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CANADIANA FOR THE LIBRARY

COMMISSIONERS TO INTRODUCE NUCLEUS

List From Which a Selection Will Be Made--Improvements About Building

(From Friday's Daily.)

The commissioners of the public library, realizing that it was necessary to cultivate a love for what can be called distinctively Canadian literature, have decided to purchase a number of books by Canadian authors to be placed in the Carnegie library. In this connection the commissioners say that it is their intention to furnish the city of Victoria with as complete a collection of standard Canadian literature as it is possible to obtain. It must be understood, however, that this undertaking will be a work of years. There is not only a great accumulation of valuable works of past Canadians to be sought for and purchased, but works of high intrinsic value are being published every year. On account of this literature of Canada in history, biography, poetry, description and travel, besides various purely literary works, covers a wide area.

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Through the Sub-Arctic Forest. (Warburton Pike).

Barren Grounds in Northern Canada. (Warburton Pike).

On Snowshoes to the Barren Grounds. (Whitney).

England and Canada. (Sanford Fleming).

Travels and Adventures in Canada and the Indian Territories. (Alexander Henry, fur trader. Edited by James Bain, Jr.).

In the Heart of the Canadian Rockies. (James Outram).

The Lure of the Labrador Wild. (Wallace).

The Long Labrador Trail. (Wallace).

MacKenzie's Voyages.

Cabot's Discovery of North America. (Weare).

British Columbia and Vancouver Island. (Commander Mayne).

Camp-Fires in the Canadian Rockies. (Hornaday & Phillips).

At the last meeting of the library board the commissioners several important matters came up for consideration. Among other things it was decided to buy some new furniture for the ladies' reading room. This will add to the comfort of the present room. Moreover, additional papers were ordered for this room. The gentlemen's and the ladies' reading rooms will now not only be kept separate, but will be equally furnished with their own set of papers.

It was further resolved to purchase a Cotnam indicator, which will be a great benefit not only to the librarians, but also to all patrons of the library. For by consulting it the reader or the librarian can see at a glance what books are in the library or have been taken out of the library.

It was also decided to issue a supplementary catalogue giving the year's purchases. The question also came up and was discussed of completely revising the present catalogue. It was decided that a new catalogue should be carefully classified and arranged. This catalogue is to be issued as soon as possible. It is understood that the advisability of abolishing or amending the regulations touching endorsement of borrowers of rate-payers was considered.

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KOREAN SOLDIERS TO BE DISARMED

JAPANESE TROOPS FOR THE CAPITAL

Ministers Will Stop All Communication Between Ex-Emperor and Advisers.

(From Friday's Daily.)

Seoul, July 26.—Arrangements have been made with the railway authorities to bring 4,000 Japanese blue jackets quickly from the squadron now at Chemulpo. These the admiral in command has offered to Marquis Ito, but on account of military technicalities they will not be called for except a great emergency arises that makes it absolutely necessary.

A mixed brigade of probably 7,000 Kiushiu troops will be sent to Fusan to-day, Marquis Ito having finally consented to bring Japanese troops to Seoul on account of two urgent problems. First, the disarming of the Korean army, and second, the separating of the ex-emperor from his troops and advisers, both of which the cabinet is prepared to do as soon as there is a sufficient showing of troops to overawe any attempts at resistance, and to quell any trouble that such action might occasion.

Step Toward Annexation. The Hague, July 26.—Several of the peace delegates discussed at length the new convention just completed at Seoul between Japan and Korea with Kei-soku Tsuoki, head of the Japanese delegation, who in explaining the scope of the convention said that it was not annexation, as might be supposed, but a step in that direction.

Mutiny Feared. Tokyo, July 26.—Advices from Seoul say that a mutiny of the Korean troops is apprehended.

MEXICO WILL BUY WARSHIPS.

Will Also Take Steps to Increase the Army.

Mexico City, July 26.—It is reported in government official circles that plans have been adopted for the purchase of a number of warships and the recruiting of the necessary men to bring the army up to the standard proposed. No special significance is attached to this new movement politically.

SUPERVISOR'S SUICIDE.

Shot Himself Twice in the Left Breast.

Stockton, Cal., July 26.—Supervisor Henry B. Knight, of Fifth District of San Joaquin County, committed suicide this morning near Lathrop by shooting. He got up dressed himself and without telling anyone his intentions, stepped out doors and shot himself in the left breast.

He shot apparently did not strike a fatal spot, and the desperate man deliberately threw another shell into the gun and shot a second time, killing himself out word. The two shots were very near together, one striking the heart.

The dead man was a prosperous farmer and leaves a widow and children. He was serving his third term as supervisor. Nervous prostration owing to overwork, is given by the family as the cause for his act.

It was from Cape Beale to Banfield that Mrs. Paterson performed her heroic walk in connection with the Coloma wreck some six months ago. The feat would have been a comparative easy one had the trail been built at the time. The additional spur now being built is the result of the light thrown upon the difficulties by recent experience.

As already announced, seven miles of the trail, the part running from Banfield to Pachena, has been constructed. The construction work is now running southwards from Pachena to Carmanah and eastwards from Pachena to Cape Beale. With the additional spur, the entire trail will now be complete. In spite of the herculean task which attend the work, it is fully anticipated that it will be complete before the fall of the year.

Violence was done by the trail, along this part of the coast line, the work might seem at first glance to be well justified. Great difficulties have indeed been encountered, but these have been surmounted in a truly manly fashion. The celerity of the work and the effective manner in which it is being carried out is due in large measure to the fact that it is chosen for the task. Inasmuch as it is possible, the trail is being carried along the coast line, but where hills and hillocks intervene, it must necessarily be carried around these. Where the opportunity presents itself, however, it is carried round on the sea side. The entire route is heavily timbered and the brush wood alone rises in places to a height of 100 feet.

Contemporaneously with the first use of the wireless telegraph stations along the coast, the trail will be in operation and shipping men in this city predict that these two joint life-saving measures will be a great boon to the coast.

Reduce the Death Roll on the shores of Vancouver Island.

Hamilton, Ont., July 26.—Albert Stumble, North Humber street, aged 22, was drowned last night in the bay. He went out in a rowboat with his brother and Thomas Garret and Wm. Irwin. When a short distance out the foot of Mary street Stumble jumped in the water, saying he was going to swim to shore. After swimming a short distance he changed his mind and turned back. He sank, however, before he reached it.

FOUND DROWNED.

Mystery Surrounds Death of Englishman Whose Body Was Taken From St. Lawrence.

Montreal, July 26.—Mystery surrounds the death of Peter Hemmans, an Englishman, whose body was taken from the river close to the city. Deceased, who was 23 years of age, came to this country three years ago. He was employed by Messrs. Murray & Michaud, corner of Mount Royal Ave. and Clark street, as a shipping clerk. Deceased left his home between 6 and 7 o'clock on Saturday evening to visit a friend living at 307 Desautel street.

NARROW ESCAPE FROM DEATH.

Geneva, July 26.—Henry Kuchmel, of New York, miraculously escaped death during a trip in the Alps. He slipped from a mountain top, but his body caught on a ledge 40 feet below, overlooking a precipice, where he lay seriously injured for hours until rescued by ropes.

THE OPIUM TRADE.

China Assents to Proposal For a Joint Investigation.

Pekin, July 26.—The Chinese government has formally announced its assent to the proposal made by the United States for a joint investigation by the powers, including China, into the whole question of the opium trade and production of opium. Details of procedure will be arranged later. China's delay in acceptance was due to a misunderstanding on her part that the six independent commissions contemplated such an inquiry well as a series of inspections in the interior of China. About a month ago Mr. Rockhill, the American minister, formally communicated to the Chinese government the proposal of the United States for an inquiry of the opium trade by a commission which should include, in addition to China, the United States, Great Britain, France, Germany, Holland and Japan.

Progress on the New Trail

Additional Spur Is Thrown Out

Joins Cape Beale With Pachena Connecting Dangerous Coast Line With Main Track.

(From Friday's Daily.)

That the life-saving trail on the west coast of Vancouver Island, which is now under construction, will be of a very comprehensive character, is further illustrated by the news that an additional spur seven miles in length is being thrown out from the main track. It was before pointed out in these columns that the part of the Pachena, had, owing to the difficulties of construction and the elevation of the coast line to be carried a considerable distance from the sea and around the promontory known as Cape Beale. Between Pachena and a point in the vicinity of Cape Beale light-house, a spur is now being thrown out. This joins up the main track, and, moreover, forms a connecting link with the coast line at the point where it is further away from the coast. The utility of this new departure by the government from the original plans cannot be too much commended. The new spur, which is already under construction, connects one of the most dangerous parts of the entire coast line with the main life-saving trail. It abuts on a seaboard practically sen- timental with jagged rocks, and is, moreover, connected with the very point where there is the most likelihood of a vessel striking the island coast should be in the city under the trail. It is now being built at the time. The additional spur now being built is the result of the light thrown upon the difficulties by recent experience.

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IRRIGATION IN THIS PROVINCE

SYSTEM FOLLOWED IN ALBERTA

J. S. Dennis, Land Commissioner of C. P. R. Approves of Investigation of the Districts

(From Friday's Daily.)

J. S. Dennis, land commissioner of the C. P. R., is back to the coast from Calgary, where he has been in attendance at the irrigation congress which has just concluded its labors. As a direct result of this conference, Prof. Carpenter is coming to British Columbia to make an exhaustive report on the irrigable districts of this province, and to make such recommendations as suggest themselves to him with a view to bringing larger areas under the influence of water.

Mr. Dennis, whose knowledge on these subjects extends back for fifteen years and whose immense work in the vicinity of Calgary has given him a world-wide reputation, is convinced that the course the government is taking is imperative in order to get proper results from the numerous water supplies of this province. He points out that in British Columbia streams are often over-recorded, and the result is litigation, and expensive delays. The government has no check on the amount of water available.

In marked contrast with this loose system is that in vogue in Alberta, which the Irrigation Congress of America have on more than one occasion declared by resolution to be the finest in the world—in fact, fifty years ahead of that common in the States of the Union. There the government surveys and gauges every stream and the number of miners' inches is accurately determined. This computation is placed over to the credit of each stream and as soon as aggregate applications for water equal that gauged by the government official, all future applications are denied. All or nearly all possibility of dispute is thus obviated and government officials having an accurate knowledge of what they can sell, do not take fees for inches of water which they cannot guarantee.

A comprehensive report from a man of Prof. Carpenter's standing would, in the opinion of Mr. Dennis, form a sure groundwork upon which the government might amend and improve the laws of the province relating to water records, and enable them to give the purchaser of water what the government agent of Alberta is able to give manfully, a final and absolute title to the water, as unimpeachable as that issued for his land.

It is no doubt with a view to legislation along these lines that the government has retained the services of Prof. Carpenter.