

**CITY SCHOOLS
CLOSED TO-DAY**
**PROMOTION AND HONOR
LISTS ARE GIVEN OUT**

In Several of the Schools the Children Gave Interesting Programmes

(From Thursday's Daily.)
Another school year closed to-day and the children are free for the next two months to rest mind and body and gain strength for another ten months' study. It has been a more than usually successful year, the school principals say, Victoria's youthful generation continuing to keep well in the forefront of educational progress throughout the Dominion.

Before the next school year opens the George Jay school, Chambers street, will be ready for occupation, and it is hoped that the Sir James Douglas school on Moss street, although much behind, will also be ready. With the building of these new schools the board is drafting school districts for all the city schools, and the children will have to attend the school of the district in which they reside. It is also intended that the tripartite provisions of the law shall be enforced, these having had to be ignored so long as there was no school accommodation for all children. A trustee will be appointed.

SOUTH PARK
Following the conclusion of the closing exercises in connection with the Kingston street school the pupils attending the South Park school gathered in the assembly room, where a short programme was given. The scholars were in a fine mood this morning with holidays in sight, and sang the different songs with such spirit that the room resounded with the melodious strains.

The seating space that was not taken by the pupils was reserved for the parents of the children, and by the time J. L. Pollock, principal of the school, announced that the school year was over, "The Maple Leaf," not even standing room could be found.

On the platform were several of the local clergy and a number of trustees. All of these were called upon for addresses, and each in a few words gave to the children inspiring thoughts which might prove helpful next term, and also wished them a jolly time while on their vacation.

Two of the divisions of the school were not present, as they are now trying the entrance examinations. The following programme was rendered: Chorus, "The Maple Leaf," by the school; reading of promotion lists; chorus, "Men of the North," by the school; reading and presentation of rolls of honor; presentation of prizes from Look-Out Club; chorus, "Come Let Us All Be Merry," school; addresses by trustees and visitors; "God Save the King."

The promotion list was as follows: From division II, to division I—Harold Bondroit, Elmore Casey, Lillian Cropper, Bernice Kinsey, Marie Lindsey, George Miles, Harold Noble, Annie Smilie, George Tripp, Robert Watson, Harry Johnston, Fred Clark, Norma Clark, Mildred Cutbert, Edith Edwards, Norah Edwards, Nellie Falcomer, Greta Greenwood, Donna Kerr, Albert Leigh, Helen MacQuarrie, Willie Spillie, Agnes Stewart, Annie Banner, Marie Clark, Douglas Drury, Curtis Dean, Cecil Frampton, Eugene Jensen, Kenneth MacLean, May McLachlan, Hazel McConnell, Williams.

From division III, to division II—C. Alexander, Ethel Banner, Dagmar Bondroit, Norman Caldwell, Jean Cameron, Ford Casey, Hugh Campbell, Thelma Cavin, Grace Crappon, Hazel Cole, Frank Cutbert, Dorothy Davis, Frank Gold, Dono Heyland, Volney Irving, Pearl Matthews, Richard Nicholles, Kathleen Jackson, Philip Langton, Gordon Reid, Robert Ross, Herbert Stenson, Margaret Wood, Ethel Wilby, Emily Young, Alfred Young, Grace Woodley, Lillian Stewart, Dorothy Taylor, Fawnie Walls, Florence Webster, End Heineke, Margaret Kinney, Retta Wilmsurst, Margaret Anderson, Marjorie Hirst.

Recommended—Arthur Godson, Olive Greenlaw.
From division IV, to division III—Tom Anderson, Marquette Curtis, Ernest Greenwood, Eddie Kershaw, Frances MacQuarrie, Cecil Spring, Florence Turner, Irene Wagner, Estella Bahr, Nora Lewis, Isabel Clark, Wm. Cooley, Wm. Jackson, Irene Dawson, Mary Holmes, Charles Kinney, R. Lynn, Gordon Marwick, Russell Pollock, Leslie Wilby, Lillie Williams, Helen Boston, Louis Cumnie, Ella Fraser, Vina Givens, Lawrence Grant, Heber Jones, Bess Owen, Alan Roberts, Fred Copas, Violet Powkes, Ada Grayley, Louis Gosse, Hazel Harlow, Thelma Lees, Albert Rudge, George Winterburn.

From division V, to division IV—Ademar Bondroit, Roy Copas, Fern Worth, Donald Hanna, Alec Innes, Marjorie Legg, Dorothy McMillan, Edna Warwick, Percy Pimley, Cyril Punnett, Tom Rowlands, Lillian Phillips, Andrew Smilie, Marjorie Taylor, Tom Temple, Whitford Ackerman, Christie Calder, May Avery, Reginald Cooley, Cecil Murray, Wilfred Nichols, Charles Sparkle, Dorothy Watson, Jack Waddington, John Wood, Alex Wilby, Earl Pollock.

Recommended—Somerset Burns, Ray Burton, John Moffat, Harvey Bamford, Russell Cass, E. Marwick, Jas. Hunter.
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**HAS CONFERENCE
ON VETO FAILED?**
**LIBERALS DESIRE
EARLY DECISION**

Col. Seeley Speaks on Steady Progress in Self-Governing Dominions
(Special to the Times.)

London, June 30.—There is increasing impatience among Liberals at the prospect of prolonging the veto conference for several months. The radical group yesterday passed a resolution urging the premier to forward the conference on the ground that delay is perilous to a popular cause. The chief whip received the delegation with the resolution which eventually was not presented.

These facts have given rise to rumors that the conference has broken down and Premier Asquith's statement to-day is awaited with some excitement. Corroboration of the idea that the truce is broken is found in some quarters.

In the discussion on the colonial office vote Col. Seeley referred to the union of South Africa as the outstanding feature of the year. Of the other self-governing colonies there was nothing but good to be said. With respect to Canada there had been a very real advance in settling certain outstanding questions with the United States.

In all parts of the self-governing dominions there had been real steady progress and there was nothing to look back upon either in the relations between this country and the self-governing colonies, or what had happened in those dominions themselves that could give cause for regret.

Mr. Lottleton urged the necessity for preparing a detailed report for the Budget conference and said the house should have an opportunity of discussing topics and the scope of the conference in which they were so profoundly interested.

**SHUFFLE IN OFFICIALS
OCCURS AT CITY HALL**
Mason & Mann Retiring as Solicitors to Be Succeeded by Frank McDiarmid
(From Thursday's Daily.)

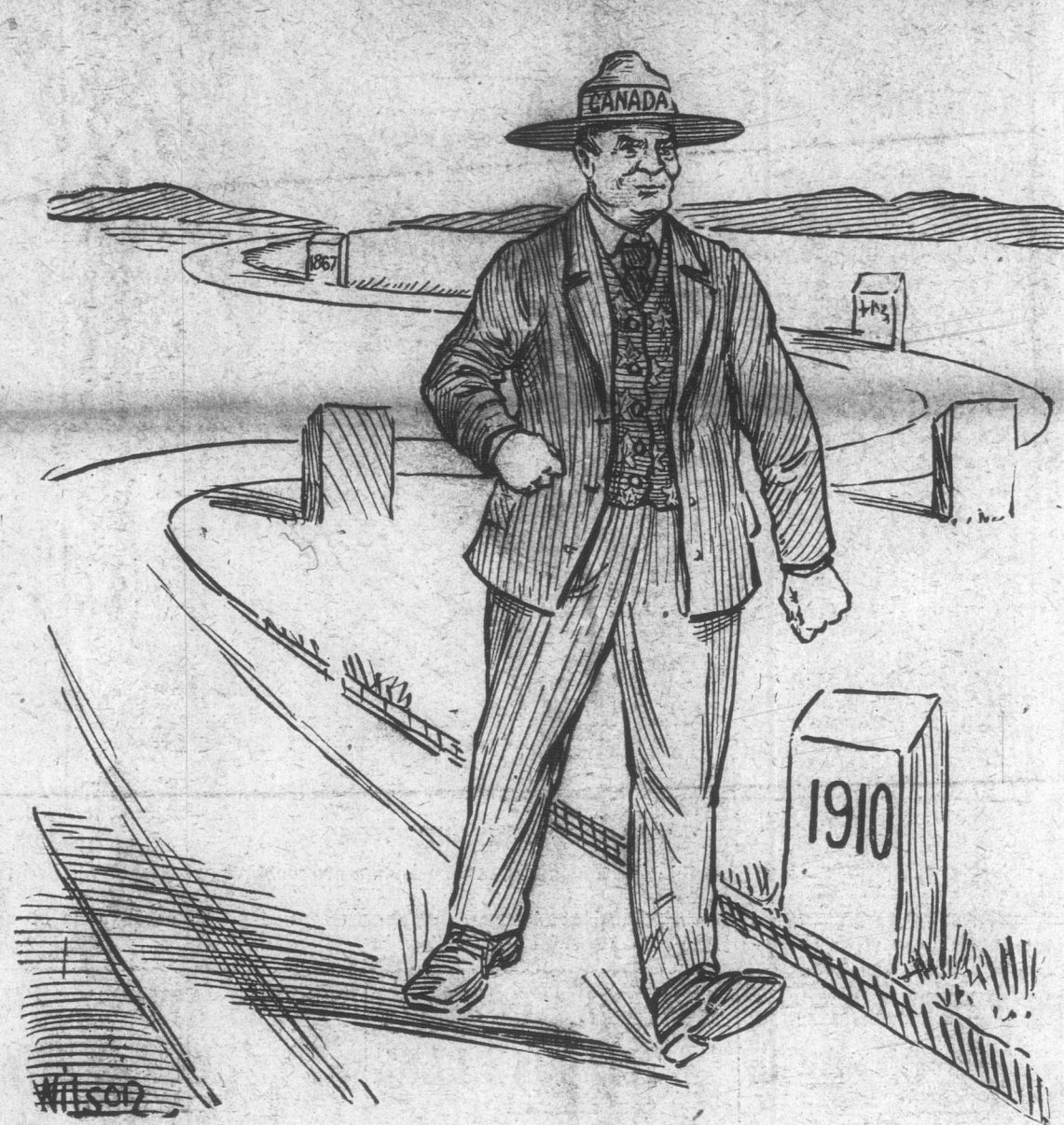
J. P. Mann, of the firm of Mason & Mann, city solicitors, who has been doing the active work at the city hall for the legal concern, is about retiring, after a five years' term of office. His successor is H. P. McDiarmid, formerly of Lindsay, Ont. The latter has already taken up quarters at the city hall, and Mr. Mann will attend what will be the last meeting of the city council this evening.

Mr. Mann, on leaving the city's employ to resume his private practice, carries with him the best wishes of all those with whom he has come in contact during the long term in which he has served the city. His successor comes highly recommended, and all those who regret Mr. Mann's departure will extend to him the hand of welcome.

With Mr. McDiarmid's coming a new era has been inaugurated in connection with the legal service for the city. In the past some firm of solicitors has done the work, making reports from their own business office down town. Now, however, the city solicitor will have permanent offices at the city hall, and be there at regular hours ready for consultation. Mr. McDiarmid's office is located upstairs in a portion of what was formerly the council chamber.

CONVICTS KIDNAP BOY.
Beat Farmer Into Insensibility and Escape in His Buggy.
Salem, Ore., June 30.—After beating Henry Starr, a farmer, into insensibility, and kidnaping his small son, two men, believed to be Harry Brennan and John Wormsdorf, convicts who escaped from the Oregon penitentiary, are making their escape in Starr's buggy to-day. Starr's condition is serious.

Starr and his son were driving to home from his farm late yesterday afternoon when two men appeared from a hay field armed with pitchforks. They ordered Starr to turn the buggy over to them. Starr refused to do so. Thereupon the duo set upon him and beat him into unconsciousness. Tossing him from the rig into the road, the men made young Starr a prisoner, and drove rapidly away.



ANOTHER MILESTONE

**DOMINION LANDS
IN RAILWAY BELT**
New Regulations Will Not Go Into Force Until October Third

(Special to the Times.)
Ottawa, June 30.—The date for the coming into force of the new regulations regarding Dominion lands in the railway belt in British Columbia has been changed to October 3rd. Until further notice no entries will be granted in the New Westminster district and east of range 13, west of sixth meridian inclusive.

AUTO FATALITY.
One Man Dead and Two Injured as Result of Accident.

Upper Sandusky, Ohio, June 30.—Ralph Beldier is dead and Rev. E. E. Lashlet and N. M. Stoneburger are fatally injured as a result of an automobile accident near here to-day. The machine plunged over a 20-foot embankment. Beldier was not instantly killed. He crawled from under the wreckage, climbed the embankment and then dropped dead.

**RATES FOR PARLOR
AND SLEEPING CARS**

**Railways Object to Any Change
Being Made in the Present
Tariff**
Toronto, June 30.—The principal railways of Canada as well as the Pullman Company were all represented at the last day's proceedings of the Dominion Railroad Board yesterday by counsel and by their traffic managers to show cause why the tariffs charged in sleeping and parlor cars should not be changed or interfered with in any respect.

**CHILE WILL HAVE
LARGEST BATTLESHIP**

Order Has Been Placed With British Firm for Vessel of 32,000 Tons
(Times Leased Wire.)
London, June 30.—Chile has placed an order with Armstrong, Whitworth & Co. for the largest battleship in the world. The vessel will be faster than any other warship afloat. She will have a tonnage of 32,000, and will cost \$15,000,000.

CONVICTED OF CONSPIRACY.

U. S. Authorities Will Be Asked to Intervene on Behalf of Engineer in Nicaragua.
Bluefields, Nicaragua, June 28.—Wm. Pittman, the American engineer captured by the Madriz forces at the battle of Bluefields Bluff, was court-martialed and convicted of conspiracy against the Nicaraguan government. He probably will be sentenced to at least ten years' imprisonment.

TORONTO STREET RAILWAYMEN.

President of Company Asks Employees to Submit New Proposal.
Toronto, June 30.—President Mackenzie, of the Toronto street railway, has advised the committee of employees who have been engaged since May 15th in drafting a new wage scale, to reconsider the proposition and bring in one which will be more acceptable to the company. The men will hold a mass meeting on Saturday at midnight when action will be decided upon.

WOMAN TAKES POISON.

Iroquois, Ont., June 30.—Mrs. Hugh Colison, of Dixon's Corners, committed suicide by taking strychnine.

**NEW MONSTER
CUNARD LINERS**
VESSELS WILL BE
OF 60,000 TONS EACH

Huge Dock to Be Built in River Mersey to Accommodate Steamers
(Special to the Times.)
London, June 30.—With the news that the Mersey dock and harbor boards have decided to commence the construction of a huge dock, comes the important announcement that the Cunard Company proposes building liners of sixty thousand tons each. The new dock will be large enough to accommodate these vessels, the quay to be suitable for liners one thousand feet in length. There will be deep water entrances so as to avoid delay in docking.

**ALBERTA PREMIER
HAS LARGE MAJORITY**
Hon. A. Sifton Elected for Vermilion—Later Returns May Increase His Lead

(Special to the Times.)
Vermilion, Alb., June 30.—Premier Arthur Sifton was returned yesterday by the electors of provincial district of Vermilion by a large majority over Mr. Clarke, the opposition candidate. With 27 out of 32 polls heard from the premier has a lead of 23, and it is believed that the outstanding districts will increase this by a good many votes.

JAIL FOR 'JOY RIDERS.'

(Special to the Times.)
Toronto, June 30.—According to Magistrate Kingsford 'joy riders' in Toronto will hereafter be punished by sentence to jail instead of fines.

COMMISSION APPOINTED.

Toronto, June 30.—Chief Justice Sir William Meredith has been appointed a commissioner by the Ontario government to study the question of workmen's compensation.

**HARVARD CREWS
WIN TWO VICTORIES**

Defeat Yale in Freshman Eight-Oared and Varsity Four-Oared Races
(Times Leased Wire.)
New London, Conn., June 30.—Harvard scored two clean victories over Yale on the Thames to-day, when the crimson oarsmen defeated their rivals of the blue in the freshman eight-oared and the 'Varsity four-oared events. The jubilant followers of Harvard predicted an easy victory for the 'Varsity eight in the final water contest this afternoon.

The day was ideal and considering the fact that Harvard was the preponderant favorite and that her 'Varsity' crews are veterans, Yale put up a plucky fight.

In the freshman event the Harvard eight flashed over the finish line a winner eight seconds ahead of their rivals.

In the 'Varsity four-oared race Harvard had a clear lead of several boat lengths. So great was the fight that the Yale men put up that Thorne, at the bow oar of the Blue craft, collapsed.

**HUDSON STRAITS
FISHERY RIGHTS**
QUESTION MAY COME
UP FOR ARBITRATION

Refusal of U. S. to Recognize Canadian Authority Will Bring Issue to Head
(Special to the Times.)
Ottawa, June 30.—Canada's claims to exclusive jurisdiction over the Hudson Bay have been wholly in Canadian territory has been challenged by the United States government and the question may come up for arbitration at The Hague. Owners and masters of American trading vessels in Hudson Bay have been notified from Washington that it is unnecessary to take out Canadian licenses and pay other dues hitherto demanded by Canada as the United States government no longer recognized the bay as an inland sea under exclusive Canadian jurisdiction.

So far there has been no refusal by American traders to recognize Canadian authority, but the first refusal will bring the issue to a head.

The principal at stake is with regard to fisheries rights. The result of the present case at The Hague regarding the North Atlantic fisheries will largely determine the issue, as the point involved respecting the interpretation of the three-mile limit of jurisdiction from the coast applies also to Hudson Straits.

Canada's contention is that the three-mile limit is from headland to headland and does not follow the sinuosity of the coast.

BIBLE PROHIBITED IN SCHOOLS.

Chicago, June 30.—The decision of the Illinois state supreme court barring the Bible from public schools will have no effect on the Chicago schools, as the Bible is prohibited in the local schools. The supreme court held that it is impossible to teach all creeds, and that if one is taught and the others are ignored this would be a violation of educational-religious liberty.

ELECTION VOID.

London, June 30.—The election of Eugene O'Sullivan, Independent Nationalist, for East Kerry, has been void on account of impersonation and intimidation.

**DYNAMITE KILLS
TWO RAILWAY LABORERS**
Causes of Explosion in Transcontinental Railway Camp is Not Known

Port Arthur, Ont., June 30.—Two men named Carlson and Ollison, while working on the Transcontinental railway above Nipigon, were blown to atoms by an explosion of dynamite used in blasting.

TRAINMEN'S WAGES.

Compromise May Be Reached by Railwaymen and Employers.
Montreal, June 29.—Conferences were held yesterday between representatives of the Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific railways and representatives of the Trainmen's and Conductors' unions, and while nothing definite has resulted a more conciliatory spirit seems to prevail as the result of the conference, and it is hoped that out of further conferences which are to be held some compromise will follow.

QUEEN OF ROUMANIA.

Bucharest, June 30.—Queen Elizabeth of Roumania is reported to be dying of appendicitis following a relapse to-day. Physicians in attendance have little hope of the Queen's recovery.

BURIED ALIVE

Whitton, Ont., June 30.—Ebenes Brain, employed at the Crown Portland Cement Co.'s works, was buried under an avalanche of gravel. He died before being extricated.

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**FOREST FIRES
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FLEE FROM DEVLIN

Flames Sweep Toward La Vallee—Much Valuable Timber Has Been Destroyed
(Special to the Times.)
La Vallee, Ont., June 30.—Forest fires which have been burning in this vicinity for several days were to-day fanned by a high wind until they swept through the country, carrying terror and destruction.

At Devlin, a prosperous town in the Rainy River district, fire swept down from the south into the large timber yard of the Saskatchewan government, burning up several thousand telephone poles. The fire jumped the tracks of the C. N. R., burning up four cars of the timber loaded for Saskatchewan, and then cleared up the whole of the timber stored in the Canadian Northern railway yards, consisting in part of many thousands of posts and ties belonging to Mackenzie, Mann & Co., and a large quantity of square cedar and telegraph poles.

It swept onward then, cleaning up the lumber output of the Burrows Lumber Company's sawmill on its way. The people of the town by this time had given up all hopes of saving the dwellings and were clamoring for the Canadian Northern railway to send a train to rescue them. This was done, but by this time the wind had dropped considerably and the male portion of the population decided to stay and do all they could towards saving the town.

At the time of writing the town is completely encircled with fire. The fire is sweeping on towards the town of La Vallee, which is only two miles distant but it is hoped, if the wind still moderates, to save the town and the extensive timber yards by backing up. If the wind should rise again nothing could save either Devlin or La Vallee.

The Canadian Northern railway has furnished a large gang of men to assist in fighting the flames. The whole of this district is in great danger from fire and unless rain comes immediately this splendid timber region will be wiped out.

The homesteads of E. S. Page, S. R. Stevenson, H. Tough, W. McFadden, R. Martin, H. Miller and many others were to-day swept by fire.

KELOWNA LIQUOR LICENSES.

Melowna, June 28.—At the regular meeting of the council Ald. Jones read a draft of a new liquor license by-law, providing a number of changes in the regulations regarding the issuance and renewal of liquor licenses in Kelowna. Among its provisions the by-law requires that a fee of \$150 shall be paid for each transfer sanctioned, and that all licenses shall terminate at the end of the six months period for which they are granted, when application for renewal can be made to the board of license commissioners, who can refuse to renew any license, should they see fit to do so. Powers of cancellation at any time for misconduct or any other sufficient reason, are conferred upon the commissioners.

Ald. Cox said he was surprised and the council has power to amend the liquor license by-law, was rejected by the council at its meeting on Monday. Ald. Humber jealously proposed to support it, as he termed it the crime of tyranny, in that it involved that one might not hereafter buy a bag of peanuts or a box of candies for the children on Sundays.

The by-law raising the liquor license fee to a uniform rate of \$500 carried, Ald. Humber being the only dissident vote.

CLAUSE WAS DROPPED.

Council Rejects Suggestion Made By the Acting City Solicitor.
No retail trader in the city of Victoria shall sell or expose for sale any goods, chattels, or any other personal property whatsoever, except milk, drugs and medicines on a Sunday.

The above clause, which the acting city solicitor suggested off his own bat should be incorporated in the by-law to amend the liquor license by-law, was rejected by the council at its meeting on Monday. Ald. Humber jealously proposed to support it, as he termed it the crime of tyranny, in that it involved that one might not hereafter buy a bag of peanuts or a box of candies for the children on Sundays.

ANTI-TRUST LEGISLATION.

Wellington, N. Z., June 30.—Sir Joseph Ward, the premier, in a speech overshadowing the government's anti-trust legislation, says it possessed clear evidence that a powerful American company was exercising a restrictive and prejudicial influence in New Zealand. He added that it had created a monopoly of the worst kind which must be stopped. The premier did not blame the company.