Dominion News Notes

Citizens of Calgary Are to Stand Trial in Connection With Bank Robbery.

Montreal Has Annual Visitation From the Waters of the St. Lawrence.

Duke of Sutherland Takes Great Interest in Methods of Grain Handling.

CALGARY, April 11.—The arrest of J. Bangs, B. F. Price and T. Belau, almost as much of a mystery here as at the time they were arrested and but little of the evidence that will be offered at the preliminary trial today has been made public or is even known to the crown authorities here. The Pinkerton detectives have been working on the case. They have engineered the arrest and have worked up all the evidence in connection with it. The story, as far as can be learned here, is that the Pinkerton agency in Seattle had been informed that some of the Commercial Bank of Hamilton bills were being exchanged in bulk for some bills of another bank in that city. He discovered agents who were handling the bills, followed them when in Seattle and followed them back. The two men purchased tickets to Gleichen. B. F. Boyce was placed under arrest at Gleichen on her returning from the west. He was in the act of receiving a package of money from the express company when arrested.

MONTREAL'S ANNUAL TREAT.

Montreal, April 11.—The flood situation in this city remains unchanged. There is no danger at present to the city proper, the water being lower than yesterday and six feet below the top of the permanent dyke. Across the river St. Lawrence at Laprairie, St. Lambert and Longueuil, which were flooded on Sunday, the water has entirely receded, but Dorlun is still flooded. The only thing to be feared is a heavy rain. Trains are delayed from the surrounding country. Two lives have been lost. Three hundred people in the village of Vercheres, adjoining the western limits of the city of Montreal, are tonight living in the upper stories of their houses, while nearly a thousand more, who reside in the section of the city known as Point St. Charles, are wondering whether or not they will have to do likewise. At 6 o'clock this morning a large quantity of ice came down from Lake St. Louise and jammed up against the Victoria bridge. In a few minutes the water began to rise and in a short time had nearly reached the top of the dyke, built after the last great flood, and which has held up to the present a sufficient protection.

WINNIPEG WIRINGS.

Winnipeg, April 11.—Provincial police have been sent to bring back Eric Pelham, arrested in Montreal charged with stealing a valise from the night train in a hotel here.

R. S. Elder of Port Arthur lost his baby fire Sunday afternoon. The engine was completely disabled on the way to the fire.

The assessment at Brandon has been increased 25 per cent over last year, or $900. The population is now 7,000, an increase of 1,000. New buildings to the extent of a million dollars will be added this season.

Paul Beneager, the pioneer blacksmith of Edmonton, committed suicide Sunday afternoon by taking poison.

The Manitoba Land Surveyors Association have protested against the government on account of the fact that 230 out of the 240 Grand Trunk Pacific surveyors are Americans. It is pointed out that Mr. Hays himself is an American. As American surveyors are thus given a working preference, Canadians the association considers that alien labor law is useless.

DUKE OF SUTHERLAND.

Portage la Prairie, April 11.—This morning the Duke of Sutherland and party made a tour of the C. P. R. elevators at this place, and Port Arthur and His Grace was much interested in the methods of storing. The party left for Winnipeg by special train this afternoon.

DROWNED IN SOURIS.

Souris, Man., April 11.—Mr. Seaman, recently from Sherbrooke, Que., was drowned today in the Souris river while attempting to cross the stream on the ice.

THE SPRING FEELING.

Weakness, Lassitude and a Desire to Avoid Exertion.

We are few people who have not noticed what is aptly termed the spring feeling. Languor and weariness of appetite, touches of indigestion, pimples and irritation of the skin. They all come with the spring. These ills are banished by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. They enrich the blood, brace up the nerves and charm all spring weariness. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are the best tonic medicine in the world. They make new, rich, red blood; strengthen men and women and make the roses of health bloom on the pale cheeks. Here is proof: Miss Annie Johnston, Gardner Mines, Nova Scotia, says: "I was very much run down and so weak that I would frequently have to lie down. My appetite was poor and food distasteful. I often suffered from headaches, and the least exertion left me completely used up. I took three boxes of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and since then I have felt like a new person. I do not know of any medicine equal to these pills."

A change of climate a tonic is an absolute necessity in spring, and health will be saved and money saved by using only Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Don't take a substitute or something else said to be "just as good." If in doubt send to Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont., and the pills will be sent you by post paid, at 50c. per box or six boxes for $2.50.

CHIHWANG IS HEAVILY FORTIFIED

Few Guns Now Mounted and Russians Ready For Japs.

Chihwang, April 12.—The Russian officers commanding here openly boast that Japan lost her chance to take this port by failing to assault the modern artillery, now in all but be mounted. The defences are declared to be ample to enable repulse of any force that can be led by Japan. An excessive rain has flooded the railway and all the roads in southern Manchuria, having them absolutely impassable. The feeling is that the Japanese will put out of commission and impossible to communicate with.

April 11.—A despatch from Liaoyang says the Russian forces have arrived since Thursday do 2,000 officers and men. Sixty guns for use on the new fortifications have reached here and are being in position.

Lillooet Dredge Winning Gold

Scooping Thousand Dollars a Day From Bed of the Fraser.

One Hundred Ounces Were Saved in a Shift of Ten Hours.

In twelve days the Iowa-Lillooet Dredging Company, working their new dredge has taken out an average of forty ounces of gold for each shift of ten hours.

"The last day that I was there the tables were completely covered with gold. It was thought that there was at least one hundred ounces to be cleaned up for the one shift."

This important mining news was given out at Vancouver by Mr. James Amyss, who has been for the past ten years engaged in mining the gravels, planning dredging plants and doing his best to convince others of that of which he has long been certain—that the gravels of the Fraser river bed are rich in gold, and that good judgment, capital and a proper dredging plant would give bountiful returns.

The newly built dredger that the Hamilton Manufacturing Company has constructed for the Iowa Company is working. The dredge was guaranteed to raise 2,500 yards of gravel per day, and the company that manufactured it were to operate it for thirty days. The plant seems entirely capable of so doing when everything is got down to a thorough working basis.

The Hamilton Company was to operate the dredge for thirty days. Mr. Toole of the Tranquille Creek dredge, has been in charge as the dredge master. He is an old New Zelander, and says the Lillooet is marvelous.

Gravel has so far been prospected to a depth of about thirty feet just below the bar in the river a short distance below the Fraser river bridge, and just opposite the placer mine owned by Mr. William Teitjen, the well-known Vancouver cigar manufacturer, bed rock was not reached and the gravel was equally rich at depth as on the surface. No less than eight more dredges will be built to work on ground already secured. (More mining men are staking gravel wherever vacant, and it is safe to say there will not be a vacant section of the Fraser river from Cottonwood to Yale within a week.

It is believed Mr. Amyss says, that the Lillooet dredge will average $1,000 per day net, where it is working, and the gravel is practically inexhaustible. Horsebeef bar below is known to be even richer than where the dredge is now working.

At Lytton the old dredge has been repaired and at work for about three weeks. It is stated on what seems to be good authority, that it has averaged about $400 per day. This dredge is not handling nearly the amount of gravel that the new one, which is about completed at Lytton, and that will begin operations next week will do. Parties are arranging for a new dredge at Big Bar and one at Big Slide.

The Iowa Company, as soon as Mr. Amyss reaches the East, will arrange for building more dredges on their concessions.

The success that has been achieved at Lillooet is largely due to Mr. Amyss, who for the past ten years has shown his faith in it by his work. It means more to the province that is at first realized, for there will be dredges at work on nearly every mile of the Fraser and its tributaries within a few years. It means employment for thousands and a large revenue to the government in royalties. Successful river dredging means the investment of tens of millions and certain and permanent results. To Lillooet and Lytton it means prosperity. Ashcroft, as the point of departure for a large part of the Fraser river country, will benefit by reason of the universal freighting. To the Cariboo and Lillooet districts it will add many mining men and much money will be expended there.

NEW BRUNSWICK HAS A SURPLUS

Budget Speech Delivered in Legislature By Attorney-General Pugsley.

Fredericton, N. B., April 12.—The budget speech was delivered in the New Brunswick legislature last night by Attorney-General Pugsley in the absence of Premier Tweedie, who is ill. The estimated receipts for the year are $878,547, and expenditure $856,966, leaving an estimated surplus of $21,581.

WILL BE CANDIDATE.

Kingston, Ont., April 12.—Ex-Alderman Graham announces he is in the field for election to the Dominion House regardless of all candidates.

PRIZE FIGHTER'S DEATH.

Quebec, April 12.—The coroner's jury have brought in a verdict that Louis Drolet's death resulted from hemorrhage caused by blows on the head received from George Wagner in a boxing bout, but that Wagner did not deliver the blow with malicious intent. Wagner, however, has to appear before the police magistrate for preliminary examination.

WOMAN SUICIDES.

Richmond, Que., April 12.—Mrs. Crooks, of Melbourne, who has been in poor health for some time, and who some time ago was confined in the insane asylum, but returned home recently, committed suicide this morning by throwing herself into the St. Francis river. She leaves a large family.

INSURANCE CO. RETIRES.

Montreal, April 12.—The Western Assurance Company, of Toronto, has reinsured ten Canadian risks of the National Fire Assurance Company of Ireland, which is retiring from the Canadian field.

NEW PRINCIPAL.

Montreal, April 12.—The governors of the Presbyterian College today decided to submit the name of Prof. Scrimber to the general assembly as a successor to the late Principal McVicar. The committee sent to Scotland in search of a man reported that it could find no man available, so well fitted as Prof. Scrimger.

NORTHERN SECURITIES.

St. Paul, April 12.—The motion of E. H. Harriman and Winslow S. Pierce for leave to file an interceding petition in the settlement of Northern Securities affairs recently ordered by the United States Supreme court, the manner of such settlement being sent to the order of the United States District court here, was heard before the full bench of the District court today. Messrs. Harriman and Pierce object to the plan of the directors of the Northern Securities Company for a pro rata distribution of Great Northern and Northern Pacific stock among holders of Northern Securities stock. The first point raised was the right of Harriman and Pierce to intervene, and if that right be granted, the suit will follow. If the motion is denied the settlement of the affairs of the company will be made according to the order of the court.

SMITH'S FALLS SUFFERS.

Smiths Falls, April 12.—The Rideau river is in flood since Sunday and has done considerable damage to Smiths Falls' industries. The dam was broken and torrents of water has damaged the foundations of some of the buildings.

Merrickville, Ont., April 12.—The breaking of the dam at Smiths Falls has caused a lot of damage here. There is great danger that the North Shore pier under the steel bridge will be carried away, which would cause disastrous results.

THE GERMAN REICHSTAG.

Berlin, April 12.—The Reichstag reassembled today and took up the budget. Chancellor Von Buelow, answering various questions of Dr. Sattler, said he could not discuss the Franco-British colonial treaty at length since the British parliament was discussing it, and the French Chamber of Deputies had not yet discussed it. The German government saw no hostile purpose in the entente against any other power.

City to Ask For Mortgage

Council Petitions Government re the Victoria & Sydney Railway.

Committee Who Visited Vancouver Reports in Favor of Septic Tanks

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

The council at its session yesterday evening reversed its action of last week and passed Ald. Vincent's motion affecting the Victoria & Sidney railway, which slightly amended reads as follows:

"That the government of British Columbia be asked if any mortgage under the provisions of clause 9 of the agreement of July 7, 1892, made between the Victoria & Sidney Railway Company, the corporation of the city of Victoria, and the province of British Columbia, has been demanded from the said railway company, and, if so, has the same been executed, and if not, that the government do take immediate steps to have the same executed."

Mayor Barnard presided and all the aldermen were present.

F. E. Mackledownie, of Portland, Ore., wrote saying he was anxious to purchase a pair of white swans. He will be informed none are for sale.

Albert Goward, manager of the B. C. Electric Railway Company, re laying of track on Bay street, gave particulars of the proposed contract. This was confirmed.

Richard Carr, superintendent of public parks at Halifax, also asked for white swans. He also will be informed that none are for sale.

Mrs. F. W. Wise wrote complaining of presence of rubbish in the cemetery. Referred to the cemetery committee.

Emil Kunts complained of suffering damage to his buildings on North Park street by corporation workmen blasting. Referred to finance committee with power to act.

City Clerk Dowler reported having referred a number of requests for minor improvements to the city engineer for report. Received and filed.

The city solicitor explained the council's position in regard to the proposal to close Rock bay bridge. The city would not be liable to any one by closing a certain street, although it might be wise to remove it. Filed.

The city engineer and assessor reported having examined Messrs Lea & Sons' application for foreshore rights and found no objection to granting the same. Received and filed.

Ald. Fell requested that a similar enquiry be made in respect to the application at Lime Bay.

The water commissioner recommended the laying of a four-inch pipe on Stanley avenue. Referred back for estimate of cost.

T. Waddington et al requested the placing of a light on Dallas avenue. Referred to the electric light committee.

Ald. Beckwith made a strong plea that the electric light committee give the placing of lights better consideration.

John Cochrane et al. asked for light on corner of Yates and Vancouver streets. Referred to committee for report.

Applications for the position of poundkeeper were next dealt with. Stanley Craig was elected on the third ballot.

The electric light committee recommended that a light be put on corner of David street and Rock Bay avenue. Adopted.

The finance committee recommended the payment of accounts amounting to $1,702. Adopted.

The committee who visited Vancouver to inspect the septic tank system reported as follows:

Gentlemen,—Your committee, appointed to ascertain the best method of sewering those portions of the city of Victoria which cannot be connected with the present gravitation system, and to visit nearby cities and inspect the septic tank system or other systems in operation there, beg leave to report as follows:

That your committee visited Vancouver on Friday, the 8th inst., and inspected the septic tank and sewerage system now in operation there. The septic tanks inspected by your committee were as follows:

1. At Beach avenue, two tanks, 100x1 each; cost $6,000.

2. At Grove Crescent, two tanks, 85x1 each, cost $3,500.

3. At New Westminster avenue, two tanks, 50x10 each, cost $2,700.

4. At the Crematory.

Threetanks 105x14 each, cost $6,000, and

Three tanks 105x14 each, cost $6,000, and is a night soil dump operated in connection with this plant.

These tanks have been in operation for 2½ years, and the outflow runs into False creek.

A sample of the contents of the effluent chamber was obtained in the presence of your committee, and same is submitted with this report.

5. At Coal Harbor, two tanks, 96x14 each cost $4,000. Sufficient for 3,000 people.

These tanks were the first constructed in Vancouver, and have been in operation for about 4½ years, without requiring cleaning out, or any expenditure for repairs.

The outflow runs into the harbor, opposite Deadman's Island.

6. At English Bay, two tanks 102x1 each, are now under construction. Estimated cost, $6,000, and will be sufficient for 3,000 people. Owing to the land slide the cost of these tanks has been increased about $1,000.

They are situate within the park limits, and not a great distance from the principal bathing resort on English Bay. A plan of these tanks accompanies this report.

Your committee was much impressed with the small cost of these tanks, as compared with the gravitation system, and especially with the nominal cost of repairs and for maintenance.

No offensive odor was perceptible, except at the distributing basin, where the sewerage first enters the tanks.

The tanks are level with the ground, and might easily walk over them without being aware of their location. The top of the tanks at English Bay are used by a boat builder for storing and painting and repairing pleasure boats, and at Grove Crescent we found the boys playing baseball on top of the tanks there.

From the result of your committee's investigation, they are of opinion, and report:

1. That the septic tank system is a pronounced success in Vancouver, and creates no offence or nuisance in its operation, or at the outflow.

2. That construction is not costly, and the expense of maintaining is nominal.

3. That the septic tank system will meet the needs of those parts of the city of Victoria which cannot be sewered by the present gravitation system, and we strongly recommend that this system be adopted, and the work proceeded with as soon as possible.

In conclusion, your committee wish to thank His Worship Mayor Morley and the Aldermen and officers of the city of Vancouver, for their kindness in affording us every facility for inspecting their works, and in obtaining the information required.

The report was received and referred to the streets' committee for report.

Tenders for sprinkling the streets was received from D. Lindsay, three teams, 48 cents per hour; Mr. Humber, 50 cents; George Burt and Richard Deverge, 47½ cents. The contract was awarded to the latter.

Tenders for repairing water heater at electric light station from Albion Iron Works, $255; John Robertson, $225; Victoria Machinery Depot, $184; Marine Iron Works, $175. The contract was awarded to the Marine Iron Works.

Ald. Vincent's motion to reopen the question of the status of the Victoria & Sidney railway was next taken up. The mayor strongly urged that the mortgage be asked for.

Ald. Oddy contended it was the duty of every council every year to request that the mortgage be completed. It was due since 1892.

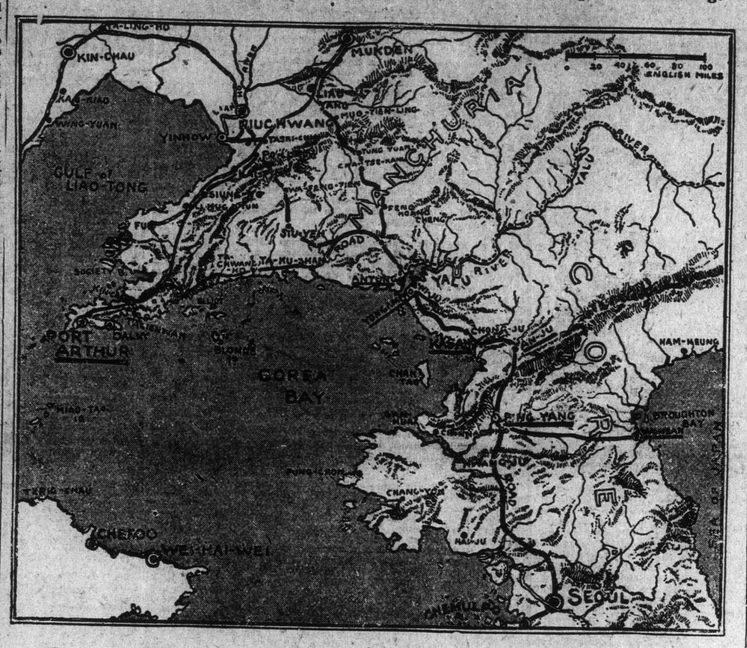
The original motion which was rejected last week was then passed.

The sewers by-law amendment by-law was reconsidered and finally passed.

The council then adjourned.

MAP SHOWING POSITION OF MIAO-TAO ISLANDS

Where the Sea Fight between the Japanese and Russian Squadrons took place this morning.



The Long Expected Sea Fight is Reported

Chefoo, April 13.—11 a. m.—A correspondent of the Associated Press at Tong Chew forty miles northwest of here telegraphs as follows: "Sounds of heavy firing were heard at half-past six o'clock this Wednesday morning. The firing evidently was being done between here and Port Arthur. It is believed at Teng Chew that the long expected sea fight along the Miao-Tao islands has taken place. The Japanese battleship Asahi, flying an admiral's flag, was seen off Chefoo yesterday going to the west and there is no doubt that the remainder of the Japanese fleet was in the vicinity of Port Arthur. The Russian fleet also was seen outside Port Arthur yesterday."

FIRST RHODES' SCHOLARSHIP

New Brunswick Has Honor to Choose the First Scholar.

New Brunswick has the honor to choose the first Rhodes scholar for the Dominion. By arrangement made between Dr. Parkin and the colleges of the maritime provinces, the first choice of a scholar in that province fell to the faculty of the University of New Brunswick at Fredericton.

Four applications were before the judges. These included two in the present senior class, one in the graduating class of 1903 and one graduate of ever, that the senior in college life was the younger of the four. His college record was not only better than that of any of his competitors, but it was the best, taking all the years and all the classes together, that has been made in the history of the school within the memory of the present staff. As this young man also met in an unusual degree the other requirements, physical and moral, to which Cecil Rhodes attached importance, the scholarship was awarded to him.

Chester B. Martin, to whom this scholastic career has been opened, was twenty-one years old last June. He left college in his twentieth year not only with a phenomenal record in class work, laboratory work and examinations, but with a reputation as about the best-rounded student of his time. Also he was regarded as the best public debater of recent years in the college.

ROOSEVELT AGAIN ENDORSED.

Virginia, Nevada, April 12.—The Republican state convention today unanimously endorsed President Roosevelt, and Geo. Nixon for under state secretary.

The Rev. John Sinclair, who has just been installed pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Brookline, Mass., is the eighteenth Earl of Caithness. The title is his as long as he lives, but a former earl willed the estate away, and the title can never be included in a will.

Congressman Fletcher, of Minneapolis, had occasion to visit the federal buildings in his city on several occasions lately and found the elevator there to be a phenomenally slow affair. On his return to Washington he went to the treasury department and urged Supervising Architect Taylor to put in a new lift. "Why, Mr. Taylor, he said earnestly, 'you have no idea how slow that elevator is. Upon my soul, it seems to go up one day and come down the next." He secured a promise of speedy improvement.

Camille Pelletan, the French Minister of Marine, has a disregard for niceties of dress which makes him a favorite with cartoonists. His white hair and beard seem to be absolutely unacquainted with a comb, his trousers are nearly always too long, and he delights in a frock coat several sizes too large for him. Huge boots, faded neckties and cuffs that are generally on the verge of fringe are other parts of his unique make-up. His friends remonstrate with him regarding his carelessness, but M. Pelletan responds calmly: "What matter so long as I am comfortable."

Fighting in Progress

Tokio, April 13.—As reports continue to filter in from the front, it becomes more and more evident that serious fighting is occurring along the Yalu.

All of the foreign military attaches accredited to the first Japanese army have been notified to hold themselves in readiness to proceed to the front, where they will have an opportunity to see hot fighting.

TUG BOAT LOST.

Manistee, Mich., April 12.—The tug Frank Canfield, owned by the Canard tug line of this city ran aground on the outer bar at Point Sable and sank last night. Captain Henry Smith, Engineer Charles Kopfer, of Manistee, and Helper William Justmann, were lost. The mate and firemen were saved.

INTERNATIONAL FISH HATCHERY

Fraser River Canners Said to Have Now Endorsed the Plan.

Bellingham, April 12.—Fish Commissioner T. R. Kershaw returned today from Vancouver, B. C., where he went to confer with Fraser river canners relative to the proposed sockeye hatchery on the Fraser. He received assurances of support and also that they would lend their assistance in the effort to have Bellingham named as the place for holding the conference between officials of the Canadian and United States governments on the hatchery question.

TO JOIN RUSSIANS.

Young Washington State Surgeon Leaves for Seat of War.

Among the passengers sailing for the Orient last night on the R. M. S. Empress of Japan was Dr. Edmond Klamke, a well known surgeon of Ilwaco, Washington, a small town a short distance from Seattle. Dr. Klamke goes to accept service with the troops of Nicholas II., having received an appointment as a hospital surgeon. He is booked for Shanghai, and from there will go either to Harbin or Mukden.

He hopes to reach Russia by the end of the month, and two weeks later expects to be engaged in active service.

Dr. Klamke received his medical education in Copenhagen, where he was born and spent the greater part of his life. Three years ago he embarked for America, and steered for the West after a short stay in New York. He has practiced medicine in Ilwaco for two years, and was previously located at Enumclaw.

Mrs. Klamke will not accompany her husband to the front, but will return to her home in Copenhagen to await the close of the war.

Dr. Klamke has a trace of Russian blood in his veins and sympathizes with the people of the Czar. He speaks English and German fluently, and a smattering of French. He has not yet reached his thirtieth year.

"It has been the dream of my life," said Dr. Klamke, in speaking of his trip, "to see active surgical service, and I made up my mind long ago that if the time ever came I would go to the front. Influential Russian friends helped me in getting the appointment. I received notice of my appointment last week, with instructions to start for the East immediately. I was informed that my commission and instructions would await me at Shanghai, as my awaiting them here would have caused considerable delay.

"I am not positive whether I will be assigned to the army or naval branch of the service, but I would greatly prefer the army, as much better opportunities are afforded for experience there.

"After the war is over I shall go to Europe and take up the study of surgery, having decided I am not offered a regular appointment in the service. Later I shall return to America.

"I do not anticipate any trouble in reaching the Russian army. Of course the Empress of Japan will make various landings in Japan, but that government will hardly interfere with the Red Cross. From Shanghai I shall take the Chinese Imperial Railway for headquarters by way of New Chwang."

Before leaving his home in Ilwaco, Dr. Klamke secured passports from the Danish consul at Portland and the Russian consul at Seattle.

BOOK-MAKERS HIT.

Mayor Revokes Licenses of Saloons Where Gambling is Carried On.

Chicago, April 12.—The most severe blow ever dealt book-making in Chicago was delivered by Mayor Harrison today, when he revoked the saloon licenses of eight places where this kind of gambling was conducted. The sensation came in the revocation of the license of James O'Leary, known the country over as "Gambling King O'Leary." O'Leary has heretofore been immune from interference, but the crusade against this kind of gambling now seems to mean a thorough cleaning out regardless of "influence."

O'Leary's place was closed on direct evidence obtained by two of Assistant Chief Schuettler's detectives, who placed bets on horses in two races being run at Memphis, Tenn. Among the other seven revocations was that of Mont Tennes' place on North Clark street. This is only a little less known in the game than "Big Jim" O'Leary, and the heavy hand of the mayor hitting two such brilliant marks in the same day has spread consternation.

Victoria and The Orient

Grand Opportunity and Special Advantages Possessed By This City.

The Day's General Shipping Intelligence of Harbor and Coast.

Are the merchants of Victoria interested in the development of the trade with the Orient? This was the question put to several Victoria merchants yesterday afternoon by a Colonist reporter; and the unanimous reply was that Victoria merchants are intensely interested in the matter.

Further, it is not too much to say that the merchants of Victoria, if they can be shown by a person possessing the necessary experience of the conditions both in the Orient and in Canada, will strongly support any project looking to the opening up of the Oriental countries to Victoria trade.

All the merchants seem to have read with deep interest and hope the interviews with Mr. Andrew R. Tufts, of Shanghai, which have appeared in the Colonist, and several expressed surprise that such a man should not be invited to deliver a lecture under the auspices of the Victoria Board of Trade on the subject of Oriental trade. He seems to be in all directions competent to give a most instructive talk to the city merchants on such a subject.

The great advantages possessed by Victoria over all other competitors for that trade on the Pacific coast are, first, the proximity to the Orient; second, the suitability of its situation for the manufacture of all products of wheat, such as flour, bran, middlings, chop and other by-products, thus saving to the shipper the enormous railway tolls which simply put Victoria and almost all of Canada, out of the competition for this class of trade in the Far East. If mills could be erected here that would manufacture these products on a vast scale, anticipating not paltry carload orders, but shipload orders, Victoria could compete most successfully with any part of the world in those foodstuffs in the Orient.

The impetus which the erection here of such manufactures would give to the agricultural industries of the country, not only of the Island, but also of the fertile areas of the Mainland, would be beyond calculation. And to stimulate the agriculture of the country is to stimulate every other branch of industry.

Another sterling advantage possessed by Victoria, as pointed out by the merchants in discussing the matter, is the facility with which manufactured goods can be shipped here for the Orient. This is the one point in Canada at which Oriental traffic can be worked up to something like the proportions which the American traffic with those Far Eastern countries has assumed. Those who have thought the matter out say that Victoria has now every inducement to throw herself enthusiastically into the splendid avenue for trade, as a rival of the Sound and Portland, whose wealth and greatness, to a very large extent, have been founded upon the Oriental traffic.

According to the representative merchants spoken to, there should be a decided movement toward the formation of a Victoria Merchant Traders' Oriental Traffic Association for the express purpose of exploiting the golden markets of the Orient.

The present war will offer no obstacle to the fostering of this trade; the best informed declare that the longer it lasts the better are the orders for such products as those mentioned likely to be. And after the war, more particularly if Japan wins, the Orient will be unrivalled as a market for many of the products which Canada, and especially this Western section of the Dominion, can supply in abundance.

It is understood that the work of organizing a company of Victorians to enter the Oriental trading field in earnest is progressing favorably, and that very soon the announcement of particulars will be in order. It is opportunity once again knocking at Victoria's front door, and waiting for an answer. Should that answer in this case be in the affirmative, it is predicted by those who know what they are talking about, that this city will undergo a transformation within the next five years such as its most ardent well-wishers never imagined in their brightest dreams.

ORCHESTRAL SOCIETY.

Music lovers of Victoria are looking forward to Thursday, the 21st inst., on which date the Amateur Orchestral Society will give their first concert in Institute hall. Final rehearsals are now taking place and a performance of a character altogether unprecedented in this city except by such world-renowned organizations as the Boston Symphony Orchestra and the Royal Italian Band may be looked for. The society will be assisted by Mrs. F. B. Pemberton, and the talented conductor, Mr. Watkis, will be heard in a piano solo. Tickets and reserved seats can be secured at Waitt's Music Store.

GREENE COPPER COMPANY.

New York, April 12.—The resignation of John W. Gates and Anson W. Burchard as directors of the Greene Consolidated Copper Company, was announced today. It is understood that Edwin Hadley and Frank W. Ray will also resign from the board before long. The men were opposed to the Greene management and at the last stockholders' meeting tried to oust Colonel Greene and his friends from control and get Mr. Burchard president.

NERVOUS RUSSIANS.

Pilot's Flare Leads to Cannonade, With Many Fatalities, at New Chwang.

London, April 13.—The Times' New Chwang correspondent, cabling under date of April 11th, says: "Last night a pilot's flare was mistaken for the lights of a Japanese fleet, and the Russians fired and sank the junk with 35 hands, besides killing three persons and wounding seven in another junk." The native population is panic-stricken and leaving the town.

WHY WAR NEWS IS SO SCARCE

How Japanese Authorities are Hampering the War Correspondents.

The following announcement is stated by the Japan Times to have been issued at the foreign office recently:

I.—Anyone desirous to despatch press telegrams shall first obtain "censor's pass stamp" by presenting the same to the proper authorities under whose province the contents of such telegram appertains; i. e., if the contents refer to foreign relations, to the foreign office, or if they have any reference to military or naval matters, to the general staff or the naval general staff office respectively.

II.—In case contents of a single press telegram have reference to matters appertaining to the provinces of more than one authority, the "censor's pass stamp" shall be obtained at all proper authorities concerned.

III.—Press telegrams to which "censor's pass stamp" is already obtained at any or all authorities concerned, shall, upon presentation at the Tokio post office (central office) of Yedobashi, be sent out without delay.

IV.—Press telegrams for which the sender deems it unnecessary to obtain "censor's pass stamp" can be presented for despatch at any branch telegraph offices in the city as heretofore. In this case, however, non-delivery or delay of such message shall entirely be at the sender's risk.

N. B.—Press telegrams for which "censor's pass stamp" is desired to be obtained shall be presented to the following officials:

At department for foreign affairs: Keijiro Nabeshima, secretary; Jumpei Shinobu, secretary.

At the general staff office: Major Bunjiro Horiuchi, Captain Kunishige Tanaka, Lieutenant Shojiro Tanaka.

At the naval general staff office: Capt. (post) Gentaro Yamashita, Capt. Hyo Takarabe.

PLAYFUL CHILDREN.

What treasure on earth is more to be prized than a bright, active, healthy, playful child? In homes where Baby's Own Tablets are used you never find sickly, cross, sleepless children; if the little one is ill, the Tablets will promptly make it well. Ask any mother who has used the Tablets and she will tell you that this is absolutely true—she will tell you the Tablets always do good, and never do harm. You can give them to a child just born with perfect safety, and they are equally as good for well-grown children. Mrs. Mary J. Moore, Hepworth, Que., says: "My baby has never been sick since I began giving her Baby's Own Tablets. They are a real blessing to both mother and child, and I would not be without them." Don't let your child suffer, and don't does it with strong drugs or medicine containing opiates. Give Baby's Own Tablets which you can get from any druggist, or by mail at 25 cents a box by writing the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., of Brockville, Ont.

For eighteen years Baron Fridland von Nowack has been studying the tropical "Weather Plant," Abrus Precatorius Nobilis, as an instrument of long-distance weather forecasting. He finds that the twigs and leaves respond in movement and even in color to electric and magnetic forces of the atmosphere, and that familiarity with the effects of sun-spots gives a means of predicting barometric and earthquake conditions 24 or 28 days in advance. He believes that he can indicate areas of rainy, fine and foggy weather from two to seven days in advance. He contends, moreover, that very high or very low pressures affect the compass sufficiently to cause vessels to go out of their course, and he claims that these extremes of the barometer and the degree of their effects upon the compass can be foretold 24 or 28 days in advance.

SATOLLI TO VISIT AMERICA.

Rome, April 12.—Cardinal Satolli, with the permission of the Pope, is going to the United States and without a mission, arriving probably in June next. As prefect of the congregation of studies, the cardinal will visit the Catholic university at Washington, and he will also make a trip to the St. Louis exposition. Several friends of the cardinal have invited him to their homes and expect that his visit will extend over a month. Cardinal Satolli's visit to the United States is more important as there is no record in recent times of a cardinal immediately attached to the papal court going abroad without being accredited an ablegate.

Yukon Rates Are Reduced

White Pass Railway Now Offers Special Inducement to Shippers.

New Joint Tariff to Become Effective on and After Tomorrow.

Some material reductions in the joint freight tariff to be applied by the ocean steamship lines and the White Pass & Yukon railway on shipments to Dawson, via Skagway, during the coming season of navigation on the Yukon are apparent, when the special commodity rates for 1904 are compared with those which prevailed last year. Under the peculiar conditions surrounding northern trade, the reductions cannot fail to benefit both the shippers and the transportation companies.

At the close of Yukon navigation last year the rate on oats and feed in carload lots was $55 per ton, or $2.75 per hundred pounds. That rate will apply this year on the opening of navigation, but will expire on June 30 unless sooner revoked. From July 1 to August 15, unless sooner revoked, the tariff charges on oats and feed in carload lots, or minimum of 20,000 pounds, will be $2.37 1-2 per hundred, as against $2.50 last season.

Other reductions on hay, blacksmiths' coal, coal oil, candles, nails, horseshoes, bolts, nuts, spikes, flour, sugar, canned milk and cream, in carload lots will be about proportionate.

Effective July 1 and expiring August 15, the special commodity rates on articles other than oats and feed, which were given above, will be: Hay, seventon shipments, $2.62 1-2 per hundred; blacksmiths' coal, carload lots, $2.37 1-2; coal oil, carload, $2.37 1-2; candles, carload, $2.75; nails, horseshoes, bolts, nuts and spikes, carload, $2.37 1-2; flour, carload, $2.60; sugar, carload, $2.60; canned cream and milk, carload, $2.60.

From August 16 until September 15 the rate on oats and feed, carload lots, will be put back to $55 per ton. After September 15, or about the time navigation is becoming extremely difficult on the upper Yukon, all rates will be increased 10 per cent.

The granting of especially low commodity rates was brought about by the desire of the White Pass & Yukon Route to influence shippers to get their goods into Dawson during the season of high water on the Yukon river when navigation is comparatively easy. In past years and especially last season, shippers held off goods until low water on the Yukon rendered navigation slow and difficult, and the result of the great rush to get goods down the river before the freeze-up was a congestion of several thousand tons of freight at White Horse. Last winter caught 10,000 tons of Dawson-bound freight at White Horse. The transportation companies do not wish the same experience this year, and accordingly have made specially low commodity rates effective during the season of high water as an inducement to shippers to get their goods into Dawson as early as possible. The rates are deemed sufficiently low to cover interest charges on merchandise which must be held at Dawson for the winter market.

The joint freight tariff will be issued on Friday next, and will be effective then, with the exception that goods shipped to Dawson prior to May 15 will be subject to storage charges at White Horse if it is necessary to hold them there. On May 15, through bills of lading will be issued, and there will thereafter be no storage charges at White Horse until through bills are no longer issued in the fall.

From statistics concerning the opening of navigation on the upper Yukon it may be judged that steamers will be running from White Horse to Dawson any time between May 25 and June 10. Last year the first vessel to make the through trip was the White Horse, which sailed from White Horse on June 12, and reached Dawson two days later.

DAYS GOSSIP OF WINNIPEG

Hockeyist Loses Big Sum Drowned In The Souris River.

Winnipeg, April 12.—Bennest, the well-known hockeyist of Brandon was robbed of $1,000 while on the way to a bank.

Fort William has notified the Port Arthur council that no cars must be run on Sunday into the town.

W. Starbrooke, formerly of Sherbrooke, Que., was drowned in Souris river.

Chief Elliott, of the Provincial police, has left for Montreal to bring back Pellingham, accused of theft here.

Entries for the first allotment of space at the Dominion Exhibition closed yesterday. There were 200 applications.

The body of Thomas Moorehead, lost in the storm last February near Indian Head, has been found. He had strayed five miles.

Was Unable to do any Work for Four or Five Months.

Was Weak and Miserable.

Thought She Would Die.

Doctor Could Do No Good.

Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills

Effected a Complete Cure in the Case of MRS. CAROLINE HUTT, Morrisburg, Ont.

She says: "It affords me great pleasure to speak about what your Heart and Nerve Pills have done for me. About a year ago I was taken ill with heart trouble and got so bad that I was unable to do any work for four or five months. I got so weak and miserable that my friends thought I was going to die. The doctor attended me for some time but I continued to grow worse. At last I decided to try Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills, and after taking two boxes they made me well and strong again. I cannot praise them too highly to those suffering from nervous weakness and heart troubles."

Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills are 50 cents per box, or 3 for $1.25 at all dealers, or

THE T. MILBURN CO., Limited, TORONTO, ONT.