GRAIN ELEVATORS FOUND IN WRONG

Unusual Prosecution Undertaken by Ottawa Government in connection With Terminal Establishments

CHARGE OF MAKING FALSE STATEMENTS

Two Companies Found Guilty and Fined Five Hundred Dollars on Each of Several Charges — Fines All Paid

WINNIPEG, April 26.—It has been known throughout the grain trade for some weeks that an important investigation in connection with the operation of terminal elevators was being carried on by Dominion Government officials but such absolute secrecy was maintained that it was not possible to secure any details until fines had actually been imposed and paid by the elevator companies involved. The story in brief follows:

At the close of navigation on December 10, 1909, Inspector Gibbs of Fort William, followed his usual custom of measuring the elevators. The work was done on the Sunday following the close of navigation, which was on Friday. Mr. Gibbs found on comparing figures resulting from his measurements and statements given by the elevators to the warehouse commissioner that there were in the cases of a number of elevators very series discrepencies. The law requires that each terminal elevator shall furnish weekly to the warehouse commissioner a statement of the amount of each grade of wheat in their elevators.

When Mr. Gibbs found the serious nature of the discrepancies he laid the matter before Mr. Horne, chief inspector at Winnipeg, who in turn consulted with Mr. Castle, the warehouse commissioner, and the matter was then referred to Ottawa. The department instructed Mr. Castle to institute an investigation under the powers conferred upon him in the act. For the sake of convenience the investigation was held in Winnipeg, the books being brought here from Fort William. It is the first time that an investigation of this nature and gravity has been held under the act and counsel for the various elevator owners raised many technical objections, which in the end they waived and the investigation was proceeded with.

The following charges were laid: Oen against the C.P.R. elevators, one against the Consolidated, five against the Port Arthur elevator company and six against the Empire Elevator Co., in each case the charge was the same, that of furnishing to the warehouse commissioner incorrect statements as to the amount and grade of wheat in these elevators. In the cases of the elevators the matter was put before them and they were given reasonable time in which to explain how the mistakes, if they were mistakes, had occurred. In the matter of the C.P.R. elevators, very careful cross checking showed that the mistake was a purely clerical one, and they were consequently given a clean sheet. In the matter of the Consolidated, defendants were confident that they could prove an error in the same way, and they did all in their power to facilitate the investigation. It was proved, however, that while the actual discrepancy on which the charge was brought had not been intentional, it had occurred through the elevator following the practice of loaning wheat which is a violation of the act and their case went to trial. The magistrate however, gave them the benefit of the doubt and only imposed a nominal fine of $50.

In the matter of the Port Arthur elevator and Empire Elevator the charges were taken up, and on investigation were all sustained. The department at Ottawa instructed its counsel here to prosecute, and the case came up before Police Magistrate Daly on Friday April 23rd. The Port Arthur elevator company was proved guilty of five charges of false statements and fined $500 for each offense. The Empire elevator company was found guilty on six charges of a similar nature and fined $500 on each offence. The fines were all paid this morning and the cheque went forward to Ottawa this afternoon.

MR. HUGHES TO BE JUDGE

Will Succeed Late Justice Brewer on Bench of United States Supreme Court.

WASHINGTON, April 25.—President Taft late today received from Gov. C. E. Hughes of New York a letter accepting a tendered appointment as an associate justice of the supreme court in succession to the late Justice David J. Brewer.

Five minutes after the letter was handed to the president the nomination of Governor Hughes was on its way to the senate.

It is understood that Governor Hughes will remain as the chief executive of New York until October, and will not take the oath of his new office until the fall term of court opens. The second Monday in that month.

The appointment of Governor Hughes was received in Washington with the greatest satisfaction.

It is believed the appointment of Governor Hughes will eliminate him from the state campaign this fall. The campaign will be only fairly under way at the time the governor will take the oath of office and enter upon his judical duties.

GREENWOOD STRIKE

Negotiations Between Company and Miners May Lead to Resumption of Work.

PHOENIX, B. C., April 25.—A referendum vote of the Greenwood Miners' Union, Western Federation of Miners, to call off the strike against the British Columbia Copper company, will be taken before Wednesday, 27th. A conference between Acting Manager Warren of the company and District Organizer Davidson was held yesterday, the company agreeing to defer any action until Wednesday. There is a bright outlook for a settlement of the strike.

J. S. LARKE DEAD

Was Trade Commissioner in Australia for Many Years—Took Part in Politics.

OTTAWA, April 25.—The Department of Commerce has been advised by cable of the death in Sydney on Saturday of J. S. Larke, Canadian Trade Commissioner to Australia.

John Short Larke was the first permanent commissioner to Australia from Canada to work up trade abroad. He was appointed by Sir Mackenzie Bowell, who was a warm personal friend, in 1894, when Sir Mackenzie was Minister of Trade and Commerce.

The year previous he had been Canadian commissioner at the Chicago World's Fair, a mission which he discharged with tact and credit.

Mr. Larke was born in Cornwall, England, 70 years ago, came to Canada as a child with his parents, and was educated in and made his home in Oshawa, and became connected with the Oshawa Vindicator, Conservative, taking control of that paper in 1878.

Both as a writer and platform speaker he took a prominent part in the political campaign of this period which resulted in the return of the Conservative party and the institution of a protective fiscal policy for Canada. He ran for the Ontario legislature in 1886 in South Ontario, but was defeated. He was counted one of the ablest campaign speakers of his day.

Once installed in public office, however, he kept away from party prejudices and upon the occasion of the Liberal government's return to power in 1896 he was retained in the service of the Department of Commerce.

Loot in Patrol Box.

DENVER, Colo., April 25—More than a thousand dollars' worth of jewelry remained unnoticed in a patrol box in the heart of Denver from Saturday until today, although the box is visited forty times daily by patrolmen. The police believe the loot was hidden by a man arrested on Saturday and held at the patrol box waiting for the wagon.

Guarantees C. N. R. Bonds.

OTTAWA, April 25.—The government has decided to guarantee the bonds of the Canadian Northern Railway company for an extension of its line westward from Edmonton to the coal areas at the headwaters of the McLeod river, a distance of 150 miles, the guarantee being at 4¼c for 50 years for the extent of $13,000 per mile for the first 50 miles and $25,000 for the remaining 100 miles. This is the guarantee authorized by parliament in 1908 to the Edmonton, Yukon and Pacific, the charter of which has been acquired by the Canadian Northern.

WESTERN CANADA FORGING AHEAD

Immigrants Arrive From Many Points at Unprecedented Rate—Work on Transportation Facilities

WINNIPEG, April 25.—All the indications are that this is to be a record-breaking year in the annals of the development of Western Canada. The immigration during last month was the largest for any month since immigration to this country began. The total immigration last month was 53,065, of which 17,210 came from the United States and 15,755 came via ocean ports. The magnitude of this total makes it look not at all unlikely that the estimates which were made early last month, that the year's immigration would reach the 400,000 mark, may be found to fall short when the actual total for the year comes to be added up. The evidences of growth and expansion are visible in all parts of the country.

The work of developing the resources of Western Canada is going forward with energy and rapidity. New settlers in their tens of thousands are going upon the land, and widening immensely the total area of the fertile soil the prairies brought under the plow. Construction work of all kinds is being done. Business is expanding, and the whole great drama of Western Canadian development is going forword with greater momentum than ever.

The Canadian Pacific railway has let contracts for two new steel bridges in Manitoba, one across the Assiniboine river at Headingly, and the other across the Souris river at Souris. They will replace the present wooden bridges at these points.

Montreal Regulations

MONTREAL, April 25.—That the city council will pass Alderman Carter's law closing saloons at 10 o'clock, except on Saturday evenings, when they must close at 7, became apparent today when the first reading was carried by 13 to 7. Moving picture shows are to be taxed $500 per year, the idea being to make them pay for fire protection and incidentally to put the little ones out of business. The sum of $1,400,000 is to be spent this year on Montreal streets and sidewalks.

Park for North Vancouver.

NORTH VANCOUVER, April 25.—The government reserve at Point Atkinson, consisting of about 150 acres, has been leased by the Department of Marine and Fisheries to the district municipality for park purposes. The lease is for twenty-one years, renewable twice, making sixty-three years, at a nominal rental. The district municipality will make the new park accessible by means of the Keith road and the new Marine driveway, and will endeavor also to build a road around the shore in connection therewith.

Defence of Payne Tariff

ST. LOUIS, April 25.—A defence of the Payne tariff law as a great blessing to American industries was presented tonight by Vice-President Sherman in an address before the Citizen's Industrial Association. The new law has worked wonders already, declared Mr. Sherman, and is working out even better than its framers believed possible when they drew it up. Mr. Sherman said he favored an even higher protective tariff, and urged citizens to consider the situation, not as partizans, but as busines men, and to give the Payne law a fair trial before condemning it.

BILL DEALING WITH COMBINES

Hon. Mackenzie King's Measure Passes Third Reading in Commons—Opposition Fear It Will Be Ineffective

OTHER BILLS SENT FURTHER STAGES

Criticism of Course Pursued in Regard to Veteran's Land Grants — New Legislation Relating to Fisheries

OTTAWA, April 26.—Hon. Mr. Oliver assured Haughton Lennox in the Commons this morning that he would inquire into the complaint of new arrivals from the Old Country of alleged unnecessary delay in the landing of six hundred immigrants at St. John, N. B. This delay was due to the immigration authorities. Two trains, it was stated, were held waiting to carry the immigrants to their destination.

When the third reading of the anti-combine bill was taken up Dr. Sproule characterized the measure as a gold brick for those who expect relief from combines. There was nothing in the measure to hinder members of combines carrying their cases through all the courts of the Dominion and then to the Privy Council, and under these circumstances Dr. Sproule expressed the opinion that no one would be willing to inaugurate a prosecution.

Mr. Bradbury, Conservative member for Selkirk, asked if it was the intention of the Minister of Labor to deal with the high prices of cement, as compared with last year.

Dr. Shaffer, Conservative member for Souris, wanted to know who would be responsible for prosecuting an inquiry into an alleged combine.

Hon. Mr. King in reply, said the chief advantage of the measure wold result from inquiry rather than from prosecution. He thought the machinery of the bill would bring about the desired results. All the costs of prosecuting an inquiry would be borne by the government.

Mr. King said too much importance could not be given to the publicity itself, and the result of any inquiry, if nothing wrong was found would satisfy the public mind. One of the purposes of the bill was to inquire into over-capitalization.

R. L. Borden said the bill should be passed without objection, but he warned the minister that the inquiries would be more limited than he imagined if the principle of publicity was successful, Mr. King would be entitled to congratulations.

The bill was then given its third reading.

Bills Advanced

Four important government bills were disposed of and progress was reported on a fifth in the House today, the rush for prorogation being in full swing. The legislation which passed consisted of the combines investigation act, the amendment to the industrial disputes act, the bill respecting water carriage of goods and the fisheries act.

Mr. Oliver's bill to extend the time for taking up South African veterans' land grants till the end of 1911, created considerable discussion. It was pointed out by the Opposition that last session the Government had positively stated that there would be no extension. This induced the volunteers entitled to the grants to sell their warrants to speculators, who had had previous information that the present bill would be introduced. Mr. Oliver stated that there had been 6,848 warrants, and of these 3,142 had been located and the transfers registered.

Mr. Doherty protested against legislation of this kind to enhance the value of what speculators had bought. Progress was reported on the bill.

Mr. Fielding has given notice of the intention of the Government to renew for a period of five years the subsidy paid to the Canadian Associated Press. The resolution sets forth that it is desirable to grant aid for an efficient and independent news service from Great Britain for publication in the Canadian press. The proposed subsidy will not exceed $12,000 for the year ending January, 1911, and not exceeding ten, eight, six and five thousand dollars for the succeeding years.

The Department of Labor was notified today that the shipping interests and the longshoremen of Montreal had accepted the findings of the board of investigation which was held recently into the disagreement between these parties.

Fisheries Act

The bill to amend the fisheries act, which is the outcome of the joint international fisheries arrangement with the United States, was taken up in committee and put through the first reading stage. Attention was called by J. D. Taylor, of New Westminster, that the depletion of the salmon fisheries of the Fraser river by the methods used by Americans in Puget Sound. He said that under the proposed joint regulation the only deterrent to a raid, which last year yielded the Americans $600,000, was the proposed fine of $1,000. How insignificant that was compared to the profits was shown by the fact that American traps last year took $22,000 worth of salmon in 24 hours in the closed season.

A. H. Clarke, of South Essex, declared that the regulations prohibiting fishing in the Detroit River would throw the Canadian fishermen out of business altogether.

Then Hon. William Templeman, who has charge of the bill in the absence of Mr. Brodeur, explained that the passing of this bill did not bind either Canada or the United States governments to proclaim the regulation agreed upon by the international commission.

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Hon. Mr. Graham gave notice tonight of the renewal of the subsidy for a line of 200 miles of railroad from Montreal to a point on the National Transcontinental. This was in last year's subsidies, and it not intended for any particular company. Any persons who want to build the branch can avail themselves of the grant.

During the hour for private bills, Mr. Gervais had considerable trouble with the bill standing in his name to incorporate the Merchants' Association of Canada. This bill passed the Senate on April 13th, but tonight strong objection was taken to it by Messrs. Smith of Nanaimo, Neeley and Roche. It was pointed out by the opponents of the legislation that the retail merchants had strongly opposed the co-operation bills of Messrs. Monk and Harris this session, and they were now asking for similar powers. In spite of the protests of Mr. Gervais, who argued that all that was asked was an act of incorporation, the bill was talked out without any progress being made.

WORKING TOO HARD

BEN LOMOND, Calif., April 25.—Following the suggestion of Joe Choynski, the new physical director at Camp Rowardennan, Jim Jeffries forsook the training curriculum today, and, if he can be prevailed upon to accept the advice of his handlers, it will be several days before the gymnasium and the handball court see him again.

The big fighter has been annoyed the last few days by a large skin eruption in the small of the back, a condition diagnosed by Choynski as a serious disorder of the blood. It is the trainer's opinion that Jeffries has been working too arduously since he went into training, and from now on the order of the labor will be regulated with greater consideration for his system.

Berger and Jeffries have as yet had no formal talk over the matter of a referee although the date for the selection of the man who is to officiate at Emeryville on the fourth of July is only a little more than a week distant. Whatever views they may hold as to who the referee shall be are not being disclosed.

COTTON MARKET HAS EXCITEMENT

Reports of Damage to Crop by Cold Wave Cause Operators to Show Activity — Bull Movement Stimulated

MAY DELIVERIES WILL BE ENORMOUS

Expectation That Lateness of New Crop Will Leave Mills Dependent on Old Crop—Southern Men Buying

NEW YORK, April 25.—Not since the big break of January last has the New York cotton exchange seen so much activity and excitement as today. It was a time of triumph for the bulls, whose already strengthened position as regards the old crop was sensationally stimulated by the report of disastrous weather in the south. This led to rumors that the bull campaign was to be carried on throughout the end of the current season and possibly into new crop deliveries, as it was in the season of 1902-03, when after Sully's successful deal in May, Messrs. Brown and Hayne, who are prominently mentioned in connection with the present bull movement, carried the bull campaign through into July, August and September.

It is argued that even if the south finds enough seed to replant the entire area reported damaged, the cold snap has made it look like a late crop, and that mills consequently will be dependent on old crop supplies for a long period.

Preparations for enormous deliveries on May contracts are steadily going forward. It is said that the New York cotton exchange, and each one added, and these in many instances make pathetic reading.

A sad case is that of a man, "J. P.," formerly a bank manager of Southwark, aged sixty-four. Painting from the results of starvation and exposure, he fell on a stone corridor, fractured his skull, and died of the effects.

Another example of distress is given by the case of an old agricultural laborer. He had been formerly employed in a brewery, which had pensioned him off. But about three years before his death the pension had to cease, owing to the financial difficulties of the brewery. "Since then," states the return, "deceased had only obtained occasional work, apparently too proud to ask for relief." At the last he was unable to work through rheumatism. But he perished with stoild heroism, without applying "to his children or to the relieving officer for any help or assistance."

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RUMORS OF LOSS OF STEAMER AURORA

Sealing Steamer Boothic Reaches Halifax iWth Story of Disaster to Another Sealer

ST. JOHNS, N.F., April 26.—The sealing steamer Boothic, which arrived here late last night, has brought from the fishing bank a report that the steamer Aurora has been sunk.

It is feared, according to the report current at the fishing banks, that her entire crew of 187 men lost their lives.

No definite confirmation of the report was obtained by the crew of the Boothic before they left the fishing grounds, and apparently no more definite news of the disaster is to be expected until the next arrival from the fishing grounds.

CONVICTS KILLED IN JAIL BREAK

Desperate Attempt Made by Several Prisoners to Escape From Colorado State Penitentiary in Canyon City

TWO SHOT DEAD AND TWO WOUNDED

Cellhouse Keeper Also Injured by Bullet from Convict's Revolver — Attempt Planned for Some Time

CANYON CITY, Colo., Ppril 25.—Two convicts were killed and two others and a guard were injured in a desperate attempt of prisoners to escape from the State penitentiary here today.

'The dead: Harry Brophy, Andrew Johnson. The wounded: John Bradley, W. J. Williams, Cellhouse Keeper Emery.

When Emery threw the lever opening the doors of the cell house to admit the members of the prison orchestra at 8:30 tonight, Brophy, who had filed a key to his cell, jumped into the corridor, drew a revolver he had concealed in his blankets and shot Emery in the leg, disabling him. Brophy then unlocked the cells of Johnson, Bradley, Williams and John Moller with his improvised key. They then broke out one of the bars of a window that had been sawed nearly through.

Using Emery's body as a shield, Brophy and Williams forced their way into the prison yard. They were seen and challenged by a guard on the wall and Brophy answered by a fusilade of bullets.

The guard returned the fire, shooting Brophy through the head. Johnson attempted to follow Williams and Brophy through the window and was shot and killed by another guard.

Williams in the meantime had reached the shelter of the walls and was lighting the fuse attached to the five sticks of dynamite which he placed against the wall when he was seen by Warden Tynan, who shot him in the leg.

Tynan and Guard Russell then rushed to the cellhouse, where they found Bradley hiding in an empty cell with a bullet wound in the abdomen. It has not been ascertained how Bradley was hurt. Miller was found unhurt in the cellhouse and locked up.

Brophy had apparently planned the attack some time ago, as the key with which he opened the cell was of intricate design and must have taken a long time to make.

SIR WM. VAN HORNE

Resigns Position As Chairman of the Board of Directors of Canadian Pacific.

MONTREAL, April 25.—Sir William Van Horne today announced that he had resigned as chairman of the board of directors of the Canadian Pacific Railway. Sir William explains that the position was merely a nominal one anyway, and that it had led to confusion, as in Great Britain the chairman of the board is really the active head of the company. He would retain his seat on the board as long as the shareholders care to keep him; but he was getting to be an old man, and he intended withdrawing as much as possible from active work.

STARVATION STATISTICS

Death Roll in England and Wales Reveals Some Highly Pathetic Instances.

LONDON, April 26.—The tragic fact that no fewer than 125 persons died of actual starvation, or had their death accelerated by privation, in England and Wales in 1908 is revealed by a Return of the Local Government Board just issued.

Of these fifty-two occurred in London and seventy-three in the provinces. Details of each case are added, and these in many instances make pathetic reading.

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FOR CLEAN PAPERS

Editor-Mayor of Richmond Makes Plea in Address at Yale University.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., April 26.—Mayor J. C. Hemphill, owner and editor of the Richmond Times-Dispatch made a plea for cleaner journalism and cleaner newspapers in an address at Yale University in the first lecture under the Bromley Foundation. His subject was "The Public and the Press."

"The press in these abundant times," said Mayor Hemphill, "speaking generally, is in the business for the money there is in it. Little or no independence is actually possessed by the journalists who preach independence.

"The yellow streak runs not less through the press than through the people. The shame of the press is that it has catered to the worst tendencies of a corrupt and malodorous age. Its mission ought to be the elevation of the public. Instead, it advertises its degradation, fairly shrieking against any restriction upon its liberty. It converts its liberty into license."

REPORT IS DENIED

Province Has Not Disposed of Its Reversionary Interest in Kitsilano Reserve.

An Ottawa despatch of Saturday last in which the statement is made that the Government of British Columbia has disposed of the reversionary right of the Province in the Kitsilano Indian reserve, the purchasers being private individuals, is pronounced by Attorney-General Bowser "an absolute canard." The Province has on several occasions been approached by would-be buyers seeking to secure the reversionary right of the Province to this reserve in the heart of Vancouver, the intention being to then obtain a grant of the Dominion rights, and thus gain control of the entire reserve for purposes of speculation. In each instance those approaching the Provincial authorities in the matter have found their energies wasted.

Lord Kitchener's Post

LONDON, April 26.—The Standard speculating editorially on Lord Kitchener's duties as commander-in-chief of the Mediterranean district, remarks: "It is hinted that he may enjoy somth undefined authority over troops of self-governing colonies, acting in association with local executives." "The Standard wants for Lord Kitchener a post as first technical adviser to the cabinet and working chief of the whole military defences of the empire.

KETTLE VALLEY BUILDING PLANS

Programme Includes Construction of North Fork and West Fork Sections and Thirty Miles from Merrit End

PHOENIX, B.C., April 25.—The programme of the Kettle River Valley Railway Company for the summer, according to W. P. Tierney, head of the railway contracting firm of Tierney & Co., is to build a ten-mile extension of the new road up the north fork of the Kettle River to a point near Franklin camp; complete work in the west fork, a ten-mile stretch from Midway, which has already been graded, and build an additional ten miles of road further up the valley, which will reach a point near Beaverdell; and, commencing at the other end, build thirty miles south of Coldwater from Merritt.

Mr. Tierney has been at Phoenix inspecting the Wellington camp, that built by his company. Tierney & Co. expect to build the North Fork and West Fork sections, thirty miles in all. Mr. Tierney says he is now awaiting information in connection with the contracts and thought that actual construction work would in all probability be commenced on May 15th.

Survey work for these sections has been about completed, so that little difficulty will be experienced when construction begins.

Telephone Polls Burned.

BRANDON, Man., April 25.—Fifteen hundred telephone poles, the property of the Manitoba government, were destroyed by fire in the C. N. yards here this morning, and the loss will be two thousand dollars or more. Some one started a prairie fire and the blaze fanned by a fierce wind ran with great rapidity to where the poles were piled.

Merger Falls Through

HAMILTON, Ont., April 25—It was announced this afternoon that the proposed merger of the Hamilton Steel and Iron Company, the Canadian Saw Company, the Canadian Bolt and Nut Company and the Montreal Rolling Mills had been declared off. No reasons have been given why the deal fell through.

Murder in a Theatre

VIENNA, April 26.—An unexpected tragedy has occurred on the stage of the theatre at Kawalla, near Salonika. An Albanian named Hamid, who was in love with the chief singer, Mlle. Maritza, thought that she embraced her partner in a love scene too warmly, and in a passion of jealousy leaped on the stage, revolver in hand and shot at her. She fled into the auditorium, but he followed her, firing continuously, and finally shot her dead.

Several persons were injured by stray revolver shots and during the panic which ensued.

Story of Suffering

OTTAWA, April 26.—Suffering from the effects of several broken ribs, John Kelly, an English emigrant, who had for over a year been employed by the Manitoba government telephone commission, presented himself today at the city charity office in a deplorable condition. He met with an accident early in January and improper care after leaving the hospital at Brandon caused inflammation of the parts affected. He walked the entire distance from Brandon to Ottawa, and his story of hardships encountered on the way is terrible. He was admitted to the local hospital.

SHINGLE MILLS ARE SHUT DOWN

Movement Originating in Ballard Spreads Practically to Whole of Shingle Plants in Washington State

THREE HUNDRED MILLS SUSPEND OPERATIONS

Nine Thousand Men Thrown Out of Work — Movement Due to Jobber's Attempt to Control Output and Prices

SEATTLE, April 25.—The movement for a shutdown on Friday inaugurated by the shingle manufacturers of Ballard has spread to every part of the state, and it is estimated that fully 300 mills now have suspended operations indefinitely.

Virtually the only mills running are the combination plants, which turn out lumber as well as shingles, and the owners of these mills have agreed to store all shingles manufactured with the exception of those called for in mixed orders. Full cars of shingles will not be shipped until the market recovers.

At a conservative estimate, more than 9,000 men have been thrown out of employment temporarily as a result of the shutdown. The wages of these men amounted to at least $30,000 daily, and the shutdown is causing a loss of about $10,000 a day to the mill owners. The loss to associated industries is also considerable.

Contrary to a prevailing impression, the mill men are not working to raise the price of shingles by a combine. It is their aim to merely restore the prices in force before the cut in prices was announced by the wholesale dealers on Thursday. Circulars were sent on that date to eastern retailers, announcing a 20 cent cut in the price of shingles. The jobbers intended to lay in a large stock of shingles, cause a shortage and then sell them to the retailers at a high figure, the loss occasioned falling on the manufacturer and consumer.

The Ballard millmen learned that the circulars had been sent out, and realized that concerted action was necessary to prevent a loss. No regular organization exists among them, so they sent out news of the contemplated shutdown to the mills in the state. The result was a general suspension of operations. The Ballard manufacturers have agreed to give notice to the other mills before they resume cutting. The eastern retailers have declared themselves in favor of the movement, and may refuse to handle Washington shingles until the market becomes steady.

If the manufacturers are unsuccessful in the shutdown movement there is still another avenue open to them. A movement is on foot among them to organize an association which will supplant the jobbers by establishing selling agencies to deal with the retailers. This would eliminate the middlemen and steady the market.

SOMEWHAT ERRONEOUS

Strange Intention Credited to Mackenzie & Mann by Local Paper.

Considerable amusement has been afforded financial and realty men by the publication in a Victoria evening paper of the "news" that Mackenzie & Mann are preparing to put a new townsite on the market at Stewart. It is in the neighborhood of the Stewart townsite, and owing to a small amount of land available for townsite purposes, it is understood that the whole will be used during the present spring.

The steamers which have been to that point, also report," this journal continues, "that land is being staked on the American side right out to the extreme low water limit on the tide flats. These stakes are covered by water at high tide, but when the waters run out, the flats fairly bristle with stakes. These lands are being sold to outside speculators, and a good many are bound to be caught."

As to the first of these quoted paragraphs: Inquiry of Hon. Price Ellison, provincial minister of lands, confirms the impossibility of the statements made as of fact. Mr. D. D. Mann, in order to secure a sufficient acreage to meet the imperative requirements of his railway terminals, ore bunkers, storehouses, smelter and docks, has agreed to divert the Bear River to the mountain base line, build a great bulkhead completely across the tide-flat area at the mouth of the harbor, and reclaim a portion (assigned him by the government) of the area of this bulkhead, also paying the government for the privilege thus secured to reclaim land now held by the sea, and which is destined to be worth thousands, a sum approximating $50,000. All the land to be reclaimed to which Mr. Mann and his associates will have any vestige of claim or title will be little more than sufficient for the immediate purposes of their own, have no intention of townsiting any development works, and they certainly have no intention of townsiting any portion, by doing which they would be actually handing back to the government a quarter interest in the property just obtained from the Crown with so great difficulty.

The section of the American stakers of tidelands beyond the border line but illustrates their justifiable good opinion of the solid worth of anything within the same latitude as Stewart—also, parenthetically, the extreme desirability of investors knowing what they are buying before they buy it.

Death Due to Drink

SPOKANE, April 25.—O. K. Hobe, a lumberman, was found dead in his cell in the city jail last Friday morning. Hobe was arrested late the previous evening on a charge of drunkenness and put in a cell to sober up. Though there was a slight cut on his head, his death is attributed to drink rather than to any injuries.

PORTLAND CAN MINING P

Mr. Mann and His Ass Intend to Operate on Scale — Ninety Clai District Already Bond

VANCOUVER, April 26—T posed mining operations of D. Mann and his associates Portland Canal district will ried out on a scale of m unparalleled in the history mining in British Columbia.

It was announced today th far ninety mineral claims ha bonded, the latest acquisition groups at Maple Bay and Go in the same district. The properties comprise straight ing and concentrating ores, th being in nearly every kind o chiefly gold, copper, silver a It is not expected that all cla "make good," but wherever a chance of making a mine d ment work will be maintain payments on the bonds contin

Ownership in the bonds or will be vested in a new corp recently incorporated at Toron styled the Pacific Coast Mini Development Company.

Mining operations of the co in the north will be under the tion of H. E. Knobel, M.E., wh sonally examined many of th perties last fall. Mr. Knobel today that he expected to giv ployment to many hundreds o ers just as soon as the snow the ground. This will pr mean the beginning of June, claims are located in high al inland from Stewart. The p of securing labor is regarded easy one, as most of the w miners on the coast usually pr spend their summers at prosp on their own account. Under circumstances Mr. Knobel ha ready made arrangements to a considerable number of Cobalt and other camps i Ontario. Rossland and other will also likely be called upon t tribute their quota.

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Visiting Hotelmen Plan to tend Length of Stay Schedule Will Not Perm Entertained by Local

Planning at first to remain only a few hours, but becomin enchanted with the beauty of toria during the first hour of stay that they turned every po stone in their efforts to re-ar their itinerary as to be able to s two or three days here, thirty prominent hotelmen, members o Hotelmen's Mutual Benefit Ass tion, unconsciously handed Vic a compliment yesterday which hardly be equalled as an adver ment especially as the visitors just come from a season of con ous sight-seeing and entertain in the show spots of California.

The party considered of some o delegates to the big annual con tion of the association held at Angeles, April 11, to which thre the finest special trains ever over American railroads carried delegations from New York, Bo and Chicago. The party which rived here from Seattle yesterday ternoon is routed east over the C R. as far as Winnipeg, from w point they will proceed home as pleasure. Late last night several the party had decided to remai Victoria for a few days despite arrangements. The itinerary c not be changed, owing to the vol of travel out of Vancouver and fact that accommodations for party had been booked ahead. M of the visitors are accompanied their wives and daughters, and ladies are especially taken with beauty of this city.

When they arrived yesterday were met at the boat by a recep committee of local hotlmen, com ing of Messrs. B. M. Humbie and B. Jackson, of the Empress; Step Jones and Thomas Stevenson, of Dominion; J. Virtue, of the Oak Hotel; and R. Lowe, of the Dri They were warmly welcomed to toria and were immediately taken hand by the energetic local bonifa First there was a delightful lunch at the Empress, which served as introduction for many of the visi to that fine hotel. Following lu eon tally-hos were secured and visitors were whisked away, at most pleasing part of the afternoon to Oak Bay, where they were g glimpses of the views surroun Victoria, and which are second none in the world. A stop was m at the Oak Bay Hotel, where Mr. tue took charge of the visitors further entertained them. After brief rest, the return trip to the was made by way of Beacon Park. The scenery here drew fo compliments even from members the party who have been catering tourist business for many years who have the tourist show places this continent at their fingers' e The fresh beauty of the scene, early greens and browns and pi the deep rich color of the straits the majesty of the Olympics, all familiar and so everlastingly appe ing to Victorians, made a new direct appeal to the hearts of visitors and carried them without ception.

The formal programme of ent tainment was concluded last even when the local hotelmen gave an formal banquet for the visitors at Empress Hotel. Here some sinc opinions of Victoria, or of that p of it seen during the afternoon, w expressed, and they were one and exceptionally complimentary to limate and scenic beauty of favored city.