Pro-Boer Amendment

Bourassa Wants Enlistment of Recruits for South Africa Stopped.

And That Burghers Should be Given Their Independence.

A Bill to Make the Alien Labor Law More Effective.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Feb. 28.—The bill to make the alien labor law more effective was debated to-night, and eventually the discussion was adjourned on motion of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, who said the government was bringing down a measure on the subject.

Mr. Bourassa gives notice of an amendment to supply, expressing the hope that His Majesty's government will endeavor to conclude in South Africa an honorable peace, founded upon the law of nations, which guarantees independence to all civilized people; and that there is no necessity for sending any more Canadian troops to South Africa, and that enlistment of recruits for South African constabulary should not be allowed in Canada.

A return brought down to-day shows that during the past year 49 permits, covering 74,685 gallons, were issued to take intoxicating liquors into Yukon Territory. Of this number nineteen were commercial permits. Those to whom they were issued are: C. E. Carbonnean, Ottawa; Klondike Mining T. & T. Co., Victoria; T. D. Sayer, Montreal; J. H. Russell, Atlin; J. Barriett, Dawson; Canadian Development Co., Victoria; Ames Mercantile Co., Dawson; Geo. Elliott, Dawson—1,000 gallons each; Thomas Ryan, Dawson; Alaska Importation Co., San Francisco; E. E. Lewis, Ottawa; Macaulay Bros., Dawson; J. B. Simpson, Victoria—2,000 gallons each; W. Crow and A. Macdonald, 5,000 gallons each; J. S. Williams, Dawson, 1,000 gallons; North American T. & T., Dawson, 15,000 gallons; Murray & Ross, 36,000 gallons; Alaska Commercial Co., Dawson, 17,000 gallons.

LABOR LEGISLATION.

Large Deputation Intends Interviewing Government on Monday.

Ottawa, Feb. 28.—J. T. Flett, of Hamilton, a well-known worker in the interests of labor, is here to-day, making arrangements for the hearing of a large deputation which is coming on Monday next to ask an amendment to the alien labor law so as to make it duplicate the United States law; and to amend the criminal code in the clause relating to combines and restraining trade; also the recognition of union labeling, and other matters affecting the organization of labor.

VANCOUVER TEACHERS.

School Board Wants Amendment to School Act.

Vancouver, Feb. 28.—(Special)—The school board will ask the provincial legislature to amend the School Act to provide that all school teachers be engaged for one year only; the year to terminate in July. This decision was arrived at during a meeting of the board; in spite of the fact that a letter was read from Secretary Eaton of the Victoria school board, stating that the majority of Victoria school trustees did not approve of the suggestion, on the ground that instead of removing any existing evil, it would create greater evils. It was further stated that there should be no difficulty of getting rid of incompetent teachers.

A convention is being held here to discuss ways and means for the bringing about of a better observance of Sunday in British Columbia. Rev. J. G. Shearer, field secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance of Canada, is the principal speaker.

The tramp ship Palatina arrived today to load lumber.

The Hastings and Moodyville saw mill employees have demanded an increase of pay.

Home Work—profitable—congenial—easy—on new plan. Be your own workmaster in your own home! Send your address on post-card and we will send you particulars. PEOPLE'S SYNDICATE, Dept. C, 130 Yonge St., Toronto.

Provincial AUCTION SALE OF Pure Bred Cattle.

The Dairymens' Association of B. C will offer for sale at New Westminster, on Friday, 15th March, at 1:30 p. m., the following stock imported from Ontario.

There is no reserve price on the stock.

CATTLE.

Shorthorns—8 Bulls from 8 to 12 months old; 17 two year old heifers, mostly in calf.

Ayrshires—2 choice cows in calf.

SHEEP.

Southdowns, Oxfords and Shropshires, 2 rams and 3 ewes of each breed.

PIGS.

Berkshires—8 young boars; 8 young sows in pig.

Tamworth—1 boar (young), 1 sow (young).

POULTRY—150 HEAD.

Principally White and Laced Wyandottes, Barred and White Plymouth Rocks Light Brahmas.

Catalogues will be mailed.

Terms—Cash or 25 per cent. cash; remainder on endorsed note satisfactory to a Bank.

The annual meeting of the Association will be held on Thursday, 14th March. Interesting addresses by F. W. Hodson, Dominion Live Stock Commissioner and H. L. Blanchard, of Hadlock, Wash.

Single fare on E. & N. R. R. and C. P. N. Co., and half rate on stock purchased.

G. H. HADWEN, Secy.-Treas.

Duncan's Station.

SUPPORTS B. C.

Montreal, Feb. 28.—The board of trade council has passed resolutions favoring the adoption of such measures, by government assay or otherwise, as would facilitate the purchase of miners' gold in Canadian cities on the Pacific Coast, and also that the council would welcome the establishment of a fast passenger mail service between Vancouver, Victoria and Yukon ports, even if subsidizing such service for a term of years is necessary.

DOMINION RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

Col. Henshaw Elected President of the Council.

Ottawa, Feb. 28.—Lieut.-Col. Henshaw, of Montreal, has been elected chairman of the D. R. A. council, in place of Col. Massey.

The By-Law Is Upheld

Judgment by Mr. Justice Walkem in Craigflower Road Matter.

Reasons Given Why the Municipal By-Law Should Stand.

In the Supreme Court, in the matter of the application of Mr. Richard Hall to quash the Craigflower Road Re-opening By-law, 1900, Mr. Justice Walkem has handed down judgment, of which the full text is given hereunder:

"On the 10th of July, 1899, the city council of Victoria passed a by-law closing that part of the Craigflower road, or highway, which then ran through blocks N and P, of section 31, Esquimalt district. This had the legal effect of divesting the corporation of whatever title it had to the highway, and vesting that title in the owners of the soil. In other words, the corporation abandoned all right and title to the road limits. On the 28th of December last, the council passed another by-law re-opening the road thus closed; and a motion is now made, on behalf of Mr. Richard Hall, who is interested in block P, to quash the by-law on grounds mentioned in the motion before me. The first one is that the by-law improperly enacts that compensation is to be paid for any expropriated land "except for so much of the proposed road as may have at any time heretofore been actually used as a public highway, according to the measurements shown on the map or plan prepared by the city engineer, and numbered 1,466, and marked thereon within blue lines, and described therein as 'travelled road.' This exception as to compensation is clearly invalid, as it contravenes section 239 of the Municipal Clauses Act, which expressly declares that compensation shall be given in such a case. It must, therefore, be quashed.

The next objections are, in substance, that the remainder of section 1 of the by-law is vague and indefinite.

When this matter was being argued before me, only section 1 was discussed; but the preamble of a by-law, like the preamble of a statute, must be considered, as it is the key to the by-law, inasmuch as it explains, or ought to explain, its object. Here, the preamble states, in effect, that the object in view is the re-opening for traffic of "so much of the Craigflower road as runs through blocks N and P "——" and as "was stopped up and closed ..... on the 10th July, 1899." The meaning of this cannot be misunderstood. Then, in section 1, the land to be taken is more particularly described as being that "piece of land which runs diagonally through blocks N and P, Victoria West, being a portion of section 31, Esquimalt district," and "of the full width of sixty-six feet"—which piece of land "originally formed a portion of the Craigflower road so closed as aforesaid." This appears to me to be definite enough in view of the fact that the Craigflower road was not, at the time the by-law was under consideration by the council, a new road, but an old and well-known one—its points of entrance and exit, and its general course having been familiar to the public for many years. The description, in the preamble and in section 1, of the land intended to be used for the reinstated highway is, as I have said, sufficiently definite to satisfy all legal requirements, for it seems to me to give to the public, and the persons interested in the land, all the information that might be expected to be given in the absence of an actual survey, which, of course, could not be made before the by-law was passed without the risk of the officers of the corporation being treated as trespassers. Several cases were cited by Mr. Fell on the point of vagueness in the by-law, but they do not apply here, as they refer either to the opening of wholly new roads, or of deviations from old roads.

The second section of the by-law provides for the refund, in the event of expropriation, of any taxes paid on lands within the old road limits. This provision was apparently intended as compensation for expropriation and is consequently inoperative in view of the regulations in the act as to compensation.

It is a well-understood fact that a liberal construction must be given to every municipal by-law, and that it should be upheld except it is unintelligible or violates some fundamental principle of law, or is ultra vires in the matter of jurisdiction.

It follows that, in my opinion, the by-law must be upheld so far as it purports to re-open the Craigflower road and give it an enlarged width. The part of it with reference to compensation I have already dealt with and quashed, as being invalid.

Under any circumstances, Mr. Hall is entitled to the costs of these proceedings.

THE TORRENS SYSTEM.

It Is to Be Introduced Into Province of New Brunswick.

Fredericton, Feb. 28.—The legislature of New Brunswick opened this afternoon. The Speech from the Throne delivered by Lieutenant-Governor McClalam will refer to the death of the Queen and the accession of King Edward VII. It will also announce the establishment of an agricultural and horticultural college, and the introduction of the Torrens system of land registration in the province.

Dewet in A Hurry

Cannot Cross the River and Is Trying for Another Place.

Daily News Modifies the Report of Commandant Botha's Surrender.

And Says That It Is Not Yet An Accomplished Fact.

Oudtschorn, Cape Colony, Feb. 28.—Gen. Dewet, it is officially asserted, having failed to cross the Orange river at Daltorspoort, is hurrying to Roentfontein.

London, March 1.—The Daily News says: "We learn that Commandant-General Botha offered to surrender on certain conditions, and that pour parlers are still in progress. It is believed that Mrs. Botha brought proposals from her husband to Lord Kitchener."

FOR MODERATOR.

Presbytery of Cooksville Nominate Rev. Dr. Warden.

Brockville, Ont., Feb. 28.—The Presbytery of Cooksville yesterday nominated Rev. Dr. Warden, of Toronto, for moderator of the next general assembly.

CENTURY FUND.

That of the Methodists Passes Million Dollar Mark.

Toronto, Feb. 28.—The Methodist century fund is now $60,000 over the million-dollar mark. It was the intention to close the books to-day, but owing to a large number of letters which are coming in from outside places, it has been found advisable to keep them open for a few days longer.

FATHER O'LEARY

Will Bequeath His Testimonial to a Quebec Hospital.

Quebec, Feb. 28.— Rev. Father O'Leary, Roman Catholic chaplain of the first contingent, has bequeathed $1,500 of the testimonial fund lately presented to him to the Jeffery Hale hospital of this city. The governors will pay him a small annuity for life.

HARDENED BOYS.

Hamilton Boys Arrested With "Knock-Out Drops" in Possession.

Hamilton, Feb. 28.—The detective department has two 13-year-old boys under arrest. The boys had "knock-out drops" in their possession, obtained from a King street druggist. The boys intended giving the stuff in candy to girls at school. The drugs are pronounced to be poison. The druggist will be prosecuted.

BELL TELEPHONE CO.

Intention Is to Double the Capital Stock.

Montreal, Feb. 28.—The annual meeting of the Bell Telephone Co. was held to-day, when the old board was re-elected. The company has 38,360 sets of instruments in use at all points of Canada, comprised in 343 exchanges and 494 agencies. Long-distance wires owned by the company measure 21,350 miles, on 6,525 miles of poles. The capital is to be increased from $5,000,000 to $10,000,000.

SHOE LASTERS.

A Strike in Progress at Ames-Holden's Factory.

Montreal, Feb. 28.—The remaining lasters in the Ames-Holden Company's shoe factory struck to-day. The men claim that unless the trouble is settled all other boot and shoe workers will go out in sympathy. The firm laughs at this statement and says the men have been replaced. The men are urging on Mr. Mulock to see the alien labor law enforced against the importation of men from the States.

GASPE OIL.

Operations to Be Carried on Extensively in the District.

Montreal, Feb. 28.—A letter received here to-day from the President of the Petroleum Oil Trust, of Covent Garden, London, announces that the company has absorbed the three companies operating in the Gaspe district—the Canadian Petroleum Company, Irish Proprietory Company, and Belgium Company—and that operations will be carried on extensively. The letter concludes: "There is undoubtedly oil in Gaspe in paying quantities if we can get on the right vein."

MURDERED QUEBECKER.

Young Man Killed in British Columbia Buried at His Home.

Quebec, Feb. 28.—The funeral of young Rowand, who was recently stabbed to death at Greenwood, B. C., took place here yesterday afternoon at St. Andrew's church, and was attended by a large number of leading citizens.

CANADIAN HORSES.

Report Made on Army Mounts by Dr. McEachran.

From Montreal Star.

In his last report to the Department of Agriculture, Dr. McEachran, Dominion Veterinary Inspector, includes an account of the Canadian horses sent to South Africa with the various contingents as well as by special shipments. In all, 5,138 were shipped, of which 1,353 went with the contingents, and 3,785 were purchased by Major H. Dent, remount officer for Canada. The latter, in a letter to Lord Strathcona, thus describes them:

"About 15 to 15.2 hands high, a few are about 14.3. Ninety-five per cent are thoroughly broken to cowboy work, taught to rein by the neck, stop suddenly, turn on the hind feet as a pivot, stand on the prairie with the reins over their heads, ford and swim rivers, and go at a rapid pace up and down hills. They are stout animals, with good short back and strong quarters, good bone, and as active as cats; horses which know nothing of stables or grooming, accustomed to be ridden half a day or more, and at night simply stripped of saddle and bridle and turned loose to find their food. The riding horses and pack ponies were bought at McLeod, Pincher Creek, along the Foot Hills, at High River, Calgary, Medicine Hat, Maple Creek, Regina and Lethbridge. Sixty-six wagon horses were bought in Montreal, mostly Ontario bred, and a few province of Quebec horses, 15 to 15.3 hands, stout, short-legged horses, with good action, and about 1,200 to 1,300 pounds."

Extracts from letters from Colonel Steele, dated Paardekop, August 6, 1900, bear witness to their excellence for the service required of them. He says:

"I wish to assure you that the horses are the best in this army. Two squadrons had the 450 spared, and they had to do all the hard scouting and advance guard work, while 'C' squadron, with the Argentines, had to be spared for a long time. We have lost very few Canadians, and have changed our other remounts several times.

"It is the opinion of officers and others who have looked at the horses that they are the best that have been imported into this country, and outside of the native bred pony, best fitted for the work."

"I was pleased altogether with the class of horses which was brought before me, but I think great improvement can be made by using the English thoroughbred stallion as a sire, and doing away with the American trotting sire, which, in my opinion, has done a great deal of harm to Canadian horses. I attribute the long back and weakness of back ribs and bones, also smallness of bones below the knee, to the American trotter. I wish to urge on the Canadian farmers and young men in Canada to take to riding instead of always driving. They would add greatly to their health and happiness by so doing, and enhance the value of their horses 50 per cent. It is difficult to find in the country districts a horse that has ever had a man on its back."

In accordance with his views, Major Dent is selecting three thoroughbred stallions for exportation to Canada.

In respect to the diseases prevalent amongst horses, Dr. McEachran deals with glanders and typhoid fever, improperly called influenza. He says that the former is rarely met with in the older provinces, but that five horses were shot on its account in Ontario on one farm, and one more which had been brought across for racing purposes to Niagara South. In the Northwest Territories ninety-one horses were killed, and eighty horses or bronchos in Manitoba. The disease is usually introduced from the United States, and is therefore difficult to stamp out completely. Mallein testing alone is certain to detect the disease and should always be applied to all the companions of a horse destroyed or infected.

Equine typhoid fever is prevalent in the Northwest, and caused the loss of hundreds of horses employed in the construction of the Crow's Nest Pass Railroad. It is like the "mountain fever," from which the workmen and Blackfeet Indians suffered. Dr. McEachran thinks that it is largely due to insanitary conditions in the stables and drinking water, and urges their proper construction and disinfection if infected. The horses should be herded on dry land away from sloughs and near running waters. Rock salt should be scattered over the grazing grounds, and sudden transitions from open ranges to warm stables should be carefully avoided.

NANAIMO STATISTICS.

Customs Collections Largest in History Port.

Nanaimo, Feb. 28.—Coal shipments for February were: New Vanconver Company, 39,710 tons; Union Colliery Company, 21,145 tons; Ladysmith, 30,992 tons of coal.

Mount Sicker shipped 1,011 tons of ore.

Vital statistics for the month are: 17 births, 11 deaths, and 6 marriages.

Customs collections: Duty collected, $15,620.52, the highest amount in the history of this port. Imports, free, $3,334; dutiable, $42,719.

Steamer Algoa cleared to-night for Port Los Angeles with ten thousand five hundred tons of coal, the largest cargo ever carried between Pacific ports on this coast.

Steamers Tellus, Victoria, Wellington and four large sailing ships are loading at Ladysmith, and there are $75,000 worth of sheet copper on the wharves ready to go on piles. A fine new hotel has just been completed.

James Pargeter, a famous Nanaimo poultry breeder, filled an order from Australia to-day for Guff Cochin bantams, the second order for Australia of the same kind.

John Mahrer left to-night for Atlin City with a big consignment of liquors, etc., ready for the spring opening. He will return next June.

The steamer City of Nanaimo is in to-night from Cumberland, and reports all quiet. No. 4 mine is being worked to its full capacity. It is believed that the flooding of No. 6 will cause much caving, rendering the recovery of bodies extremely difficult.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

The British steamer Chamois, which was in collision east of Yarmouth, has reached port. The vessel she sunk was the British steamer Samuel Laing. The captain of the latter vessel was lost, but the rest of the crew was saved.

The German third supplementary estimate of three million marks for expenses incurred by the war in China has been passed. This brings the total vote of the financial year to 95,309,153 mark marks.

The Imperial supplementary naval estimates, amounting to £1,200,000, have been issued.

Pain from indigestion, dyspepsia, and too hearty eating, is relieved at once by taking one of Carter's Little Liver Pills immediately after dinner. Don't forget this.

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, Berlin, London.

WEILER BROS.'

THE MANITOBA LIQUOR ACT

Prohibitionists Want It Referred to the Privy Council for Decision.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Winnipeg, Feb. 28.—Another delegation of temperance people waited on Premier Roblin to-day in regard to the recent decisions of the judges of the Court of King's Bench in the Liquor Act. Several members of the deputation addressed the Premier, urging on him the advisability of submitting the Liquor Act to the Privy Council for an opinion as to its constitutionality.

Mr. Ruttan, president of the Dominion Alliance, informed the Premier that it was of greater importance than any railroad bill he could put through.

In reply Mr. Roblin said that since the judgment had been rendered, he had not time to consider the question of referring the act to the Privy Council, but promised to lay it before the members of the house, and he would submit it at the first council meeting.

SUCCESSFUL BENEFIT.

Assault-at-Arms Under Direction of Prof. Foster.

Prof. R. Foster scored another success in his benefit for the widows and orphans of the Union miners, which took place in Philharmonic Hall last evening. The entertainment, which was described on the programme as a grand assault-at-arms, was very well patronized, considering that there were strong counter-attractions. A number of the members of the legislature were present, and the whole audience enjoyed the lively and novel programme thoroughly. As a result, there will be a very tidy sum to place to the credit of the relief fund. Prof. Foster acted as master of ceremonies, introducing the various numbers in neat speeches, which revealed that there was a latent eloquence which the gentleman is possessed of, as well as his well-known skill in athletics.

The assistance of the officers and men of the navy contributed not a little to the success of the evening, and the features of the programme were admittedly the cutlass drill and singlestick contest between picked men of H. M. S. Warspite and Amphion. The opening feature was the wrestling contest between Charles Wriglesworth and W. Peden, which was a well-contested bout. Mr. Wriglesworth and his pupil, H. Erskine, also gave an exhibition of tumbling, introducing some new features, and the audience appreciated the clever work of the two performers, as their applause showed. Two pupils of Prof. Foster—James Byrnes and E. Brown—gave a lively boxing exhibition; and a four-round bout for points was sparred by N. Clarke, champion of the R. A., and J. Kibby, of the Navy. Another boxing contest was given by Messrs. George J. Burns, also of the Navy. Master J. Mackenzie, the young bagpipe player, rendered two selections with that popular instrument, and was heartily applause. Mr. Jackson's comic songs and Mr. McGregor's club-swinging were well received.

The cutlass drill by a squad of men from H. M. S. Warspite and Amphion was a fine exhibition of the skill of the bluejackets with their distinctive weapon. It was also an object lesson of the service the jackies stand ready to render for the Empire. Applause followed every turn of the drill, which was conducted by Gunner Smith of H. M. S. Warspite. The second last number of the programme was also an exhibition of the prowess of the tars in another line—with the single-sticks. This contest was carried on with a spirit that evoked great enthusiasm on the part of the audience, albeit the blows rained on the cork helmets and padded bodies of the contestants looked rather too realistic for pastime.

The last number was a lively three-round go between two of the best light-weight boxers of the warships—Messrs. Spence and Gibbs. Before this event, the director, Prof. Foster, came before the curtain and thanked the audience for their attendance, and especially the members of the legislature who were present, including Mr. H. Dallas Helmcken.

A very pleasing tableau was given by the bluejackets in costume, who gathered in a circle on the stage, and with drawn cutlasses, all meeting in the centre above their heads, sang "Rule Britannia," the tableau forming a very appropriate setting for the song. The national anthem then brought the entertainment to a close.

THE FRENCH SHORE.

Agree to Modus Vivendi From Patriotic Motives.

St. John's, Nfld., Feb. 27.—The legislative council passed the French shore modus vivendi bill this evening, after spirited speeches defining the attitude of the various members. Messrs. Baird, Bowning and Blandford declared that this was the last time they would support the measure, and that even now they only did so because of a patriotic desire to assist the Empire during the continuance of the war in South Africa. All three asserted that at the expiration of the term named by the bill—the end of the present year—they would throw upon the British government the onus of further legislation.

Vague Report Of New Find

Nome Reported to be Excited Over Strike Made in Kuskokwim District.

Crime at Cape Nome -- Many Miners Wintering in Koyukah District.

More news has come through from Nome, and it is now learned that that district is excited over the reported gold finds in the Kuskokwim district. The impression prevails there that many thousands will go in to the new district from "the outside" this spring. Nothing, however, is stated regarding the nature of the strike, or on instances of the richness of the ground. The Nome News says that a large number of stampeders have started for the Kuskokwim. It also says: "The news concerning the gold is vague and unsatisfactory, yet some of the stampeders who have started out express the greatest confidence in the extent and value of the find."

In the middle of November Mr. Boggart, the new commissioner, was preparing to go to the new district, accompanied by a big expedition fitted out by the government. The men attached to the commissioner's force were to travel with dog teams, and the supplies were to be transported by reindeer teams, driven by Laplanders. The official boundary of the Kuskokwim is given as follows: Beginning at a point on the northern boundary of the line of Bristol Bay recording district, where the same crosses Kulaklaket and on the watershed between the Yukon and Kuskokwim rivers; thence northwesterly, following the watershed of said rivers to a point south of the Yukon river, where the Soonkakat river empties into the same; thence following the boundary line between the second and third divisions of the district of Alaska, as at present divided, to the intersection of said boundary line with Lake Clark; thence westerly to the headwaters of the Ibulitna river, following the northwesterly boundary line of the Bristol Bay recording district to the place of beginning.

Crime was not reported to be on the wane. Just before the election for incorporation, at which it was decided not to incorporate, the military patrol was withdrawn, presumably because of trouble between police and marshal. The latter had no funds to maintain police protection, and so he notified the chamber.

A notable case of thieving was the stealing of two tons of coal from the cabin of two washerwomen, who were supporting a sick brother. It was considered extraordinary that any human being would take the comfort of heat from the side of a death-bed in the Arctic regions. The family robbed was named Othold.

The night before the women were robbed, three masked men held up William Jones in his cabin at the point of revolvers and got $340.

Just about the time of the two crimes mentioned a clever swindler was passing bogus checks on the unsuspecting public. Dog thieves were becoming bold and taking valuable canines.

John Butcher was knocked down and robbed of $140 on November 11, while in the tenderloin, by two masked men.

Dan Carolan, formerly of Seattle, charged with the murder of J. L. Downey, of the N. A. T. & T. Co.'s store at Rampart, on December 17, has been committed for trial there and held without bail.

At Dall River it is reported that 350 men are wintering on the Koyukuk, but some lines of provisions were running short.

MILK INSPECTION.

Sanitary Officer Takes Preliminary Steps to Enforce Provisions of By-Law.

In accordance with the decision of the civic authorities to enforce the provisions of the Milk By-Law, Sanitary Officer Wilson has paid a visit to all the dairies which supply milk to families and others in the city, and explained to the keepers thereof what is required of them, besides seeing that they were in such a condition that a license could be issued to the proprietors. Yesterday a number of dairymen called at the city hall to pay the license that the by-law calls for. These licenses must be placed in a conspicuous manner on each wagon used in delivering milk. To see that the milkmen live up to the provisions of the by-law and do not sell impure milk, the sanitary officer will take samples from the wagons and have these samples tested at the city hall.

STUDENT INJURED.

Accident to a First Year Medical at McGill.

Montreal, Feb. 27.—(Special)—An accident occurred in the chemical laboratory of Dr. Ruttan, in the faculty of medicine of McGill university, which may probably result in the partial blindness of Mr. David Shaw, a first year medical student. The sight of one eye has been almost totally destroyed; that of the other, however, is comparatively uninjured. The accident occurred through the unexpected explosion of a quantity of sulphuric acid and alcohol, with which the students were experimenting.

QUEEN'S MEMORIAL.

Subscriptions Will Be Opened To-day in London.

London, Feb. 27.—Public subscriptions will be asked to-morrow for the erection of a memorial to Queen Victoria. The committee of cabinet ministers and former cabinet ministers appointed by King Edward to consider the question of a memorial has decided that it shall be erected in London and be permanent, and of a monumental character. The committee is now taking the advice of notable persons as to precisely what would be appropriate.

POLITICS.

Suggestion to Manitoba Government—Nominated in Muskoka.

Winnipeg, Feb. 28.—A. J. Andrews, Conservative, publishes an open letter addressed to Premier Roblin, suggesting that the government should appeal to the country on the railway question.

Gravenhurst, Feb. 28.—Muskoka Liberals have re-nominated Dr. Bridgeland, of the Muskoka district.

Clear Creek Not So Rich

Richest Claim Said Not to Yield More Than Twenty Cents to the Pan.

Quartz Strike Near Dawson—Vaccination Station for White Horse.

According to news received from Dawson by the steamer Amur, which arrived on Sunday from the North, the latest authentic information from Clear creek states that gravel has been found which runs 20 cents to the pan on one claim, which is the best strike made in the district. The prospects on the majority of the claims are not flattering and miners are returning every day who are not enthusiastic over the outlook. The popular trail is now the Arkansas creek route instead of via Gold Run. Roadhouses have been established at convenient distances along the trail.

On February 5 Jim Dougherty, who was one of the characters of the early Klondike days, together with his party of miners, arrived back at Dawson from Clear creek, bringing an adverse report of those diggings. He reported that they had put in a month there without striking anything worth staking, the prospects not being worth an entry fee.

According to telegraphic advices, which had reached Skagway from the Klondike capital, the Dawson papers of February 15 published big accounts of a rich quartz strike on Lepine creek, about 15 miles from Dawson. The leads, it is said, can be traced for miles, and the veins are of varying width. Assays taken of rocks near the surface run $84 in gold, besides a small showing of silver and baser metals. As a result of the report a small sized stampede to the new discovery has resulted. It is reported that all the ground has been located.

A shaft 130 feet deep has been sunk by Charles Everett at Moosehide gulch, near Dawson, exploring for gold. He expects to keep on until he stikes bedrock. It is rumored that in early days great quantities of gold were taken from this creek.

Dawson is to have a big prize fight on March 5, for the championship of the Yukon and a side bet of $500, as well as the gate receipts. A despatch of February 16 says Frank Slavin and Devine then signed articles for a ten-round fight for the Yukon championship on March 5. A six-days' go-as-you-please race began on the 16th at the Orpheum, six contestants competing.

Mr. McArthur, Yukon health officer, in a report to the Yukon council on February 15, recommends that a vaccination station be established at the summit of White Pass next summer, and that everyone entering the territory be subject to vaccination. He also advances the novel scheme of constructing a garbage crematory for Dawson, the garbage to be used as fuel under steam boilers, which will supply power for a small electric light plant.

According to mail advices from Dawson, official notice has been given that applications for hydraulic grants have been cancelled as follows: G. W. Mitchell, R. H. Graham, Sir James Grant—Concession on Stewart river. I. N. Harris—Colibou creek. W. Moore—Ottawa creek. Wm. Jorel and Loftus S. House—Ballarat creek. J. M. Hickson—Australia creek. Geo. Ramillard—Sixty Mile. Gillis Bros.—Slate creek. W. A. Clark—Ten Mile creek. The above territory has been thrown open for placer mining entry.

A Dawson telegram of February 16 says: The suit of Belcher v. McDonald, arising from a disagreement over the transfer of a rich Eldorado claim, is now on trial. Belcher asks judgment on a note for $126,000.

The Canadian Bank of Commerce has acquired the Aurora dock site and will build immediately.

The White Horse Star says Robt. Lowe has discovered coal 12 miles west of Dundale. The coal is lignite and tests have proven that it is of first-class commercial quality. The vein from which the specimen shown was taken is 20 feet wide and pitches downward at an angle of 45 degrees between well defined slate walls. Six men are now at work opening up the claim, but have not as yet gone down far enough to get coal on top, which somewhat injures the through the top layer of weather slacked appearance of it, but has no perceptible influence on its heating qualities.

Mail has been received at Skagway from Nome. The carrier left Nome on November 24. Up to November 22 the weather was comparatively mild, after which a strong north wind set in. The sea was still open, but huge floes of ice could be seen out at sea. Prices on some commodities were very high. Coal was from $85 to $125 per ton, wood $40 a cord and hay $250 per ton.

Quite a number of prospectors are hurrying in to the Chilkat country. Two saw mills are cutting lumber for the summer's work. Practically only prospecting has been done as yet, but several large and expensive outfits for working the deep ground are already on the way. The bed rock is from 12 to 40 feet and appears to be rich as far as prospected, also the benches. Quite a number of the prospect holes are being worked "by hand" this winter, just to pay expenses, and as the holes yielded more than seventy-five thousand dollars last season, according to the estimate of one who has been in the camp since it started, it would seem that those who believe in the district have cause for their faith.

A survey has been made for a road from Porcupine to Klukwan, which it is estimated can be built for between sixty and seventy-five thousand dollars. From Klukwan to Pyramid Harbor a steamer is to run this summer. Many are sanguine that a railroad will be built at once, as it is reported that the necessary capital is ready as soon as the charter can be obtained.

TORONTO UNIVERSITY.

More Funds Needed to Raise Its Standard.

Toronto, Feb. 27.—(Special.)—In the legislature this afternoon Minister of Education Harcourt discussed the needs of Toronto University. He showed how, during several years past, expenditures had exceeded revenue by about $30,000 and yet the university was doing more than its fund warranted. It was quite unequal to requirements in the important departments of geology, mineralogy and physics.

ANOTHER REBELLION.

London, March 1.—A Shanghai correspondent of the Standard says reports from native sources assert that Li Hai Chun, a protege of Prince Tuan and Gen. Tung Fu Siang, has started a rebellion with 50,000 men near Lan Chan Fu, province of Kan Su.