To Lead The Party

Sir Charles Tupper on the Selection of a Successor.

The Matter Will Be Dealt With By Conservative Union.

Toronto World Says Re-organization Must Be a Thorough One.

Special to the Colonist.

Vancouver, Nov. 20.—Sir Charles Tupper, in an interview with the Colonist correspondent upon current political topics, said:

"The selection of a leader of the Conservative party may be made at an early date, or it may be deferred until about the time parliament is summoned. The matter will be dealt with by the Conservative Union, which has charge of such matters. As to who will be my successor, I must say nothing. It would be in very poor taste for me to give any expression of opinion at this juncture regarding the probable choice of the union. I desire the Conservatives to be perfectly untrammelled in their selection.

"I do not think the Laurier government will long remain in power. The defeat of the Liberals in Ontario was a terrible blow to them. I have just heard that by the change of a seat in Prince Edward Island, we now have a majority in that province. I am informed, too, that recounts may change several constituencies in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, where election officers, in some instances, have laid themselves open to very grave charges by their extreme partisanship and worse, which put us greatly in the disadvantage.

"The race cry will undoubtedly be a factor in their disintegration. The Liberals undoubtedly started the race cry, upon which Sir Wilfrid Laurier secured power four years ago. I had promised to bring in a stronger remedial bill. I stated at that time that Protestants should not place confidence in such a man as Sir Wilfrid Laurier, who, although a Frenchman and a Roman Catholic, had promised to bring in a stronger remedial measure than I, a Protestant. They distorted these perfectly fair and true remarks of mine into an attack upon French Roman Catholics, and then made a race cry out of my innocent remark. That was the first instance of race cry. The second was the outgrowth of a statement in the speech from the throne to the effect that every man, woman and child in Canada favored sending a Canadian contingent to South Africa. Mr. Tarte, who with the government shared responsibility for this statement, denied its truthfulness, stating, in an interview with the representative of a French paper, that no French-Canadian favored sending troops, and adding that if England and France were at war, England need expect no aid from Canada. For these statements, Mr. Tarte was brought to book, not because he was a Liberal, nor because he was a French-Canadian, but because he was a disloyal man.

"It was clearly the Liberals who started the race cry for their own aggrandizement in Quebec, and they will eventually suffer the penalty. They will find it rather dangerous playing with fire, and making a business of inflaming racial passions. But the blood be on their own heads."

Toronto, Nov. 20.—The Toronto World makes a loud call this morning for a Conservative convention for the purpose of re-organization. It points out that none of the leaders since the death of Sir John A. Macdonald had the endorsation of the Conservative party, either in election or convention. "The re-organization," says the World, "must be thorough, if the party is to live. It is not, the party deserves to die."

On a re-count, McNeill, Conservative, holds North Bruce by a majority of 10. In the South Perth re-count Erb, Liberal, retains his seat by 5.

Winnipeg, Nov. 20.—Two official declarations were made in Manitoba to-day. In Marquette, Roche, Conservative, has 422 majority, and in Provencher, Laviviere, 44 majority. The Liberals will protest the latter seat.

The Selkirk re-count is still proceeding. The result will depend on the judge's ruling as to the counting of initialed ballots.

Grand Forks, Nov. 20.—Hon. Clifford Sifton, minister of the interior, addressed a large audience here last night in favor of W. A. Galliher, the Liberal candidate in Yale-Cariboo. R. A. Dickson, president of the local Liberal Association, presided. Addresses were also delivered by S. S. Taylor, Q.C., of Nelson, A. L. Sifton, M.P.P., Calgary, and Chris. Foley, the Independent Labor candidate.

Sweetsburg, Que., Nov. 20.—The Liberals have appealed to the court of appeals against the recount before a judge in Missisquoi. The protest is based on the fact that the order for the recount was granted at the town in which the judge resides, instead of at the chef lieu of the district.

CECIL RHODES.

Reported to Have Been in Russia Incog.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 20.—It is persistently rumored here for some time past that Mr. Cecil Rhodes has been in St. Petersburg, in strict incognito, recently, engaged in some financial business. The rumor cannot be confirmed.

WINNIPEG'S NEW BRIDGE.

Manager of C. P. R. Says One Will Be Constructed.

Winnipeg, Nov. 20.—(Special)—D. McNicoll, vice-president and general manager of the C. P. R., arrived from the East this morning. He announces that the company have decided to construct a new stone pier bridge over the Red river at Winnipeg.

BOUNDARY SETTLED.

Germany Gets Concession in Africa For Aiding Belgium in China.

London, Nov. 20.—In return for the support given by Germany to Belgium in obtaining for the latter a settlement at Tien Tsin, consisting of a strip of land on the left bank of the Pei Ho, King Leopold, as sovereign of the Congo Free State, has agreed to the rectification of the frontier near Lake Kivu, between German East Africa and the Congo Free State, in favor of Germany, thus terminating a boundary dispute.

BURGLARS FOILED.

Eight Men Unsuccessfully Try to Rob a Bank.

Ashley, Ohio, Nov. 20.—Eight men made an unsuccessful attempt to rob the Bank of Ashley early to-day. After they had used four charges of dynamite and shattered the outer doors of the vault, the noise drew a number of citizens to the spot. They were met with a fusilade of bullets, after which the would-be robbers beat a retreat.

CANADIAN TURKEYS.

Three Thousand Will Be Welcomed at English Christmas Festivities.

Toronto, Nov. 20.—It is expected that fifty thousand turkeys will be shipped to England for the Christmas trade. Three thousand reached here to-day.

The safe of McRea Bros., grocers, was cracked last night by burglars, who got $450.

MAYORALTY CANDIDATE.

Vancouver Business Men Choose Mr. Frank Burnett.

Vancouver, Nov. 20.—(Special)—The newly-organized Business Men's Association of Vancouver have nominated Frank Burnett for mayor of Vancouver. Mr. Burnett has accepted.

In Pursuit Of Aguinaldo

Filipino Chief Has Prepared to Try and Catch the Wily Leader

Confirmation Received of the Grounding of the Transport Indiana.

Manila, Nov. 20.—Gen. Macabeles, the former Filipino chief, has prepared to start in pursuit of Aguinaldo, with 100 picked natives, supported by United States troops. Other Filipinos will be used in campaigning in the country. Their offers have not been made yet, but they are ready if the authorities will accept their services.

Aguinaldo, supposedly, is in Northern Luzon, according to statements made by ex-rebel leaders now in Manila, and from information confirming them.

Aglipay, a renegade native priest, long an insurgent leader in Northern Luzon, has written to friends in Manila, asking for election news and requesting to be informed whether a decision has been reached concerning relations between church and state and the deposition of church property. The reply sent him contained information that the church and state will be separate, and that entire religious freedom will be allowed.

Washington, Nov. 20.—Quartermaster-General Ludington received a cable dispatch to-day from Col. Miller, chief quartermaster at Manila, confirming the press report of the grounding of the transport Indiana on the east side of Isla de Pollo, one of the smaller islands of the Philippine group, east of Luzon. Col. Miller's despatch is as follows:

"Indiana aground November 6; reported as not damaged. Charles D. Palmer (quartermaster), with the transport Pennsylvania and a lighter draft vessel, left Manila Monday in order to relieve her."

When the Indiana ran aground she was loaded with supplies and a company of the 22nd Infantry, destined to act as a garrison at Baler.

ON A CHARGE OF FORGERY

Charles Cummings of Grand Forks Committed to Stand His Trial.

Grand Forks, Nov. 20.—Charles Cummings, real estate and mining broker, was to-day committed for trial upon a charge of forging a telegram.

Provincial Constable Dinsmore laid the information upon instructions from the Attorney-General. Application was made to the justices for bail, which was fixed at $9,000.

The alleged bogus telegram was used in connection with a business transaction with E. Spraggett, lumber merchant. The crown was represented by H. G. S. Heisterman.

STRATHCONA DEATHS.

Two More Canadian Soldiers Gone in South Africa.

Ottawa, Nov. 19.—Sir Alfred Milner cables from Capetown, November 17: "Private Hunt, of Strathcona's Horse, died of Bright's disease at Pretoria on the 14th instant. Private Builder, reported wounded, has since died."

Hunt was from Millarville, Alberta, and Builder from Brantford, Ont.

PASSES CAPTURED.

Allies Have Seized Two Leading Into Shan Si.

London, Nov. 20.—"A Chinese official reports," says the Shanghai correspondent of the Standard, "that the allies have captured two passes leading from Chihli into Shan Si. Herr Knappe, the German consul, has returned from Nankin. He reports that he asked the viceroy to permit the foreign troops to ascend the Yangtse Kiang, and to stop sending supplies to Sian Fu."

TEXAS TORNADO.

Much Damage It Is Feared Has Been Done.

Wailder, Tex., Nov. 19.—A tornado did much damage here last night. The home of T. C. B. Rabb was destroyed and several members of the family were injured, three seriously but none fatally. It is feared much damage was done in the rural districts.

DONALD SINCLAIR DEAD.

He Was Member of Ontario Legislature For Many Years.

Toronto, Nov. 19.—Donald Sinclair, registrar of Bruce, aged 71, died in this city to-night. He had come to consult a physician regarding paralysis, from which he suffered, and was taken worse. He was Liberal member of the legislature for North Bruce from 1867 to 1883.

Empress Warlike

Reported that Head Men Are Warned to Prepare For Hostilities.

Text of Edict Declaring Punishment to Be Meted to Officials.

German Radicals Agree That a Military Demonstration Was Necessary.

London, Nov. 21.—"It is reported," says the Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Telegraph, under yesterday's date, "that the Empress Dowager has telegraphed a secret decree, warning all governors and viceroys to prepare for immediate war against the allies everywhere."

Washington, Nov. 20.—The Japanese legation has received from the foreign office at Tokio the text of the Chinese imperial edict, dated November 13, instant, on the punishment of the anti-foreign officials. It is to the following effect:

"Orders have been issued for the punishment of the officials who were responsible for opening hostilities upon friendly powers and bringing the country into the present critical condition by neglecting to suppress and even by encouraging the Boxers. But as Pekin and the neighborhood have not been cleared of the Boxers, the innocent people are still suffering terribly through the devastation of their fields and the destruction of their houses—a state of affairs which cannot fail to fill one with bitterness of feelings against the officials. And if they are not punished, how can the anger of the people be appeased and the indignation of the foreign powers allayed?

"Accordingly Prince Tuan is hereby deprived of his title and rank, and shall, together with Prince Chwang, who has already been deprived of his title, be delivered to the clan court, to be kept in prison until the restoration of peace when they shall be banished to Sheng Keng, to be imprisoned for life. Princes Yi and Tsi Yang, who have both been deprived of their titles, are also to be delivered to the clan court for imprisonment; while Prince Tsai Lien, also already deprived of title and rank, is to be kept confined in his own house. Duke Tsai Lie Lan shall forfeit his ducal salary, but may be transferred, with the degradation of one rank. Chief Censor Ying Nien shall be degraded two ranks and transferred. As Kang Yi, minister for the board of civil appointment, upon his return from the commission which he has been sent, for the purpose of making inquiries into the Boxer affair, he memorialized the throne, in an audience, strongly in their favor. He should have been severely punished but for his death from illness, and his penalties are remitted.

"Chao Shuy Yao, minister of the board of punishment, has been sent on a mission similar to that of Kang Yi. He returned almost immediately, though such conduct was a flagrant neglect of his duty. Still he did not make a distorted report into the throne, and therefore he shall be deprived of his rank, but will be allowed to retain his present office. Finally Yu Hsian, ex-governor of Shan Si, allowed, while in office, the Boxers freely to massacre the Christian missionaries and converts. For this he deserves the severest punishment, and he is to be banished to the furthermost borders of the country, and to be kept at hard labor for life. We have a full knowledge of the present trouble from the beginning, and, therefore, though no impeachments have been brought by Chinese officials at home or abroad against Prince Yi, Tsai, Lin and Tsai Yung, we order them to be punished in the same manner as those who have been impeached. All who see this edict will thus perceive our justice and impartiality in inflicting penalties upon these officials."

London, Nov. 20.—"At last," says the Shanghai correspondent of the Morning Post, wiring yesterday, "the allies in Pekin have resolved upon stronger measures to bring matters to a crisis. They have asked the viceroy of Nankin to state definitely his position toward the court and the question of forwarding supplies."

Berlin, Nov. 20.—The debate on the government's policy in China was continued in the reichstag to-day. Herr Bassermann, National Liberal, endorsed the government's policy and expressed the gratification of his part at the Anglo-German agreement.

Herr Richter declared the Radicals were of the opinion since the assassination of Baron von Ketteler, that a military demonstration in China was absolutely necessary, but that the despatch of an ironclad division was superfluous. He alluded to the public declarations of Emperor William, and said they were obviously intended to influence public opinion. Herr Richter added that he thought the Emperor should first have had an understanding with the competent ministers regarding the tenor and wording of these declarations, asserting that much that was objectionable and displeasing would thus have been obviated.

Politics and religion, he continued, ought not to have been mixed up as they had been in the Emperor's speeches, because the effect was to spoil both.

"The greatest mistake of our China policy," concluded Herr Richter, was after the Chino-Japanese war, when we joined with Russia and France in opposing Japan."

Herr Richter's advice to the Emperor to consult his ministers elicited marks of approval.

The war office has received the following telegram from Field Marshal Count von Waldersee: "A detachment consisting of two companies of infantry, a force of mounted men and two guns, under command of Major Muhlenfels, has been despatched via San Kiatien, 20 kilometres west of Pekin, with orders to push on to the great wall. The column under Col. Yorck arrived 25 kilometres southeast of Hsuen Hwa Fu on November 17. On returning, Col. Yorck will establish communication with Major Muhlenfels."

ASSIGNED.

New York Brokerage Firm Has "Gone Broke."

New York, Nov. 19.—Alvin C. Hooper, who carried on business under the name of A. C. Hooper & Co., stock brokers, 52 Broad street, to-day assigned for the benefit of their creditors.

Up-to-Date Styles at

WEILER BROS.

Our first consignment of Fall Goods in the Upholstering, Drapery and Curtain line are now on sale, and we can only say that for coloring, artistic effect and value we have surpassed ourselves in these last purchasings.

Latest Novelties From

Paris, Berin, London.

WEILER BROS.'

Will Meet The Farmers

Dairy Experts to Visit British Columbia in the Spring.

Other Authorities Will Explain Points on Breeding of Poultry.

Prof. J. W. Robertson, dairy commissioner, of Ottawa, had a long conference yesterday with Hon. J. H. Turner, minister of agriculture, at which Mr. J. R. Anderson, the deputy minister, was also present. The subject of the dairying industry of the province was thoroughly discussed, and the wants and complaints of the farmers laid before the Professor. As a result of the conference, Mr. Robertson purposes sending three of his staff out from Ottawa in the spring, one of whom is an authority on feeding and breeding cattle, another on cheese-making and testing milk, and the third on butter-making and dairying.

These men will bring a complete outfit and will remain in the province about six weeks, during which time they will hold five day meetings, where practical feeding, testing and dairying in all its branches will be taught, and addresses made on various subjects appertaining to dairying.

At these meetings it is proposed that students will take a course, whose terms shall be entered before-hand. In addition to these people, he proposes sending a practical stock man and a practical poultry man, the latter with all appliances for breeding and fattening poultry. These two latter gentlemen will spend about two weeks each in the province.

Mr. Anderson suggested that the time of the regular meetings of the farmers' institutes, which would probably take place between March 15 and April 30, would be the most suitable. To this Prof. Robertson agreed. The places of meeting are left for future consideration.

After some further consideration on various subjects in connection with agriculture, Prof. Robertson withdrew, and Mr. Turner expressed himself as pleased with the result of the interview.

THE FIRST BLAST.

Explosion on Dredger Rock Kills Many Fish and Breaks Away Part of the Menace.

Tug St. Clair arrived on Saturday to assist the tug Princess to take the Mudlark to Vancouver, and that dredger is now ready to proceed to the Terminal City. The weather alone prevents her departure. She will go as soon as the cold wave passes.

The first blast fired in the work of removing Dredger Rock, on which the steam drill and crew are now at work, was fired on Friday. Thirty-six holes were drilled, and each was filled with dynamite, and when all was ready, exploded. Water flew into the air like a geyser for over twenty feet, and there was quite a number of dead fish seen floating on the surface after the explosion.

Usually in works of this kind, when blasts have been fired, the pieces jarred from the rock have been picked up by the dredger. In this case, however, it picked up at all, the dredger will not do the work, for she is waiting at her wharf for good weather to proceed to Vancouver.

SETTLERS' CLAIMS.

Heavy Snow Prevents Attendance of Witnesses at Nanaimo Investigation.

Nanaimo, Nov. 19.—(Special)—The royal commission of enquiry into the E. & N. settlers' claims sat again to-day. Heavy snow prevented the attendance of a large number of witnesses, but those who were present gave important evidence. The gist of the evidence so far proves that settlers went upon reserve lands after being duly warned by the government agents that they would have to take their chances when the land was finally thrown open. This point is being minutely investigated by the commissioner, Judge Harrison.

Sheriff Drake has sold by public auction the building and shoe manufacturing plant operated under the management of J. A. Thurston, under the style of the Nanaimo Boot and Shoe Manufacturing Co. John Diek bought in the whole business, which will henceforth be known as the Nanaimo Boot & Shoe Manufacturing Co., with Mr. Thurston as manager.

THE HORSE SHOW.

New York's Annual Fashionable Exhibition in Madison Square Garden.

New York, Nov. 19.—The sixteenth annual exhibition of the National Horse Show Association began to-day in Madison Square Garden, and there were many groups of fashionable men and women to grace the occasion. The animals that will be shown are the finest in the country, and the people who will flock to the Garden during the week will be representative of society.

OCCUPY THE TOMBS.

French Troops Have Small Engagement With the Boxers.

Paris, Nov. 19.—Official advices from Gen. Voyron, commander of the French troops in China, announce that international columns are occupying the tombs east and southwest of Pekin. He reports a small engagement with the Boxers, in which they lost 100 killed, the foreign troops sustaining no casualties.

HARMSWORTH'S VACATION.

He Will Be Accompanied by His Wife and an Automobile.

London, Nov. 20.—In spite of the contradiction contained in the Associated Press despatches of November 17, of the report that Mr. Alfred Harmsworth, proprietor of the London Daily Mail and other papers, was about to visit the United States with the intention of establishing a Daily Mail in New York, Mr. Harmsworth has been bombarded with cable despatches from New York, asking for particulars of his intended venture.

To a representative of the Associated Press to-day Mr. Harmsworth said: "The object of my present visit to the United States and Canada, like my previous one, is holiday-making, pure and simple. After visiting the Dominion, I am going to Southern California, and thence to Florida for the tarpon-fishing. I shall be accompanied by Mrs. Harmsworth, my secretary and an automobile. I do not wish to hear the word newspaper mentioned from the time I land from the Teutonic in New York to the time of my departure from there on the Oceanic in March. I only desire to get a vacation, which I have not had for several years."

VANCOUVER NEWS.

A Hard Coal Famine—Mill Improvements—The Political Outlook.

Vancouver, Nov. 20.—(Special)—There is a famine of hard coal in Vancouver, not an ounce of coal having been received from Anthracite for many days. As a consequence the companies dealing in hard coal have page after page of orders that they cannot fill.

The improvements to the Ross McLaren mills at Barnet have been completed, among the additions to the machinery being the installation of one of the largest planing mills in the world. It is intended to run full time in all the departments. The proprietors are arranging for the construction of six lumber schooners, so that they will hereafter not feel the lack of ships in carrying their lumber.

At 6 o'clock this morning at New Westminster the thermometer fell to 13½ below zero. At the same hour in Vancouver it was 17 above zero. The weather clerk at New Westminster predicts a continuance of cold weather until Thursday night.

At the council meeting last night a by-law was passed empowering the council to assess vacant lots five cents a front foot for water mains running past said lots.

Fire broke out in the Free Library building this morning and burned through the roof, but owing to the prompt action of the fire brigade, the flames were extinguished before great damage was done.

There is no question that public sentiment has very materially turned from Mr. Maxwell in the federal fight in Burrard, and is crystallizing in favor of Mayor Garden. Those who thought Maxwell had a walk-over when the government was sustained have very materially modified their opinions. Two weeks ago Maxwell was talking about 600 majority. Now all he claims is 300. The bringing of Sir Charles Tupper and Clarke Wallace into the constituency has put new vigor into the local Conservatives, and they are out to win. There will be a grand rally on Saturday, preceded by a torchlight procession. Both of these veteran Conservatives will speak. The Conservatives have much better organization than the Liberals. In the Young Men's Conservative Club are 1,425 members, whose votes will alone almost suffice to give Garden a majority. Garden's most intimate friends have been carefully counting noses, and are figuring on at least 250 majority.

STAY AT HOME.

Irish Leaguers Will Not Attend Parliament in December.

Dublin, Nov. 20.—At a meeting of the directors of the United Irish League to-day, Mr. John Redmond, presiding, a resolution calling on the Irish members of parliament not to attend the House of Commons in December, but to stay at home and make a success of the convention perfecting the Nationalist organization, was unanimously adopted.

CONSOLIDATED.

Trust Companies Have Decided to Unite Their Fortunes.

New York, Nov. 20.—The directors of the Atlantic Trust Company met this afternoon and passed unanimously an agreement for the consolidation of the Bankers' Trust, which means the absorption of the Bankers' Trust Company by the former. The new company will be capitalized at $1,900,000, with a surplus of one million, and seven million on deposit. L. V. F. Randolph will be president of the new company.

CABLE SHIP.

The Burnside, With Full Equipment, on the Way to Manila.

Colombo, Nov. 19.—The United States cable ship Burnside, carrying the full equipment of apparatus designed to establish telegraphic communication between Manila and the military stations in the Philippines, arrived here to-day.

REV. S. CLEAVER

Receives Invitation to Sherbourne Street Church, Toronto.

Toronto, Nov. 19.—Rev. R. P. Bowes, of the Metropolitan church, has been invited to Grace church, Winnipeg; and Rev. S. Cleaver, of Winnipeg, has received an invitation to the Sherbourne Street Methodist church, Toronto.

THE GREAT LAKES.

Storm Sends a Schooner Ashore on Wisconsin Coast.

Two Rivers, Wis., Nov. 19.—A message received here to-day by the captain of the life-saving station states that the schooner Holmes ran ashore south of Manitowie during the heavy sea last night. The life-saving crew has left for the scene. It is thought the men on the vessel reached shore in the yawl.

Dominion News Notes

Montreal Street Railway Man Gets An Appointment in Paris.

Young Girl Horse Thieves—Artillery Coming Home Direct From Africa.

Special to the Colonist.

Montreal, Nov. 19.—The latest civic valuation shows that Montreal has $149,883,560 taxable property, an increase of $635,000 over last year.

Duncan McDonald, superintendent of the Montreal street railway, has been appointed superintendent-general of the Traction Company of Paris, France.

Hon. George W. Stephens, member of the provincial government, announces his retirement from public life, as he thinks it is time he had a rest.

Sweetsburg, Que., Nov. 19.—Lillie Briesecke, 20 years of age, was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary, and Lizzie Blaciey to one year in the jail, for horse stealing. The older girl has a very bad record.

Kingston, Nov. 19.—Lt.-Col. Hudon, "C" Battery, cables from South Africa that his force would sail for home direct from the Cape Colony on December 1. The battery expected to have returned via England.

Windsor, Nov. 19.—Hattie E. Norton, Detroit, married Charles R. Holmes, of San Francisco, here on Saturday night. On Sunday afternoon the man was missing; so was $700 the woman had. She had only known Holmes two weeks, and became acquainted with him through a matrimonial paper.

Ottawa, Nov. 19.—Reorganization of the militia department is proposed. The principal feature will be the development of the Mounted Rifles, and it is said that the services of Col. Steele will be largely utilized in this direction.

THE LOST DOMINION.

Collector of Customs Receives Enquiries From London Regarding the Wreck.

Enquiries are still being made for the lost sailer Dominion. This old sailer left Honolulu for Victoria in the fall of 1898, and never reached her destination. Collector of Customs A. R. Milne yesterday received a letter from the board of trade of London, England, asking for advices in regard to the wreck.

The wreck of the Dominion took place, without doubt, at no great distance from her destination, for part of the name-board was found on the West Coast of Vancouver Island by Mrs. Stone, wife of a missionary at Clo-oose. A letter now in the possession of the Collector from Rev. Mr. Stone tells of how, during the first part of May, 1898, Mrs. Stone, her brother and Mrs. Logan and family, were walking along the beach near Clo-oose, when they came across several boards painted black, and nailed traverse-ly to other boards about one and a half inches thick. There were only part of the boards, eight in all, painted black, and on one of these was painted the name in white. There were but two letters obliterated, the word reading D-M-NION. Mrs. Stone, says the missionary in his letter, had read of the long-overdue Dominion, but at the time of finding the boards gave no further thought to the matter. On Mr. Stone's return from a conference held here, he was told of the find, and they went to make a search for the boards, which told the melancholy tale of the fate of the lost ship.

They were unable to find a trace of them, the wreckage having either been imbedded in the sand of the beach or washed to sea again. The board was never found, and the only vestige of evidence of the wreck of the Dominion is in the letter in which the incident of finding the name board is told.

Collector Milne is in constant receipt of queries in regard to shipping disasters and other matters. He is now in receipt of enquiries for a list of those supplied on the lost Jane Grey. That schooner having cleared from Seattle, he has referred the writer to the collector there. To show some of the strange letters he receives, a case may be instanced where a few days ago he received a letter from a lady in the East, making enquiries for a son in California, which, the writer said, "was no doubt close to Victoria."

Worthy Object.—An entertainment is to be given on Monday evening in A. O. U. W. hall in aid of the fund for the establishment of a Sailors' and Soldiers Home on Esquimalt road. Some of the leading local musicians and the star performers of the army and navy will take part. A site for the home has been selected on Esquimalt road, opposite the Admiral's road, and the project is being advanced satisfactorily.

His Faith in Atlin.—M. Clere, a Parisian mining engineer, who has spent the better part of the past season in the Atlin mining district, was a guest at the Driard yesterday, and left this morning by the Charmer, en route to Paris. He arrived in Seattle by the Dolphin, and came over on Sunday. M. Clere has faith in the Atlin district and speaks very highly of it. In view of the fact that he was sent into the district by some French capitalists, this speaks volumes for the Northern British Columbia district. M. Clere intends returning in the spring.

Attacks The Pope

Onslaught on Church of Rome By Methodists in Session.

Bishop Goodsell Says It Has Turned Italians Into Organ Grinders.

Dr. Drees on What He Considers the Cause of Latin Decadence.

New York, Nov. 19.—Two fierce onslaughts on the Church of Rome enlivened the proceedings at to-day's session of the general missionary committee of the Methodist church. The general committee, which is composed of all the bishops and leading divines in the Methodist Church of America, has been in session daily at St. Paul's M.E. church since last Wednesday.

The first person to advance to this attack was Bishop Goodsell, of Tennessee. In the course of an address, he had occasion to speak of the work done in Italy and the conditions obtaining there. It is in the recital of the latter that the Bishop used such strong language against the Church of Rome.

"In Northern Europe, for instance, in Germany and the Scandinavian countries," the Bishop said, "we have made satisfactory progress, though he have had a great deal of indifference and even opposition to contend with. Statistics show that we have not made much headway during the first 35 years in Europe as we have in the same period in this country, which offers a more congenial soil for our creed.

"In Southern Europe, the conditions are somewhat different. There the struggle has been harder. There are many who doubt whether we have any work in Italy, that land of superstition and priestcraft; whether we could ever hope to accomplish anything there in face of the tremendous pressure of adverse thought with which we are confronted. The fact is that we projected one of our workers into Italy. He soon made up his mind that in Rome he had to do as the Romans. He began by training the nuns, by taking them in our schools and seminaries.

"The work is slow, but its value has been recently testified to by the Pontiff himself, who has honored us by accommunicating over us. In the effort to preserve for himself the triple crown of the papacy he has issued a sweeping interdict against the schools and everyone passing through their gates. This, however, has only made them more determined to overthrow a system which has created out of the former man of empire a cringing beggar with a monkey and grinder organ."

The applause which greeted this sally was deafening.

The next speaker threw down the gauntlet to the Church of Rome in terms as direct and condemnatory as did Bishop Goodsell. This was the Rev. Dr. C. W. Drees, who for a number of years has been identified with the work of the Methodist Episcopal church in Southern America, and was appointed by the committee to take over the supervision of the work among the Spanish-speaking natives on this continent. Besides Bishop Goodsell, he is the only member of the committee, who, in the course of his labor, has come in direct contact with the work of the Roman Catholic church. In his address, Dr. Drees said: "A former speaker has said that a condition where half of the world is pagan and the other half Christian cannot endure long. The same can be said with as much truth of affairs where Christendom is divided into two great camps, with Protestantism on one side and Greek and Roman Catholicism on the other. The time is now upon us when a new question, which appeared in the Protestant reform, will begin to agitate the world and demand to be pushed to the final issue.

After slumbering for four centuries, these self-same questions were awakened through the last act of infamy of the Pontiff, in declaring himself infallible. Within twenty-four hours after that blasphemous declaration had been written on the epic crown of Rome, the Prussian armies invaded Catholic France. Forty-five days later the battle of Sedan was fought with Protestant Prussia, the victor, and twenty days had only elapsed when the united armies entered the 'Holy City,' where the Pope held sway, bringing with them carloads of Bibles. The Pope lost his temporal power, and since that day the creed has been weakening.

"The Roman Catholic church at one time held sway everywhere, but now both that church and Spanish domination have fallen off their high pedestals. When Spain is arraigned, the Roman Catholic church should be arraigned with that power as co-respondent.

"Ever since Isabella signed away the liberty of Spain to the Pope, there has been an illegitimate alliance between statecraft and priestcraft against human liberty and human progress."

Bishop Hartzell spoke on Africa, which is his field. Rev. W. F. Oldham reviewed the various vexing problems connected with the work of domestic missions.

Rev. W. Gamewell, professor of natural science in the University of Pekin, was then introdiced. He was in the British legation during the siege, where his heroic conduct gained for him public commendation from Mr. Conger and the British ambassador, Sir Claude Macdonald.

Bishop Thoburn spoke of the work in Southern Asia, and Bishop Oranston of the eastern portion of that continent. The latter pronounced Corea perhaps the most promising missionary field in the world. The afternoon was devoted to the making of appropriations to the work among the various foreign-born populations in this country. At the evening session the report of the committee of twentieth century thank-offering was received.

Street Improvements.—General satisfaction is expressed by residents of the North Ward at work being done on the improvement of the northern portion of Douglas street. The thoroughfare is much used by farmers from Saanich, who will welcome the change from a rough, rutty road to a well macadamized street. Jumbo, the steam roller, will have the road level and in good shape in a few days.

The Manual Training School

Professor Robertson Explains Sir William Macdonald's Scheme to Trustees.

Victoria to Have Equipment Capable of Educating Six Hundred Boys.

There was a special gathering of the school board last night for the purpose of meeting Prof. James W. Robertson, commissioner of agriculture and dairying for the Dominion of Canada, and who represents the Sir William Macdonald manual training fund, and hearing and considering Sir William's generous offer to equip and maintain manual training classes in the public schools of Victoria.

The trustees present were Dr. Lewis Hall (chairman), Mrs. G. Grant, Messrs. Belyea, Drury, McCandless and Brown, and Superintendent Eaton.

The proceedings were informal, the absence of caloric from the atmosphere of the board room inviting the little gathering to cuddle round the cheerful blaze in the grate, instead of sitting firmly in their places about the board.

Prof. Robertson was introduced to the meeting by Dr. Hall, and immediately entered upon his subject—an explanation of the object of the fund donated by Sir William Macdonald, and a brief description of the manual training system and the benefits which it is hoped it will confer upon the rising generation. In view of the public meeting in the city hall this evening, at which he will deliver a comprehensive address explatory of the system, Prof. Robertson said he would merely outline his subject. He prefaced his remarks by saying that it was not the wish or intention of the donor of the manual training fund to reflect in any manner on existing methods of education, but rather to introduce a new element which had been neglected or entirely ignored in the past. It is held by many that too much of the present system is based on the study of books, too much time is given to memorizing symbols and names. This is now generally recognized as being the weak spot in the Ontario and other provincial school systems, and it is proposed to correct the defect by gradually dropping from the curriculum informational subjects and continually extending those educational processes which train the useful faculties of mind and body. Manual training is really the training of the hand and eye, the cultivation of faculties of observation and constructiveness, teaching the hand to work in unison with the brain deftly and effectively. The introduction of manual training in the schools does not curtail the imposing of educational work upon the schools; it is more in the nature of a mental relaxation to minds overburdened with the multiplicity of text books.

In a province like British Columbia, with her immense undeveloped mineral resources, the importance of manual training in her schools cannot be overestimated, as it would give the boys a substantial grounding in rudimentary mechanics which would fit them for the more easily to approach and grasp the higher branches of a technical education. Manual training is not an apprenticeship, as some seem to think. Its object is to create, not for the value or usefulness of the article made, but to develop the mechanical and constructive faculty.

It is proposed to establish in Victoria three "centres," one double and one single. A "centre" is a class of 20 boys, who are given three hours' instruction once a week for three years. A double centre provides for 40 boys, so that those of Victoria would provide for 60 boys. Classes are held every school day in the forenoon and afternoon; one set of 20 boys gets its instruction in the forenoon and another in the afternoon, so that 60 boys are taught every day in each "centre." This would enable 600 boys to take the course in Victoria. The teachers have been chosen from the best class in Ontario and the United States, and besides training the boys will instruct local teachers so that these may qualify and take up the work as the system extends.

Sir William Macdonald has endowed these manual training schools in the principal cities of Canada as an educational experiment for three years. If at the end of that period it is found that they have proved of value, it is hoped that the educational departments of the various provinces will adopt manual training as a portion of their school systems, and doubtless (though Prof. Robertson did not intimate such an outcome), the generous Montreal Knight will be prepared to supplement his present handsome donation for the furtherance of the good work.

The equipment for the Victoria manual training schools has arrived and will be installed in the building adjacent to the High school, which Prof. Robertson says is well fitted for the purpose. He suggested that another window be placed in one of the rooms, and that the whole interior be given a fresh coating with paint. The school board is requested to provide the premises heat and a janitor. The Macdonald fund will bear all the other expenses. The teachers will be under the control and subject to the regulations of the school board, and their instructions are to consult local conditions and work in harmony with the board in all matters of discipline and routine.

At the conclusion of Prof. Robertson's explanations, several questions put to him by the trustees were answered to the satisfaction of all present, and an agreement between the trustees and Prof. Robertson on behalf of Sir William Macdonald was approved of.

On motion of Trustee Belyea, seconded by Trustee McCandless, the chairman and secretary were authorized and instructed to execute the agreement on behalf of the board.

Prof. Robertson then said a few words about manual training for girls, which is not included in the present scheme. He thought it was of equal importance with the manual training for boys, and instanced a lesson in laundering at which he had been present in London. It was, he said, not a matter of soap-suds, but a lecture which might have profited a fourth-year college student. The history of a cotton garment, from the pod to the loom and the seamstress, was given in a delightfully instructive manner. The starch was traced from its origin clear through all its processes, and its qualities were explained scientifically and intelligently. The same with soap, etc., until really that lesson in washing clothes formed an important part of a liberal education, and elevated the humble act of laundrying a step to an achievement of high art. He