

TWO MEN KILLED IN COLLISION

VICTIMS MEMBERS OF
CREWS OF TRAIN

Man Gets Fifteen Years For
Slaughter—The Sentence
of Joseph Phillips.

Toronto, March 25.—A head-on collision occurred this morning about 10.30 on the C. P. R. two miles east of Milton, causing the death of two men and seriously injuring two others. The dead men are fireman C. Jones, and brakeman H. Howe. Their bodies were taken from the wreck about two hours after the collision. Engineer S. Binns and brakeman C. House were slightly injured about the legs and arms and engineer Kille was slightly injured. Eighteen cars were thrown off the track, five of which were completely demolished.

The Phillips Case.
Toronto, March 26.—An application to the minister of justice is to be made to liberate Joseph Phillips, sentenced on Saturday to five years in the penitentiary. It is claimed that there was a specific understanding given by the crown that when Phillips pleaded guilty he would be liberated on suspended sentence. That Phillips fully expected to get off on suspended sentence is the statement made to-day and fully borne out by the facts. The charge to which he pleaded guilty was purely a technical one, and as he had rendered service to the liquidators in winding up the affairs of the defunct company, as he had made restitution and his case had been dragging for two years, partly owing to the manner in which the police court case was conducted, it was fully expected that his punishment would be nominal. Phillips, his counsel and immediate friends were stunned by what they considered the severity of the sentence. It appears they had reckoned on all factors in the case except Judge Winchester, who bears the reputation of being an exceedingly just and upright judge, who is more likely to condone the offense of a minor criminal than the wrecker of a concern like the York county loan Co. He made it clear in his remarks to the prisoner when passing sentence that while he was convicted on a technical charge he (the judge) had considered the case in all its bearings. Phillips had no more funds, it is understood, and could not fight the case any longer, which is another reason why he decided to plead guilty and take the chance of a lenient sentence. The local feeling is that in view of all circumstances, a suspension with the case and the widespread losses on the poor people, the penalty imposed by Judge Winchester eminently fitted the crime.

W. H. Jenkins Dead.
Toronto, March 25.—The death is announced at Madoc of Wm. H. Jenkins, the late registrar in the educational department of the province and chairman of the educational council. He was compelled to resign at the end of the year on account of failing health. The deceased was a conspicuous figure in the educational arena of his native province. He was a distinguished graduate of Toronto University, and later became principal of the Owen Sound Collegiate Institute, which under his leadership attained first rank. He succeeded Dr. Parkenham, now of the technical school, in the duties of his department six years ago. Deceased was an only brother of B. S. Jenkins, general superintendent of C. P. R. telegraphs, Winnipeg.

For Manslaughter.
Portage la Prairie, March 25.—The spring assizes were concluded this morning. Lyle, charged with the murder of James Alexander and found guilty of manslaughter, was sentenced to 15 years in the Stony Mountain penitentiary. The sentence practically means life, as it is hardly possible that the prisoner will live that long.

Imprisoned for Life.
Ottawa, March 25.—An order in council was approved by Lord Grey to-day changing the death sentence passed upon Joseph Gilbert, of Regina, sentenced to be hanged on April 16th for the murder of B. Henderson, a farmer, to imprisonment for life. Gilbert was sentenced to be hanged in November, but had three respites to permit his case being taken to the Supreme court. The last respite was to April 5.

Died at His Desk.
Bowmanville, Ont., March 25.—Thomas Vann, 73 years of age, and for years accountant for M. D. Williams & Co., furniture dealers, went to the post office for mail as usual this morning. A few minutes later he was found dead at his desk.

Society Wedding.
Winnipeg, March 25.—A fashionable wedding will take place in this city early next month, the contracting parties being Miss Marjorie Powell and Hon. Charles Fisher, speaker of the legislature in Alberta.

General Booth's Visit.
Winnipeg, March 25.—The banquet given in honor of General Booth by the Canadian Club to-night, was certainly a distinctive honor to the veteran leader of the Salvation Army. Over 600 were in attendance, and the gathering included the leading business and professional men of the city.

Death of C. P. Slater.
Montreal, March 25.—C. P. Slater, secretary-treasurer of the Bell Telephone company, died here on Sunday night after an illness of ten days from pneumonia. He was with the company since its organization.

Mohammedans use the lunar year, which is 30 days, 21 hours, 14-25 seconds shorter than ours.

IS HARRY THAW SAFE OR INSANE?

JUSTICE FITZGERALD
APPOINTS COMMISSION

Will Report to Court on Mental
Condition of Slayer of Stanford
White.

New York, March 27.—A formal adjournment of the Thaw trial for a week or ten days will be announced to-day when the jury assembles in Justice Fitzgerald's court, presiding at the trial of the commission, which was appointed yesterday to examine into the mental condition of the defendant. Whether the trial will again be resumed depends of course on the report of the commission, which is composed of ex-Justice Morgan, J. O'Brien, District Attorney Peter B. Olney and Dr. Leopold Putzel, an authority on mental diseases. If the commission finds that Thaw is insane the prisoner will be sent to an asylum; if it is found that Thaw is now sane, his fate will be decided by the jury. The appointees to the commission have agreed to serve, and will meet Justice Fitzgerald to-day and will be sworn in. They will be then introduced to counsel in the case, after which it will be decided whether the sessions of the commissioners are to be conducted in open court or in secret.

Just how long these sessions will last cannot be guessed at. Much will depend upon whether the commissioners decide to go into the history of the case or only hear witnesses who can swear as to the present mental condition of the defendant. The justice appointing a commission in lunacy has the power to reject its report. Thaw will be present at every session of the commission. Through his counsel he has stated that he will grant the commission every possible facility to carry on its work. It will be remembered that Thaw refused the medical men when they tried to examine him after the shooting of Stanford White. He must submit to a physical examination by the doctors on the commission, but may refuse to submit himself to an oral examination.

RAILWAY COMMITTEE IN SESSION TO-DAY

Queen Charlotte Island Railway
Charter is Revised—Private Bills
Committee Meets.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)
The railway committee of the legislature met this morning and considered the bill to revise the Queen Charlotte Island Railway Company, of which Mr. King and Capt. J. Irving are the holders. They were represented by Harold Robertson.

A difficulty arose, several members showing a disposition to refuse the application contending that this was the third time the incorporators were coming before the legislature to revise their charter. Nothing had been put up by them, neither the \$5,000 deposit nor the expenditure of \$10,000 on surveys or construction. Some members of the committee thought that the revising of the charter was simply allowing the charter holders to traffic in it and to hold up bona fide companies, which might be seeking to develop the island.

Price Ellis, however, thought it would do no harm to any one to revise the charter. It would not exclude others from coming in.

H. S. Thomson suggested that baseball rules should apply then, and that it should be three times and out. This was the third application, and he proposed that it be understood to be the last.

The bill was finally put through with the company being required to deposit \$5,000 in six months, expend \$10,000 in side of one year and \$100,000 within three years or the charter would lapse. The Bella Coola Railway Company, which proposes to build from the influence of the Shuswap and south fork of the Fraser river to Quenel and Bella Coola, the incorporation of which is sought by Edgar Bloomfield, R. C. Spinks and G. C. Van Horne, was also put through committee.

The private bills committee also met and disposed of the bill respecting the Securities Corporation of British Columbia.

The bill to incorporate the Vancouver stock exchange was brought up, but laid over until Tuesday, as some opposition was raised by a company incorporated under the same name. The powers of the exchange were gone into, but some of the members of the committee desired further time to look into these. It was represented that it would be based on the same rules as those governing the Toronto stock exchange.

BOURASSA'S MOTION.
Ottawa, March 27.—In the House to-day Mr. Bourassa gave notice that on Thursday of next week he would move a substantive motion giving a chance to Mr. Fowler either to withdraw or maintain his statements.

Suit to recover \$20,000,000 from the trustees of the estate of the late Isabelle E. Schegg, widow of Isaac M. Singer, who organized the Singer Machine Co., was begun in Newark, N. J., on Tuesday by the third husband of the former Mrs. Singer.

MANY WHALES OFF WEST COAST

ORION REPORTS THAT
HUNTING IS VERY GOOD

New Pumping Apparatus Will Be
Used—Progress at Kyquoot
Sound Station.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)
The steam whaler Orion, which has put into port for a thorough overhauling at the ways of the Victoria Machinery Depot, brings news of great whaling activity on the west coast of the island. Within the last week four resplendent, of the largest kind, and three humpbacks have been captured. This is an exceptional performance for this time of the year.

Further information comes to hand of a growing activity at Sechart. A plant there is being enlarged. New tanks are being fitted and the general arrangements to cope with the large takes which are expected this season will necessitate the employment of many extra hands. When the Queen City leaves on the 1st April she will carry a further body of workmen to the whaling station.

Within a few weeks the Orion will be fitted with a new pumping apparatus for blowing up the whale preparatory to towing them to the station. This apparatus has not hitherto been used at any whaling station in the world. At present much time is lost in the operation of blowing up the whales. The task occupies any time from half an hour to three hours, and the result that while the sterner engaged at this work, not only is time lost, but also other whales in the vicinity may be frightened away. With the new apparatus the pumping operation can be performed within a minute and a half, the whale will be in tow, and the men when they are in the water, will be able to start in pursuit of another almost immediately. It is calculated that about 70 cubic feet of air will make a whale float, and this amount can be supplied by the new apparatus in little over a minute. The St. Lawrence, when she commences to operate from the new whaling station at Narrows Cut creek, will be similarly equipped.

Work at the new whaling station is progressing rapidly. The only real difficulty encountered there is the clearing of the land. This is being done, however, being carried out expeditiously by means of a steam pile driver. Already inquiries are being made out of the way when once they have been cut down. The pile driver was brought there by the Queen City when she brought the first consignment of lumber to Kyquoot Sound. The bunk houses have already been run up and within a few weeks the wharf will be commenced. The station will be finished and the St. Lawrence will operate from there during the first week in June. Thus the summer season will be taken full advantage of, and the prospects show that it will prove a record year for whales on the west coast.

Immediately that the station, which is at present under construction at Kyquoot Sound is complete, operations will be commenced at the third site in the Straits of Georgia, where Denman Island, at which point it is never too rough to hunt during the winter. The station there will be completed by the end of September, and the Pacific Whaling Company will thus be able to operate throughout the year. The station, which is now at the Victoria Machinery Depot, will remain in port until Saturday, when she will leave again for Sechart and resume hunting operations.

FIGHTING CONTINUES.
Numerous Conflicts and Loss of Life Reported From Roumania.
Bucharest, March 26.—Soldiers and large bodies of police were stationed in the Jewish quarters of Bucharest. Several riots, accompanied by much bloodshed, are reported from various places. The plundering usually appears to start at the synagogues, ending with attacks on Christians. "Vlachs" overrun by murderers, who have cut the telegraph and telephone wires. Two thousand peasants yesterday made a furious attack with bayonets and cut off detachments of cavalry in that district. The troops only dispersed the rioters after killing or wounding many of them. Fifteen rioters have been shot at Alexandria, about thirty miles from Bucharest, which place is under martial law. At Galata, Moldavia, peasants invaded the town, destroyed land and wrecked houses. They were fired upon by the troops, who killed fifteen persons.

A panic prevails at Giurgevo, forty miles from here.
Paris, March 26.—While the campaign in favor of higher tariff duties on French imports, with maximum and minimum rates, is primarily to secure preferential concessions from all foreign countries in importation, it is also possible to deny that a special campaign is being conducted by the French commercial interests are convinced that America has more to lose than they in refusing to make a reciprocity treaty as they believe that peculiar articles of French exportation taken by the United States, cannot be procured elsewhere, and will be exported irrespective of rates on the other hand, American exports, as in cotton seed oil, would feel the force of an increase of duties. The French probably considerable resentment at the United States to make a reciprocity treaty, or commercial arrangement with Germany, while the true claims of France are ignored.

BARQUE REACHED VICTORIA TO-DAY

SARDHANA ARRIVES
HERE FROM LONDON

One Hundred and Sixty-Six Days for
the Trip From the Old
Country.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)
Under her own sail the British barque Sardhana, Capt. Walker, pulled into the outer wharf this morning. She was unable to secure the services of a tug in the Straits, and consequently had to make for port alone.

The Sardhana, a barque of 1,110 tons, belongs to Andrew Weir & Company, of Glasgow, and runs in a fleet known as the Bank Line. On this occasion she was coming from London with a miscellaneous cargo for Victoria and Vancouver, of which some 600 tons were for this port. She commenced discharging to-day and will remain at the outer wharf for the next ten days.

With few variations the Sardhana encountered severe weather during her trip from London docks to this port. She was exactly 165 days out, having left the English metropolis on the 12th of October. She touched nowhere during the voyage.

Immediately after leaving London stiff head winds were encountered in the Channel, and she was beating about there a couple of weeks before she could get clear of the coast line. On meeting the trade winds, matters improved, and the trip across the Atlantic was a favorable one. She made the coast of South America early in December.

When off Montevideo the crew spent an enjoyable time in fishing for sharks. The vessel was trailed behind, baited with four or five pounds of salt pork. Several of the voracious animals were hooked, and one of them was hauled aboard at the stern. A few entertaining moments were spent while the fish plunged and lashed about the deck until it was finally garrotted. The captain, who poured four bullets into it with a rifle. Several other sharks were captured, but the experiment of hauling them on board was not tried.

Proceeding towards the south the vessel met with several large icebergs. These were encountered in latitude 43, and, according to the captain, in further north than they have been met with for the last fifty years. Cape Horn was reached about Christmas, when very heavy winds and seas were experienced. The vessel was upwards of a month in rounding the Cape and had to run as far south as 55 degrees latitude. The crew who slept in the forepart of the ship were washed out of their bunks and had to find quarters where best they could. During the time, when albatross were captured with fishing hooks, and their skins have been preserved.

Coming up the coast head winds were still in evidence until Central America was reached, when the weather moderated. Comparatively smooth waters prevailed until Friday last, when the Sardhana encountered the gale which was felt in Victoria on that day. Yesterday morning the vessel rounded Tatooch, and though she saw several tugs they were all actively engaged, with the result that she had to come to port.

After discharging her cargo at the outer wharf the barque will make for Vancouver, where she will land the remainder of her freight. She will probably lie there awaiting charter, and expects to carry a cargo of lumber home to the Old Country.

On board the Sardhana is a small organ which once adorned the church at Chemainus, and was purchased by Capt. Walker on one of his trips in the hope of relieving the tedious voyage. The captain is well known along this coast.

STRIKE OF MINERS SEEMS PROBABLE

NO AGREEMENT HAS
YET BEEN REACHED

Several of the Delegates Have With-
drawn From the Conference
at Calgary.

Calgary, Alberta, March 27.—After an all-day's sitting the operators and miners delegates failed to come to any agreement yesterday.

Several of the members of the conference have left in disgust at the prolonged conference. President Mitchell has wired stating he is unable to attend the conference on account of illness.

The district vice-president says the convention will probably end to-morrow, and that a strike is probable.

LOST HIS HOME.
Fort William, Ont., March 27.—The residence of a prominent local dairyman, was completely destroyed by fire yesterday, while the man was on his way to work. The fire broke out in a shed only a couple of days ago, and was rescued from her bed with considerable difficulty. The fire started, it is believed, by sparks from a chimney.

THE HEAVEN OF PLAINS' PEOPLE

VICTORIA SO NAMED
BY C. C. CHIPMAN

Chief Commissioner of Hudson's
Bay Company Here—The Up-
lands Farm.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)
C. C. Chipman, chief commissioner of the Hudson's Bay Company, is in the city on one of his periodical visits. He will spend a few days here before leaving again for headquarters at Winnipeg. In view of the fact that Mr. Chipman has always taken such a deep interest in Victoria and has held such an optimistic opinion as to the future of this city as the great residential centre of the Northwest, Mr. Chipman was asked what was the feeling in the prairie sections with respect to the city.

The chief commissioner replied that it was being watched with the deepest interest, and would continue to be the chief attraction as a residential place for the residents of the Northwest. He could not see how it could be otherwise. To visit Victoria was to arouse a desire to live here.

"It is the heaven of the Northwest," he said. In future the work of attracting people to the city will be far less difficult than it has been. There are now a large number in the prairie centres who have been to Victoria and they make the most enthusiastic advocates of which the city could have, and will continue the good work of extolling the attractions of Victoria.

"This city I regard as destined to be the greatest residential city in the Northwest," said Mr. Chipman. "It is such a lovely spot. I tell everyone they should see it. It is sort of half-way to heaven, and were they to realize its attractions they would not be in such a hurry to go to heaven."

H. Gardiner, one of the partners of the firm which has recently acquired the 600 acres of the Uplands Farm, is also in the city at present, and was interviewed at the same time as Mr. Chipman. He said that he was here to arrange for the laying out of the land. A landscape gardener had been practically secured to go over the land and formulate a plan laying it out in the most attractive manner.

The work will be commenced just as quickly as it can be done, and Mr. Gardiner says there is no question whatever about the sale of the whole sub-division in short order.

Already inquiries are being made, not alone in Winnipeg, but applications from Battleford and Regina and elsewhere for plots have been received. These people do not ask the price, but have requested that five or more acres be set aside for them at whatever price the land is put on the market.

In agreement with Mr. Chipman that there is to be a continual stream of residents from the prairie to Victoria, the heaven of the residents in the prairie provinces.

NEED WAGON ROAD.
Settlers in the "Bulky Valley" Cannot Get Machinery Required.

"What we need up in our country is a wagon road from Hazelton to Bulkley Valley," says Chas. Barrett, of Hazelton. Mr. Barrett is the manager of the Barrett Freighting and Forwarding Company, of Hazelton. In company with his partners he has been doing business in that country for the last ten years. With the exception of the G. C. P. things have brightened up wonderfully. Hazelton, at the head of navigation is the point of shipment for goods to the interior. Such goods are, however, forwarded with the greatest difficulty. It is a good eighty miles from the town to the Bulkley valley. For the whole distance goods must be conveyed by mules, consequently it is practically impossible to get machinery of any sort into the valley. Mr. Barrett last year paid twenty-five dollars per head to get three pigs packed into his ranch in the valley. To get the machinery needed in farming operations into the valley is a great height and in enormous quantities. Oats and barley produce well. Mr. Barrett says that last year he had 5 acres of as good a crop of oats as he ever saw. Owing to the impossibility of threshing them he was obliged to cut the greater part of them green. This year he has 60 acres and some fall wheat. Apples and garden stuff do well. Potatoes grow in enormous quantities.

Considerable development is being done on the mining properties in the Bulkley and Telkwa valleys. With the advent of the railway great development will take place.

Mr. Barrett is taking back with him the first Clydesdale stallion ever imported into the valley. He is also taking in 200 or 300 head of cattle from the lower country. He finds a ready market for these in addition to all that he can raise on his ranch. He expects also to take in with him some machinery if it can be carried into the country.

"But," he concluded, "we need that wagon road and need it badly."

PHYSICIAN MURDERED.
Spartanburg, S. C., March 26.—Dr. William Linder, a prominent physician of Union, B. C., was shot and killed yesterday by Lucy Littel, who walked into the physician's office, closed the door and fired a bullet into his back. The woman was arrested.

INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATIONS.
Ottawa, March 27.—Lord Grey appeared before F. D. Monk's committee on the Co-Operation and Industrial Associations Bill, and spoke strongly in support of such a movement for Canada, although not wanting it to be understood that he was speaking for the details of the bill.

HOMESEEEKERS FROM STATES

THOUSANDS COMING TO
WESTERN CANADA

Special Trains Crowded With Settlers
Are Being Sent Out of
St. Paul.

Winnipeg, Man., March 27.—A St. Paul dispatch, says: "Homeseekers" were again in evidence at the railroad offices yesterday. Thousands of settlers and homeseekers on route to the West left St. Paul last night by the western trains, and many more will come to-day.

"Homeseekers" rates are in effect every Tuesday during the season, as are settlers' rates. The latter rates are the ones which draw the greatest number of emigrants. The tickets are good to the coast. Many of the settlers are journeying to Canada to take up claims.

"Special trains will be sent out on the Soo line, Great Northern and Northern Pacific roads to-day with the travellers who arrive from the East."

WIND AND HAIL STORM.
Port Arthur, March 27.—A terrific wind and hail storm prevailed here last evening. A hail storm, accompanied by thunder and lightning, swept over the city in the afternoon, but no damage is reported.

FIRST CARGO OF SEASON.
Steamer Midland King Carries Wheat From Port William.

Port William, Ont., March 27.—The first cargo of wheat for 1907 was loaded at Empire elevator yesterday, when a cargo of 180,000 bushels was placed in the steamer Midland King. The vessel has been tied up near the elevator all winter, but the ice had to be blown to get her alongside the elevator.

COUNCIL ACCEPTS INCINERATOR TENDER

Action of Mayor and Aldermen is
Subject to the Approval of the
Property Owners.

A cablegram was Tuesday sent to the Heenen-Froude Company, of Manchester, England, notifying them that their tender to install the new incinerator plant had been accepted subject to the passing of the by-law by the people of Victoria. If the by-law fails to pass, the city's responsibility ends. If, however, the by-law goes through, the city will be the gainer in the matter by at least \$100,000, as this company is putting in a similar plant for Vancouver, and by having a definite statement before them of the city's decision in the matter they can so arrange matters as to effect this saving. This by-law, in conjunction with the by-law for school purposes and the annual law by-law, will be submitted to the voters on Thursday, April 4th.

Mayor Morley this morning stated that it was much to be regretted that earlier action in the matter of the by-law could not have been secured. It would have facilitated matters very much. Now work will be so delayed that it will be practically impossible to do anything this year. Asked as to the possibility of one of the by-laws being defeated, he stated that he did not think there was any likelihood of such a course being followed. The incinerator plant which it is proposed to install here from the plans of the Heenen-Froude Company is so well known, simple, and yet so eminently suited to its purpose that it is hardly conceivable that anyone could be so blind to the public weal as to attempt to defeat it.

A similar plant is to be erected in Seattle. Vancouver is having one shipped to that city in the near future, and it is proposed to have one for Victoria shipped at the same time, thus saving both time and expense.

The testimony of such cities as Westmont, Montreal, New York and other places where similar plants have been installed, go to show that the plan of the city to generate power for the lighting of the streets is entirely feasible. The descriptive pamphlets furnished by the company also go to show that this plan is in successful operation in many cities in England.

WILL ADDRESS TEACHERS.
Principal of Winnipeg Normal School Will Attend Convention to Be Held at Nelson.

Winnipeg, March 27.—W. A. McIntyre, principal of the Normal school, will give three lectures at the British Columbia Teachers' Association at its meeting to be held at Nelson during the Easter vacation. In the past the British Columbia educationists have been drawing their talent chiefly from the United States for such occasions, and this recognition of Manitoban talent is a new departure.

BLUE FUNNEL LINER.
Cyclops, Sister Ship to the Titan, Arrives in Port.

The Blue Funnel liner Cyclops reached the outer wharf on Wednesday and is engaged in discharging some 700 tons of cargo for this port. She comes from Liverpool and has been at Tacoma for the past few days. The Cyclops is a sister vessel to the Titan.

TO BRING REINDEER.
Ottawa, March 27.—The Dominion has given a grant of \$5,000 to Dr. Greenwell to bring reindeer from Norway.

Suffering from nervous indigestion, afflicted on Tuesday morning, Richard Mansfield on Tuesday instructed his managers to cancel the remainder of the season's engagements.

GREAT STRIDES MADE BY ISLAND

EX-MAYOR ARBUTHNOT
TELLS WINNIPEGGERS

Brilliant Future for Victoria Pro-
sied—Timber and Coal Re-
sources Dilated Upon.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)
Reports from the Pacific Coast, suggesting mineral and industrial potentialities, seem like momentary peeps into a great destiny; and Winnipeggers, who have gone thither and returned to tell us about them, are like they who went forth to spy out a promised land. In this category must be placed J. Arbuthnot, during 1901-02-03, mayor of the city, who on a visit here, says the Winnipeg Free Press.

Mr. Arbuthnot is interested in coal and lumber on Vancouver Island, which, in the probable rise of trade in the Orient, is bound to occupy a pre-eminent situation. This winter 50,000 tons of herrings have been exported from Nanaimo to Japan; and there is a great demand for ties for railway building in both China and Japan. Shipbuilding and coal mining are also thriving; and, with the probable exploitation of the vast iron resources of the island and other industrial appliances, an alluring picture is shadowed upon the mind.

"Our growth out there," said Mr. Arbuthnot to an interviewer, "of course, dependent upon the advancement here. British Columbia has things which are valuable to you, and you have products, which are essential to our existence. So we are mutually dependent. British Columbia is of importance which her situation and natural resources justify, until the provinces behind her are settled up."

Secured Coal Lands.
Questioned concerning coal, the ex-mayor said his company had taken up from 20,000 to 30,000 acres of land on the north end of the island, upon which they had a diamond drill working up a five-foot seam of soft coal to a depth of 150 feet. The seam lies up to the beach, and was to be seen under the sea in the direction of an island, which he had also acquired. The company at this point renders it possible for vessels to come right up to the shore and load. It would take, he estimated, \$300,000 to develop the property.

"They tell me," he went on, "there is an abundance of iron, copper, marble, and the exploiting of these, and 15 miles out of Victoria, Portland cement is being manufactured. Although these are pastures for the future, the wealth of the island is already established, and the people are waking up to the fact, under the arousing influence of the export of coal, that having set other places on the move, is now turning his attention to this last field of Dominion enterprise."

Mr. Arbuthnot, who traded in Vancouver Island under the style of the Red Fir Lumber Company, finds that the lumber business is brisk, owing to the demand for export. Coal in Victoria is \$7.75, the highest of the price being due to the scarcity of labor, the shipping taking the coal as fast as it is mined.

Good Shelter For Harbors.
He thinks that many places, which are scarcely known to-day, will be flourishing cities in the near future. He expects that several new harbors will be made on the coast, and that abundance in good shelter for shipping. The unexplored forests contain a great amount of wealth, which time and necessity will also eventually bring into the market.

Mr. Arbuthnot has a great opinion of Victoria, which, he says, is growing into a military city. He expects he will return to the Pacific Coast and rejoin his family.

TURKEY ACTIVE.
Reorganizes Army Corps and Takes Step to Complete Fortifications at Adrianople.

Constantinople, March 27.—Considerable military activity is shown by Turkey in consequence of the recent extraordinary credit of \$5,000,000 granted by the Bulgarian sobranie for military purposes. The regular troops comprised in the Second and Third army corps of the Turkish army with headquarters at Adrianople and Salonica have been reorganized in an important manner.

Several companies of engineers have been assigned to the completion of the fortifications at Adrianople. A large order for military supplies has been placed and a military pier has been constructed on the sea of Marone for landing troops and supplies from the Asiatic provinces.

CENTRAL AMERICAN WAR.
Mexico Has Been Asked to Intervene in the Present Troubles.

Mexico City, March 26.—Mexico has been asked to intervene in the present troubles in Central America by the republic of Salvador. Dr. Baltazar Enriquez, the minister to Mexico from that country, had a long conference with President Diaz this afternoon at his conclusion sent a dispatch to Ambassador Green at Washington. The contents of the message were not made public, but it is thought that the ambassador was instructed to tell the United States that Mexico was ready to join the northern republic in demanding that hostilities cease.

FOR WORKING ON SUNDAY.
Port Arthur, March 27.—The first prosecution here under the Sunday Observance Act occurred yesterday morning, when two carpenters were heavily fined for working on Sunday last.

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a word each

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house work. Apply
Paint Co., Laurel Pk.

BOYS WANTED—At
Paint Co., Laurel Pk.

WANTED—Apprentice
door factory. Apply
Paint Co., Laurel Pk.

ENERGETIC MEN
locality throughout
any goods, lacking
trees, fences and ad-
tributing small
commission or sala-
and expenses \$4 per
employment not over
write for particulars
Medicine Co., London

WANTED—First-class
clothing, good men
Apply McCandless Bk.

I MADE \$50,000 in five
order business; beg
the world's best
and expenses \$4 per
employment not over
write for particulars
Medicine Co., London

I MADE \$50,000 in five
order business; beg
the world's best
and expenses \$4 per
employment not over
write for particulars
Medicine Co., London

WANTED—Messenger
P. R. Telegraph Office

WANTED—At once,
senior and good men
with rig, or capable
to advertise and sell
stock and poultry
Barnes & Co., Ltd.
work for you. \$25 a
position permanent
Barnes & Co., Ltd.