNA LYALL.

Well Known Novelist Dies in England.

London, Feb. 9.—Edna Lyall, the novelist, is dead at Eastbourne, of pneumonia, following an attack of influenza.

Edna Lyall (Ada Ellen Bayley) was born at Brighton, England. Her works have [illegible] a large sale, and include "Doni[illegible]," "We Two" and "A Hardy Norseman."

NO PRIZES.

Committee Says Cigarettes Must Be Packed Plain.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 11.—The House committee on ways and means today authorized a bill to be reported which provides that no packer of manufactured smoking or chewing tobcco, snuff, cigars or cigarettes shall have anything packed in or attached thereto promising or offering any gift, prize, or premiums.

MADE IN GERMANY.

More Foreign Machinists to Be Imported.

Kingston, Feb. 11.—(Special)—The locomotive works will import 75 more machinists from Germany.

ELECTRIC POWER.

Montreal, Feb. 11.—(Special.)—The electricity of the Shawnigan Water & Power Company was brought from the Falls, 84 miles, to the city limits over the aluminum wires, and thence distributed into the city today for the first time over the Lachine Company's wires.

Should Not Hold Aloof.

Every Portion of Province Should Join Mining Association Movement.

S. S. Taylor K. C. Dispels Erroneous Impressions in the Kootenays.

Every effort is being made by the Executive Committee of the British Columbia Mining Association to dispel the impression, which unfortunately prevails to a large extent in the Kootenay and Slocan districts, that the convention which is to be held here on the 25th inst. will be sectional in its scope, and that the purpose of the association is to accomplish something not in the interests of the mining industry throughout the province generally.

S. S. Taylor, K. C., of Nelson, who was present at the initial meeting held in Victoria at the time the project was first mooted and addressing a meeting of the Nelson Board of Trade on Saturday last, did his best to correct the erroneous impression which had got abroad. The Nelson News thus reports the proceedings:

"S. S. Taylor then stated that before the meeting broke up he would like to say a few words regarding the Provincial Mining Association of British Columbia, which was being formed on the lines of a similar organization in California. When he was at the Coast the matter was then in the committee stage, but he had been greatly interested in the proposed work of the new association. In a short time J. H. Hobson, chairman of the association, would pay a visit to our city to form a branch here. Mr. Hobson was traveling through the province organizing branch associations entirely at his own expense, and for the benefit of the country generally, and it was to be hoped that the Nelson Board of Trade would co-operate with him to the best of its ability, and give him all the assistance possible. The scope of the association would include the combining of all in the province who were directly or indirectly interested in the mining industry. Legislation had already helped either the smelters, the lead miners or the silver or gold miners, without taking into consideration all phases, was not wanted. All the interests of the province when it came down to a fine point were really one, and it was only by means of an association on the lines suggested the mining industry could be properly fostered. In California the mine owners had formed themselves into an association to accomplish certain objects. The results there had been the same as here, namely, constant friction and disagreement between themselves and the kindred branches of industry. Lastly they had formed a general association, including all, and the results had been most satisfactory. With a similar organization in British Columbia, questions relating to the mining industry could be thoroughly discussed and understood before the Government was approached at all, and then when this was done they would be practically certain of getting what was wanted. Local associations could be formed which would take up the questions at issue in that district, and from these local associations delegates would be sent to the general convention. At the yearly convention the different points raised could be discussed and the whole placed in a workable scheme to be brought before the Government. The association must be free from cliques or political entanglements, or it would be useless. He concluded by suggesting that the Board of Trade as a body should attend to the arrangements regarding Mr. Hobson's approaching visit.

"Mr. Starkey objected to the Board taking any action at present. While as a citizen he would do all in his power to arrange so that Mr. Hobson could have a good hearing in Nelson, yet he did not think it advisable for the Board of Trade, as such, to make the arrangements. On an application from the citizens the Mayor could call a public meeting, which he thought would be more to the purpose. There had been a good deal of discussion aroused by the association, and it would be better for the board to wait till after the meeting before endorsing it as a body.

"Mr. Taylor said that the only discussion aroused had been over the first paragraph in the circular which had been sent out, in which the writer said that the mining industry of the province was not in a prosperous condition, this despite the immense richness of the mineral deposits of the province and other natural advantages. The only way to improve adverse conditions was to face them and work to improve them.

"Mr. Lay said the matter would come up at the regular meeting of the board next week, when it could be gone into thoroughly, and the meeting concurred and adjourned without taking any action in the matter."

ZERO WEATHER.

From Nelson News, Feb. 4.

Wednesday night was the coldest in Nelson this winter, and as a result the plumbers were in demand yesterday to thaw out frozen water pipes. Thermometers about the city differed, but the lowest average temperature was 2 below zero. On February 5 the glass went lower still, ranging from 5 to 6 below zero.

LOSSES BY FIRE.

The total fire loss in the United States and Canada during the month of December, amounted to $14,616,500. In the same month of 1901 the losses were $13,473,000, and in 1900, $11,429,700. The total losses in the twelve months of 1902 were $149,260,850, as against $164,347,450 in 1901.

Daughter—"He said he'd die if I refused him." Father—"Let him him die, then." Daughter—"Why, papa, don't you know that he's insured in your company"—Puck.

Alaskan Boundary

Speculation as to Members on Commission to Represent Canada.

Trade of the Dominion Continues to Grow at Rapid Rate.

Man From Galway Talks to Premier on Irish Land Question.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Feb. 12.—Now that the Canadian Alaskan boundary treaty has been ratified by the United States Congress, great interest is being manifested here respecting the choice of the British arbitrators. In official circles it is the general belief that Edward Blake, M. P., will be invited to act for Canada, and it is almost certain that Lord Alverstone, Lord Chief Justice of England will be another of the commissioners. It is not yet settled whether Canada will nominate two of the arbitrators, although it is quite possible Mr. Justice Mills, than whom Canada could not have a more stalwart champion of her rights, may be chosen. It is said he is ruled out by reason of his article in the Empire Review and if this holds good and Judge Mills cannot act it is believed the position will be offered to the former Chief Justice of Canada, Sir Henry Strong.

A number of Canadian pulp manufacturers saw the Government today and urged the imposition of an export duty on pulp wood of $1.50 per cord.

For the past seven months the foreign trade of Canada shows an increase of more than $21,600,000. The increase in duty is $2,500,000.

Capt. Shaw Taylor, of County Galway, organizer and secretary of the recent Irish land conference, was in the city today and called upon the Governor-General. Subsequently he had an interview with the Prime Minister, who told him that he considered the final settlement of the land question would be a great boom to Ireland, and to the Empire. A resolution favoring a settlement on the lines of the recent conference is to be introduced into parliament by Mr. Costigan at the coming session.

THE HUMBERTS.

Man Who Exposed Them Paid Reward.

Paris, Feb. 12.—The trial of the libel suit brought by a banker against the Humbert family, which began in the ninth correctional chamber yesterday, was resumed today. There were crowds inside and outside the court room. The prisoners maintained the same defiant attitude, Mme. Humbert and her husband frequently interrupting the witnesses with angry contradictions.

Madrid, Feb. 12.—The French embassy here has paid a to a lawyer, Senor Emilio Cotarnelo, $5,000 reward for revealing the hiding place of the Humberts in this city. Cotarello handed the money over to a charitable organization.

CHEERFUL WORD FOR THE IRISH

Lord Lieutenant Makes Optimistic Speech on Green Isle's Future.

Dublin, Feb. 12.—The Earl of Dudley, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, at the annual dinner of the Royal College of Surgeons here, made a very optimistic speech, during which he declared that the prospects for the future of Ireland were very encouraging. Agitation has been largely abandoned, and he hoped earnestly that those who were responsible for the government of Ireland never again will be compelled to return to the exceptional treatment which they have been obliged to impose early in 1902. He believed the recent land conference will prove an epoch in Irish history, the mainspring thereof being toleration, moderation and co-operation, and with these principles there is nothing Ireland cannot accomplish.

William Duffy, Nationalist member of parliament for South Galway, and three others, who were imprisoned under the Coercion Act, were released this afternoon from Galway jail. Mr. Duffy, who is honorary secretary of the United Irish League, was sentenced on November 18 at Galway to three months' imprisonment for conspiracy and incitement to commit crime.

C. P. R. EXTENSIONS.

Montreal, Feb. 12.—Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, president of the C. P. R., announced today that the two main extensions that he thought the company would be able to build in the Northwest during the present year, would be from Kirkella and Brandon. The company was anxious to build other extensions, but sufficient labor could not be secured at the present time to permit doing any more than this. In addition a great deal of work would have to be done on the main line, and this was much more important than construction of new branches.

THE COURTS.

F. T. Devereux Wins His Suit Against Victoria & Sidney Railway.

Before Mr. Justice Martin in the Supreme court yesterday, the trial of McHugh v. Dooley was further proceeded with. The next case on the list, Keepaymilt v. Keepaymilt.

Chief Justice Hunter presided at the sittings of the County court, which opened yesterday, hearing evidence in the case of F. T. Devereux against the V. & S. Railway Co.—a suit for $600 balance of wages as engineer in charge of construction. A jury was summoned in this case, this practice being somewhat unusual. The jury brought in a verdict for the plaintiff, and judgment was accordingly given with costs. W. J. Taylor, K. C., for plaintiff; F. B. Gregory for the railway.

In Chambers, Mr. Justice Martin disposed of the following applications:

Re estate of Peter M. Butler, deceased—George Jay obtained an order permitting the release and conveyance of certain lands.

Re Walter A. Anderson Co., in liquidation—An order allowing the costs of proving the claim of Frank & Bryce was granted, costs to be taxed. J. H. Lawson, jr., for applicants; A. D. Crease for the liquidator.

Today and tomorrow Chambers will be held at 10 o'clock, the regular hour, instead of at 10:30.

WIRELESS TELEGRAPH.

Hamilton, Feb. 12.—A wireless telegraph station is being erected at Point Hill on the shore of Hamilton Bay, for experimental purposes, the other station being at Toronto. The contract has been let for a tower [illegible] feet high and a building for [illegible] been secured.