

ESQUIMALT WILL TAKE \$3,000,000 DRY DOCK

OLD COUNCIL LIKELY TO BE A COMMISSION

This Is Understood to Be Government's Solution of the Difficulty—Decision to Be Made To-Day.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

A commission consisting of the members of council elected last month, to govern the capital city until a new council has been elected.

A revision of the municipal voters lists by an independent court of revision, probably of lawyers, to be completed at an early date.

This is generally understood across the bay—where the centre of interest in the civic situation has shifted to—be the most likely solution of the difficulty into which the city has been plunged by the unseating of the mayor and the decision of the aldermen to run no risks but resign at once.

During the last twenty-four hours there has been a deal of talk of a commission of three being entrusted with the task of governing the city until a new council was appointed—and perhaps for the balance of the year. Several triumvirates were named, any one of which would have inspired public confidence, but it can be stated on most reliable information that Premier McBride, who was in conference with the other city members this morning, flatly refuses to make such an appointment. It is understood that he is in favor of the course mentioned above, and that he has secured the support of the other three city members.

It is said that the voters' lists would be revised and made to conform strictly with the municipal law by a commission of lawyers, who would be given a time limit for the completion of the work, and that on the lists being ready the necessary arrangements for holding a new election would be made.

Premier's Statement.

That instant action will be taken by the legislature towards giving the city

powers of self-government was announced this afternoon by the premier to a deputation of aldermen and others who attended to consult the provincial executive on the situation.

In reply to W. J. Taylor, K. C., city barrister, who put the case of the city before the executive, Mr. McBride said they recognized the necessity for immediate action, and that some time would be spent this afternoon arriving at a solution of the situation. The premier promised to advise Mr. Taylor of the result either to-night or tomorrow morning.

When the deputation waited on the executive Mr. Taylor said that the city found itself in an unparalleled position. There was no voters list and no voters. There is, however, \$2,000,000 to spend which cannot be spent because there is no one to authorize the expenditure. Mr. Taylor announced that the banks had refused to honor any further cheques until the matter had been straightened out legally. The school board also required a large sum and at present there was no one to give it. Mr. Taylor said that all who voted were undoubtedly entitled to a vote but some were on wrong lists. He held that the mayor and aldermen were elected as the general wish of the people, and briefly asked that the provincial executive validate the election and declare the mayor and aldermen elected January 12 last to be the council for the balance of this year.

Mr. Taylor said it was unfair that the officials should be criticized for the present conditions it would be impossible to prepare the lists under three months.

It is believed that the solution outlined—which the Premier did not mention to the deputation—is that advised as the legal solution by the Attorney-General.



A MUNICIPAL ROCK SLIDE.
ENGINEER MORLEY (to Stoker Gleason)—Now, wouldn't that jar your headlights!

FIRST STEPS TOWARDS SHIPBUILDING PLANT

Will be Built by B. C. Marine Railway Company Limited—Dominion Engineer is Examining the Proposed Sites.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Feb. 22.—Vancouver Island is coming into its own at last. A proposition is afoot to locate a great dry dock in Lang's Cove at Esquimalt, which when completed will be the scene of some of the biggest ship-building operations in the world. The firm which will build the dock is the British Columbia Marine Railway Company, Limited. The dock will be 800 feet long with a width of 100 feet at the entrance. The cost is estimated at \$3,000,000.

What this dry dock and its attendant industries will mean to Esquimalt and Victoria and the whole Island generally cannot be calculated in words. That it will have a tremendous effect in building up the Island is admitted on all hands, and that it will be the best thing that ever happened the district is a certainty. It will shift to a large extent the centre of the ship-building to the Pacific coast. It is the first move in the general trend toward the west. When completed the dock will be of such capacity as to accommodate the very largest type of vessel, not excluding warships, and the latest merchant leviathans of the deep.

That the dock will be one of the great construction stations of the Empire for the building of warships is an undoubted fact. Ships for the defence of Canada will be built there and a vast amount of money and time saved. Every facility and improvement in the mechanical arts and appliances will be

in evidence at the dock, and the fact that leave the ways will be made with the best that float. The machinery will be of the most modern type, electrically driven. Even the engine for warping the vessel in and out of the dock will be operated by electric power.

G. A. Keefe, the resident engineer in British Columbia of the Dominion Public Works Department, is at present examining the different sites with a view to reporting to the government upon the best location. He is taking soundings to discover the varying depths of the water at different points in Esquimalt harbor and also means of getting the shore in order to possess a suitable large portion of land, and so it will be done.

Reinforced concrete and steel will be used in the construction, which will be commenced as soon as the Dominion has expressed its approval of the plan. A long time will elapse before it is completed depends too much upon circumstances for any accurate estimate to be given, but it may be taken for granted that no time will be lost in bringing it to a state of completion.

The advent of the dry dock will necessarily attract many kindred industries to the district, and will without doubt prove of immense benefit to the building and extension of the capital of British Columbia. In almost every conceivable direction one can see the tremendous development that will follow as a natural consequence of the building of the dry dock at Esquimalt, a development that will have a far-reaching effect not only upon the Island of Vancouver but upon the whole of British Columbia.

TREATY BETWEEN STATES AND JAPAN

NO RESTRICTIONS ON JAPANESE LABORERS

Pacific Coast Members of Congress Oppose Some of Concessions

Washington, D. C., Feb. 22.—Why President Taft supported San Francisco for the 1915 fair is seen here to-day by the legislators in his sudden submission to the senate of his proposed treaty with Japan.

The president's elimination of the immigration clause and the other concessions to Japan included in the proposed convention, details of which are published to-day, are explained by the members of congress who are bitterly opposed to some of its provisions. Summed up these are:

Enlarging on this side, one member of the cabinet said to-day:

"If California intends to hold an exposition in 1915, she must aid in keeping international relations as cordial as possible. And it will be especially important to cause no break with Japan."

Discussion of the proposed treaty to-day overtops even that of the Canadian reciprocity, and Pacific Coast members of congress make no secret of the fact that they are bitterly opposed to some of its provisions. Summed up these are:

No restrictions on the admission of Japanese laborers to the United States. Present restriction to remain indefinitely, but Japan to be expected to enforce them at her home ports.

Japan or the United States to sign a joint note in which Japan will admit the right of the United States to pass a law prohibiting Japanese immigration.

Unlike matters of ordinary legislation, failure of the senate to act upon the treaty during the remainder of this session of congress will not of itself extinguish its validity, which could be kept alive indefinitely in the executive files of the senate to be taken up at any convenient time. This new treaty is one of "trade and commerce" intended to replace the treaty of 1854, negotiated by the late Secretary Gresham and Baron Kurino, then Japanese minister to the United States. That treaty is most comprehensive document, comprising twenty articles, dealing with trade, commerce and navigation, rights of dwelling, import and export duties, tonnage duties, port regulations, despatching, shipping rights, consular functions and other subjects. It already has become antiquated, because of the rapid advance of the Japanese in ways of civilization.

The senate committee on foreign relations to-day decided to recommend

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WILL RUN AGAIN

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Chancellor Talks on Reciprocity

"Will I run for mayor? Sure I will run for mayor and I will run harder than I ever can before; that is, provided there is an election this year." A. Morley's speech on Wednesday.

London, Feb. 22.—Lloyd George, in denying a statement published in a Paris paper that he was antagonistic to the Canadian agreement, says: "I rejoice that it has been negotiated, and heartily trust it will be carried to a successful conclusion. I regard it as a great triumph of common sense, and an immense stride in the cause of free trade. It is an incalculable step toward the fraternity and co-operation of the English speaking family."

ALASKANS FAVOR UNION WITH CANADA

Business Men Are Behind Movement Inaugurated in North

Cordova, Alaska, Feb. 22.—A movement has been started to have mass meetings held in Cordova, Seward, Valdez and Fairbanks to adopt resolutions asking congress to divorce Alaska, so that it can annex itself to Canada, as the only possible relief for continued and oppressive burdens on pioneers. Business men are behind the movement, and much correspondence touching the matter has been exchanged.

SINGULAR FATALITY.

(Special to the Times.)

London, Feb. 22.—An attack of violent coughing that accompanies the severe cold that is epidemic woke John Howard Archer, of 74 Broadview avenue, about three o'clock last Saturday morning. A couple of gold crowns from his teeth had been dislodged and had slipped down his throat. Monday morning poisoning developed from laceration of the throat and Archer died Monday night. One son resides in Vancouver.

ANOTHER REVOLUTION.

New Orleans, Feb. 22.—Preparations are under way for another revolution in Central America. This time Guatemala has been selected for an uprising by a band of alleged professional insuranceists who infect New Orleans. Jose Santos Zelaya, for years dictator of Central America, an exile in Belgium, is said to be supplying the funds for the new movement.

NEW EXCHANGE FOR TELEPHONES

FIREPROOF STRUCTURE READY IN SEPTEMBER

Architect Preparing Plans for Immediate Construction—To Cost \$65,000

A four-story class "A" fireproof building, to cost \$65,000, is planned for the B. C. Telephone Company, to be built upon the property at the southeast corner of Johnson and Blanchard streets, and the local manager of the company announced this morning that construction will be commenced on the new quarters as soon as the architect completes the plans.

The ground floor, according to the plans, measures 41 feet by 70 feet and is to be set aside for the housing of the power apparatus and storage.

General offices are to be situated on the first floor, with rest-rooms for the operators. The second floor of the new building is being planned to house the batteries and terminal room apparatus, together with the plant department offices.

On the third floor will be located the local and toll switchboards and the traffic department offices. The complete plans are expected to be ready in a few days, drawn on the lines laid down, with a building absolutely fireproof and up-to-date in every respect and with all modern facilities.

Thomas Hooper, architect, is handling the plans. Construction is expected to be completed by September of this year.

ASSOCIATED BOARDS OF TRADE.

New Association Is Formed in Ontario—Improvement of Welland Canal.

Toronto, Feb. 22.—The Ontario Associated Boards of Trade, comprising 168 delegates and representatives of 54 municipalities throughout the province, met for the first time yesterday at the city hall for purposes of organization. The convention will last for two days, and problems of commercial interest to Ontario will be discussed. One of the chief subjects will be before the new association will be the improvement of the Welland canal.

ANOTHER SUSPECT.

Man Held in Ohio Believed to Be David Caplan, Wanted in Los Angeles.

Chillicothe, Ohio, Feb. 22.—A man believed to be David Caplan, wanted on a charge of dynamiting the Los Angeles Times building last October, is held here awaiting identification. He gives his name as Isaac Sacks, and his residence as Columbus and Pittsburg. Since his arrest he has refused to talk.

PLAGUE AT TIENTSIN.

London, Feb. 22.—There have been 61 deaths from the plague at Tientsin, China, according to a report of the British consul-general there, which was received by the foreign office.

CANADIAN GRAND CHAPTER

Governing Body of Capitular Masonry in Session at Toronto.

LABORER MURDERED

(Special to the Times.)

Toronto, Feb. 22.—The Grand Chapter, the governing body of Capitular Masonry in the jurisdiction extending from the Ottawa river to the Yukon, convened this morning. Companions from every section of the jurisdiction are here in attendance. The reports of the Grand Z, Grand Scribe E, and Grand Treasurer were presented this morning and the election of officers takes place this afternoon. The Grand Z paid a fitting tribute to the fraternal ideal, among whom he mentioned R. E. Comp. Robert Magness, Winnipeg, past grand superintendent of Manitoba. The financial standing of the Grand Chapter was commended. Two new chapters have been granted during the year. These are Kalen Chapter at Prince Rupert, and Otuska Chapter at Calgary, Alberta. This chapter was given the Indian name of the city of Calicut, the Indian name of the city of Calicut.

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Kanora, Ont., Feb. 22.—News has been received here of a murder at Minnaki, 70 miles east of here, of a Galician railroad laborer by an Italian named John Berilli. The Gallian, M. Pritka by name, had his back turned when the Italian struck him a treacherous blow with the back of an axe. No motive for the crime is known and it is thought possible Berilli is insane.

Berilli has not yet been taken into custody, but has been driven to bay and is being watched over by two section men with rifles. Crown authorities here have sent constables to the scene and in all likelihood the post mortem will take place here, as there are not enough inhabitants at Minnaki to empanel a jury.

CHINESE COMMISSION.

Vancouver, B. C., Feb. 22.—To-day's proceedings of the Royal Commission which is inquiring into the Chinese question, was marked by the presence as a witness of the first woman who has given evidence since the commission opened its session. It was also noted for the presence of the first baby that has been presented in the court room since that time. The witness's name was Mrs. Dykeman, the wife of a Chinese missionary, and the baby which sat upon her knee while she gave evidence was either Miss or Master Pun Chu Loung—as the little one did not give evidence its sex was not mentioned.

The testimony throughout dealt with the smuggling and use of opium.

WILL LEASE OR SELL.

(Special to the Times.)

London, Feb. 22.—At a special meeting to-day the shareholders of the Alberta Railway & Irrigation Company approved leasing or selling the company's interests unless the agreement was approved. The C. E. R. could afford to spend money in advance of the times and wait for results, but this the company could not do.

RAINBOW HAS POACHERS IN TOW

FISHERY PROTECTION CRUISER COMING HERE

First Fruits of a Vigorous Policy by the Dominion Government in Local Waters

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

The efficiency of H. M. C. S. Rainbow as a fishery cruiser is in evidence in demonstration. Advice received from the west coast of Vancouver Island wireless show that the cruiser is patrolling the limits of the salmon fishery with one and possibly two fishing boats in tow. When the boats have been captured or under circumstances will not be known till they reach port in the custody of the little craft.

The first report of the capture of a fishery boat by the Rainbow was received from the north end of the island, and the Rainbow passed, thirty miles off, at half past three yesterday afternoon. The cruiser and the captured poachers should get in this evening.

The newly appointed Dominion superintendent of fisheries for British Columbia, F. H. Cunningham, has set up the matter of putting a stop to poaching of the Canadian fishery by Americans, and this is the first step of what he intends to be a sharp campaign.

The Chicago, Kingfisher, and other well known American steam fishing vessels are known to have been in halibut banks within the last few days.

AUCTION PROHIBITED.

Letters Written by Mrs. Eddy, Not Be Sold.

Boston, Feb. 22.—Adherents of Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy, head of the Christian Science church, today were jubilant because of the making of a junction permanent which the Supreme Court had granted temporarily yesterday. The sale of certain alleged letters written by Mrs. Eddy, which will be argued in the spring.

Former Secretary of the Navy, D. Long will represent the Eddy's in the pending will contest.

DOUKHOBORS BUY LAND.

Nelson, Feb. 22.—The Doukhorob colony has further extended its territory in this district by purchasing from the Devine Brothers the well known Shart ranch on Kootenay river, opposite Tarrya. This property is about 100 acres in extent, of which some 50 acres are cleared and about five acres are planted in bearing fruit trees. The price was \$12,000.

LODGING HOUSE DESTROYED.

San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 22.—Scores of lives were jeopardized when fire yesterday gutted a lodging house in Mission street, the tenants fleeing to the streets scantily clad.

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