CANADIANA FOR CITY LIBRARY

COMMISSION TO FOSTER NATIONAL SENTIMENT

Will Obtain Biographies of the Makers of the Dominion and Historical Tomes.

(From Monday's Daily.)

The library commission intends to strengthen one department of the institution over whose destines they preside. A good slice of the annual appropriation for this year will be devoted to the purchase of Canadiana.

For some time there have been numerous compalints received that the library was very weak in Canadian historical works and in books by Canadian authors. Much abuse was hurled upon the devoted heads of the library board, though it is doubtful if this was ever brought to the ears of the gentlemen themselves, who certainly did not deserve it. Since the time they took charge of the library they have had only one year's grant at their disposal. This, though a substantial sum, $5,000, does not suffice for everything, and to render the library popular much of it had to be devoted to the purchase of fiction. There was scarcely anything to take over from the old library, but the numerous works of American history and biograph which, in the absence of similar books of a Canadian character, roused the ire of many of the visitors, came from this source. The board has kept before it the necessity for fostering the Canadian spirit, and consequently this year the cavillers will be satisfied.

At the next meeting of the board, when the plans for the forthcoming year are decided upon, the list of books to be purchased will be decided upon. Amongst those already settled upon are the following: Bradley's "Canada in the Twentieth Century"; Bourinot's, "How Canada is Governed"; the "Makers of Canada" series, in all some twenty or thirty volumes, including lives of Joseph Howe, Lord Dorchester, the Earl of Durham, Sir Oliver Mowat, Sir John A. Macdonald, Sir James Douglas, as well as the early French pioneer leaders, Champlain, Jacques Cartier, etc, Kingsford's History of Canada, Williston's Life of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, as well as many other historical and biographical works will be added.

In addition to this fiction by Canadian writers and the works of the Canadian poets, Lampman, Bliss Carman, Louis Frechette and Dr. Drummond will also be obtained. It is not proposed to pay much attention to the works of the early French historians nor the memoirs in which French Canada is so rich.

DISMISSED BECAUSE HE ATTENDED DRILL

Life Boat and Life Saving Association's Committee Hears of Case of Hardship.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

The Lifeboat and Life-saving Association's committee met at the Seamen's institute, Langley street, last night. After a few matters of routine were disposed of, attention was called to the fact that a member of the Dominion lifeboat crew had been dismissed from his employment because he had been absent from his usual work on a Saturday afternoon to attend drill, notwithstanding that an arrangement had previously been made for him to become a member of the volunteer crew of the lifeboat. It was therefore resolved that employers be requested to allow employees, in the event of emergency calls for lifeboat work, to leave their work without jeopardizing their position or wages.

The heroic work of the officers and crew of the D. G. S. Quadra in saving the lives of the officers and crew of the bark Coloma on the west coast was noted with much satisfaction, and it is hoped that some further and special recognition of this noble act will be accorded.

The incident of the skating accident on the lake, in the park, somewhat sarcastically reported at the time, is being inquired into, and an effort will be made to secure the Royal Humane Society's medal for the young man who saved the life of a boy.

The various engineering and boat building firms will be asked what they will be disposed to do in assisting the association to acquire a lifeboat, propelled by power, on the easiest and best terms.

The association proposes to put itself in the position of granting diplomas, medals, etc., to mark acts of bravery and daring in life-saving.

The question of finances to secure a lifeboat also engaged attention. A special meeting will be called for the 6th of March to press forward the association's schemes.

The members present were: H. D. Helmcken, K. C., president; Rev. E. G. Miller, H. C. Marsh, A. Margison, J. Peirson, W. H. Spurrier, G. Niel and E. T. Lawrie.

LEASE OF CHURCHES.

Agreement Reached Between French Premier and Minister of Education.

Paris, Feb. 199.—The cabinet to-day unanimously approved the agreement arrived at yesterday between Education Minister Briand and Premier Clemenceau relative to the form of the leases of the churches to the parish priests, and M. Clemenceau consented, if necessary, to support M. Briand's declarations before the Chamber of Deputies this afternoon.

COMMITTED TO ASYLUM.

Esther Mitchell Taken to State Institution at Steilacoom.

Seattle, Feb. 20.—Esther Mitchell, who since last July has been confined in the county jail, charged with the murder of her brother, George Mitchell, left for the state asylum for the insane at Steilacoom at noon. The commitment was signed by Superior Judge Frater this forenoon immediately upon the receipt of the answer from the Superme court conveying formal notification that Judge Frater's act in calling a lunacy commission to investigate the mental condition of the girl was legal.

Dating back from May last, when George Mitchell shot and killed Franz Edmund Creffield, notorious as the leader of the religious sect known as the Holy Rollers, the members of the Mitchell family have been objects of public interest and also of much judicial procedure. George Mitchell killed the Holy Roller leader because of the latter's influence over Esther Mitchell. After a trial lasting nearly two weeks, Mitchell was acquitted of the charge of murder on the grounds of insanity, and two days later he was shot dead by his sister just as he was preparing to board a train for Portland, Ore.

Implicated in this shooting was Maud Hurt Creffield, wife of the Holy Roller leader, and after the arrest Mrs. Creffield and Esther Mitchell admitted that the killing of George Mitchell had been talked over between them and that they had decided that he must die and that the sister should do the shooting, because she would have a better opportunity than would the Creffield woman.

Both were charged with murder in the first degree, pleaded guilty and a date set for their trial. Before this date arrived Superior Judge Frater summoned a lunacy commission which found the women insane. Prosecuting Attorney Mackintosh contested the legality of Judge Frater's act in the Supreme court. The appellate tribunal eventually handed down a decision sustaining Judge Frater except with regard to the latter's decision to send the women to Oregon, his power to do this being denied.

In the meantime Maud Hurt Creffield expired in the county jail.

SESSION OF TRADES AND LABOR COUNCIL

Many Matters of Routine Business Transacted at Last Evenings's Meeting.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

At last night's meeting of the Trades and Labor Council a resolution was passed embodying the thanks of the society to J. D. McNiven for his long and faithful service to the cause of labor in this city. An engrossed souvenir will be presented to Mr. McNiven before his departure. The committee which has this in hand was also instructed to present D. L. Kelly, treasurer of Labor hall, with the thanks of the council and with an honorarium of $25.

The reports of a number of committees was received. Chairman Shanks reported that the label committee was arranging to conduct an active campaign urging the use of the union label. The report of the finance committee showed that the council was in a sound condition financially.

A letter was received from the International Typographical Union asking that the body take active steps calling for the union label on all kinds of printing. The secretary, in accordance with this request, was instructed to notify all union men. A communication from S. L. Lenders in regard to the garment makers' strike was received, which was also referred to the label committee. A donation of $5 towards the anti-tuberculosis fund was received from Mrs. Anderson, secretary of the Garment Makers' Union.

A letter from the Canadian Labor party was received asking the council to take action with regard to monetary matters connected with the party. The letter was referred to the legislative committee, with instructions to report at the next session.

Minute information with regard to recognized union label was received from the American Federation of Labor, which the secretary will transmit to the various unions.

Messrs. Johnson, Sivertz, Williams, Gilligan and Ryan were elected as trustees of Labor hall. J. D. McNiven, who for five years has acted as secretary and manager of the board of trustees, made a report in detail showing that everything was in readiness to transfer the lease and stock to new trustees.

The proper committee was instructed to investigate the misunderstanding between the telephone employees at Vancouver and the company. It will report at the next meting of the council.

The secretary of the society was instructed to write the premier asking that the government take steps to prevent the new settlers who are being brought into the country by the Salvation Army being used as strike breakers.

The question of lowering the head tax on Chinese was then considered. The opinoin was expressed that if reasonable wages were paid as in other parts of Canada and the United States, no scarcity of white labor would be found. A committee was appointed to secure all possible information to be laid before the board of trade at the session of their committee of inquiry.

JAP TRAINING SQUADRON.

Cruisers Arrive at Honolulu—Will Pay Visit to Australia.

Honolulu, Feb. 19.—The Japanese training squadron, consisting of the cruisers Matsushima, Hashidate and Itsukushima, arrived here to-day. At 10 o'clock this morning Admiral Tomika, from the flagship Matsushima, communicated his approach by means of wireless telegraph. Rear-Admiral Very replied, welcoming him. As the Japanese warships entered the harbor a national salute was fired. The admirals then exchanged salutes and the Japanese vessels docked at the naval wharf.

At 1 o'clock this afternoon official visits were exchanged.

After remaining here a week the cruisers will proceed to Australia.

—Mrs. Adjutant McGill (nee Aikenhead) will conduct a special meeting in the Salvation Army hall at 8 o'clock tonight. Everybody is welcome.

ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY DROWNED

Steamer Wrecked Off Coast of Holland---Vessel Broke in Two---Only One Person Saved.

London, Feb. 21.—The Rotterdam mail steamer Berlin, from England, with 141 passengers and crew, was wrecked off the Hook of Holland at the entrance of the River Maas leading to Rotterdam shortly before 6 o'clock this morning and with the exception of one person all on board perished.

A terrific southwesterly gale was blowing right inshore, and drove the steamer

On a Sand Bank

close to the northern jetty as she was trying to enter the new waterway.

Heavy seas quickly pounded the vessel to pieces. She broke in two, her fore part sinking immediately, while the doomed passengers and crew could be seen for a brief space clustered on the after part.

Then the latter slipped off the ledge and disappeared in the mountainous waves.

Tugs and life-boats promptly put out to the assistance of the Berlin, but the violence of the gale and the heavy seas made it impossible to approach the wreck and the

Helpless Spectators

saw the steamer break up and the crew and passengers washed away without being able to render the slightest assistance.

One man, an Englishman, was saved. He was unconscious when dragged out of the water and taken ashore, and had not regained consciousness when he was carried to a hotel in the neighborhood.

By 11 o'clock in the morning 25 bodies had been washed ashore.

WITHIN SIGHT OF LAND.

Owing to the Rough Weather Boats Were Unable to Approach the Sinking Steamer.

London, Feb. 21.—The Great Eastern Railway Company officially confirmed the loss of the steamer Berlin with all on board off the coast of Holland. The Berlin carried passengers and crew to the number of 141.

Among those drowned are nineteen members of the German Opera Company, who had just concluded their season at Covent Garden. Arthur Herbert, one of the King's messengers, who was journeying to the continent, was lost.

The Berlin left Harwich at 10 o'clock last night upon the arrival of the London train with a large number of passengers who subsequently

Lost Their Lives.

The steamer should have reached the Hook of Holland at 6 o'clock this morning, and would have proceeded for Rotterdam.

A great gale was blowing in the North Sea when the Berlin started, but the weather was no worse than on the previous night when other vessels made the trip without mishap.

As the Berlin was entering the waterway at the entrance of the river, however, she

Appeared to Become Unmanageable

on account of the force of the wind and was driven ashore.

The alarm was given and life boats from the shore proceeded to the assistance of the stricken steamer, but the seas were so high that the boats were unable to approach the Berlin close enough to take off any of the passengers or crew and the lifeboats

Had to Stay Helpless

while the steamer pounded until she broke in two. Every soul on board was carried down.

She apparently struck about amidships as the fore part broke off and sank immediately, while her after part could be seen for a considerable time afterwards.

The waterway in which the disaster occurred is a new one on the north side of which is the pier and railroad station. The steamer must have been within a few minutes of tying up after her rough passage across the North Sea when she was overtaken by the disaster. Land was but

A Few Yards Away,

and excepting the rough weather, those on board the Berlin could have been rescued without difficulty, especially as the water way is navigable at all times.

The Berlin was a steel steamer only 12 years old and popular with the travelling public to the North of Europe. In summer she usually was crowded with passengers, but at this time of the year, the average was about as it was last night the number equally divided between first and second class.

One of the inspectors of the railroad who saw the steamer train off at the Liverpool street station said last night that he though there were more first class than second class passengers, most of them being commercial men or persons having professional business engagements on the continent or inhabitants of the continent, returning home from business trips to Great Britain.

Much Difficulty

is being experienced in obtaining the names of the passengers as the tickets were purchased from many agencies in London and other cities, while some of the travellers may have had return tickets.

The agents of the wrecked steamer at Rotterdam say that although they are not positive regarding the numbers, they believe that the vessel carried 120 passengers and a crew of sixty officers and men.

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FIRST NEWS OF THE DISASTER

Rotterdam, Feb, 21.—A disastrous steamship wreck, attended with great loss of life, occurred to-day off the north pier of the Hook of Holland, when the Great Eastern Railway Company's steamer Berlin, bound from Harwich to the Hook of Holland, was lost.

All on board, 141 people, of whom 91 were passengers with one exception, were drowned.

The wreck occurred at 5 o'clock this morning during a terrific southwesterly gale.

The steamer struck the north jetty while trying to enter the new water way at the Hook of Holland, broke in two and sank while the passengers and crew gathered aft, and vainly attempted to save the life boats.

Only one person was saved, and 25 bodies have washed ashore.

The Berlin was a British steamship, commanded by Capt. Precious, and was of 1,775 tons. The ship was built in 1894.

NEW NAVAL DOCKS.

Formal Opening by the Prince of Wales —Warships Gather in Honor of Occasion.

Davenport, Eng., Feb. 21.—The great new Keyham docks, which complete the most important naval dockyard scheme of the British Empire, were opened today by the Prince of Wales with considerable ceremony.

The large gathering of warships in honor of the occasion were decorated with bunting, and the harbor was gay with flags as the Prince and Princess embarked on the commander-in-chief's yacht Vivid and led a procession of topedo boats through the lines of warships to the scene.

As the Vivid steamed into the new dock she severed a barrier of various colored ribbons stretched across the entrance. After christening the dock "Prince of Wales basin" a large company were entertained at luncheon.

CARNEGIE DONATES FIFTY THOUSAND

Terms of Gift to Building Fund of Royal Institution of Learning.

Vancouver, Feb. 21.—Carter-Cotton announced last night at a meeting of the finance committee of the Royal Institution of Learning that Andrew Carnegie has given a donation of $50,000 to the building fund, conditional upon a similar amount being raised within a certain period.

HAS NOT RESIGNED.

Sir John Fisher is Still First Sea Lord of the Admiralty.

London, Feb. 21.—The report that Admiral Sir John Fisher had resigned as first sea lord of the admiralty is declared to be unfounded.

The story was to the effect that Admiral Fisher and the admiralty officials had serious falling out in regard to the navy policy and that this led to the admiral's resignation. It was even asserted that Vice-Admiral Sir Lewis Beaumont, commander in chief at Devonport, had been selected to succeed Admiral Fisher.

—The weekly five hundred tournament of the Fernwood Young Men's Association is proving very popular. The attendance at their gatherings is increasing. Another tournament will be held in their club rooms, North Chatham street, at 8 o'clock to-night.

BURGLARS BUSY IN VANCOUVER

NUMBER OF OFFICES WERE BROKEN INTO

Men Who Operated in Fairfield Building Secured Quantity of Jewelry and Money.

Vancouver, Feb. 21.—Burglars last night ransacked the Fairfield building opposite the post office. Two vaults were opened and an attempt was made to open a third with a sledge hammer. Eight cash boxes were broken, five offices entered, four desks pried open and a quantity of jewelry and money taken.

The burglars were evidently safe experts, for they opened the vault in Campion & Pound's office without damage. Six money boxes kept privately by clients of the firm were wrecked. They contained approximately $1,000 in cash and diamond rings. F. B. Springer's office door was pried open with a jimmy, and the combination was knocked off with a sledge hammer. So far the vault has not been opened. It contained a large sum of money. Dodwell & Co.'s office was broken open and papers scattered around the floor. Cheques aggregating two thousand dollars were not disturbed.

Attempts were made to break into several other offices in the building.

BILL PASSED.

Ottawa, Feb. 20.—The private bills committee this morning passed Duncan Ross's bill incorporating the Rivers Improvement Company.

PROMINENT LAWYER DEAD.

Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 21.—John Cunnen, formerly attorney-egenral of New York state, died this morning.

—The Victoria Court of the Ancient Order of Foresters held a very enjoyable dance and social in Sir William Wallace hall last night. Music was provided by J. Giles at the piano, and J. Coverdale, violinist. The committee in charge was composed of A. Manson, W. Noble and W. H. Croghan. To their untiring efforts the success of the affair is largely due. A new member was initiated at the preliminary business session.

APPEAL FROM 'FRISCO.

Japanese in the Bay City Ask Mikado's Government to Support Their Cause.

Tokio, Feb. 21.—A written interpellation regarding the San Francisco school question was presented to the government to-day by a member of the house of representatives. The reply of Foreign Minister Hayashi is expected in a few days.

The Japanese of San Francisco have cabled a strong appeal to Tokio asking that the government support their cause, and pointing out that the restrictions of Japanese immigration would eventually result in the extinction of their compatriots residing in San Francisco.

The Japanese newspapers have not commented on this appeal up to the present time.

ADJUTANT WAKEFIELD COMING TO VICTORIA

Western Head of Salvation Army's Immigration Department--The System Pursued.

(From Monday's Daily.)

Adjutant W. J. Wakefield, of the Salvation Army, western representative of the army's immigration department, with headquarters at Brandon, Man., will arrive in Victoria on Saturday next, where he will spend some time in connection with the projects of the organization with regard to immigration to Vancouver Island.

Interviewed in Vancouver, where he is at present, he stated that the first boat load of immigrants brought out by the army will arrive in Halifax on March 1st. There are not a great number of this first boat load for British Columbia.

"We are," he said, "taking great pains to bring out a class of people accustomed to hard work. Some people appear to imagine that we are going to bring out the scum of the Old Country, but in reality we have far more applicants than we can bring out, and so the selection is made carefully. The majority of those who come pay their own way or secure prepaid passages from future employers, but in the cases of large families the army often has to assist with a loan. During the past two years over $75,000 has been advanced in this way, which the new settlers are paying back at the rate of $500 per month.

"Our system of handling immigrants is somewhat different from what people imagine. There seems to be a general idea that we bring them out and dump them down indiscriminately, but in reality we get people wanting help first to send to us for blank application forms, and ask them to fill them out. We thus get to know the class of men wanted, whether farmers, mechanics, miners or anyone else, and we fill the bill as soon as we possibly can. In that way there is a position ready for the man before he arrives, and immigration is better distributed, since it does not fill up one place to the detriment of another."

DR. G. BALL DEAD.

Was the Founder of Keuka College, New York.

Clifton Springs, N. Y., Feb. 21.—Dr. George Ball, founder and professor of Keuka college, at Keuka Park, N. Y., died in a sanitarium last night. Dr. Ball was 86 years of age. He was well-known as educator and preacher. He was the author of a number of religious works, including "The story of Jesus" and "Christian Baptism." He was the editor of the Union Record.

BUOYANCY OF REALTY MARKET

FRUIT GROWING WILL HAVE GREAT FUTURE

Acreages Being Subdivided in Island to Meet Demand---Many Sales Are Recorded.

(From Monday's Daily.)

The volume of sales in the market of realty is reported on all hands to be as great as at any time during the last six months. And in addition to the sales there is a flood of enquiry which is said to be growing larger every day. Every indication shows that the coming spring will see Vancouver Island in a more flourishing condition than at any period heretofore.

A feature of the present demand for fruit acreage is that intending purchasers are content to go further afield. Hitherto they have been desiring property in the vicinity of the city; but now the trend of inquiries is turning towards those rich fruit lands which lie interspersed through the southern half of the Island. With a view to meeting this demand large acreages are at present being subdivided up the Island, and it is stated by competent authorities that the future of intensified farming is assured.

During the past few days the firm of Swinerton & Oddy has beep responsible for a number of interesting sales. Among others were four acres on the Burnside road; a large piece of acreage adjoining Carey road; several lots on Oak Bay avenue; six acres on the Saanich road, suitable for fruit growing, and a piece of acreage in the Tolmie estate.

This firm is at present engaged in subdividing a large piece of acreage near Royal Oak station. This piece of property, which comprises 200 acres of land, is of exceptional interest, as upon it was grown some of the fruit which obtained medals at the recent exhibition held at London. Much of this land is at present under cultivation, and it is now being parcelled out into 10 and 20 acre lots. Half of the property is cleared, and the entire piece has been designated by farmers as the best fruit-growing land on the Island. The soil is watered by a running stream which meanders through the property, and the ground is said to be most suitable for growing purposes.

The firm of Grant & Lineham has also been responsible for many sales. The Gass cottage with six acres of land has passed into the hands of a Winnipegger; on Moss street an acre has changed hands for $2,600, and half an acre of land in the neighborhood of Washington avenue has been purchased by a newcomer to the city.

Knott & Reid, a new firm of some fortnight's business life, has made many interesting sales since its inception. These include a house on lot on Menizes street; a lot on Niagara street, adjoining Beacon hill park; 12 lots belonging to the Pearse estate, and two lots on the Finlayson estate.

Among other sales which are recorded in the city are the following: Lot on Cadboro Bay road, $800; three lots on Richmond avenue, $2,100; two lots on Quadra street, $2,200; cottage and lot on Vancouver street, $1,900; lot on North Park street, $750; lot on Dallas road, $2,000.

CHURCH AND STATE.

Rome, Feb. 20.—The action of the French Chamber of Deputies yesterday in voting to support the government's policy in the matter of separation of church and state has not modified the Vatican's attitude. It is stated that if a large majority of the notorious enemies of the church approved of M. Briand's policy, this does not reassure the Vatican in regard to the proposed contracts of the lease of the churches which contain many points difficult to arrange.

The keynote of the situation in France is sounded to-day by the Nouvelliste of Lyons, France, a Catholic organ, which openly accused M. Amiette of carrying out the negotiations with the prefect of the Seine, M. Deselves, in a manner which conveys the idea that they may lead to the capitulation of the church to M. Briand's policy. As this statement reflects the views of the headquarters of the French church it shows the danger of disunion among the French Episcopacy, if the negotiations continue to be entrusted to M. Amiette.

The Norfolk County council has decided that no person should be licensed to drive a motor car whose vision was defective.

The great annual tea-drinking festival in connection with the churches and chapels of Blackburn, England, was celebrated recently, the number of the participants being estimated at 12,000.

SEEKING FULL INFORMATION

ON LABOR QUESTION IN THIS PROVINCE

Committee of Board of Trade Will Spare no Pains in Endeavor to Solve Difficulty.

(From Monday's Daily.)

The committee appointed by the board of trade to go into the question of the alleged scarcity of labor in British Columbia with suggestions as to finding a remedy appears to be determined to do all in their power to solve this difficulty complained of by getting necessary information to place before the authorities.

Information from both sides, employees as well as employers, will be obtained, and an advertisement appearing in the Times announces that all who wish to give evidence should communicate with the secretary of the board.

With the object in view of getting as full information as possible, a circular letter has been sent out to the Farmers' Institutes, Fruit Growers' Associations, boards of trade throughout the province and other bodies specially interested in the subject. The letter reads as follows:

Dear Sir:—The question of scarcity of labor in British Columbia was the principal subject discussed at the last monthly general meeting of this Board of Trade, and although several members expressed their views no conclusion was arrived at, but the whole matter was referred to a special committee for investigation and report.

The committee has met and ordered an advertisement to be inserted in our local newspapers inviting every person interested in the labor situation (employers and employees) and desirous of stating their views to send their names to the board's secretary. When these names are received it is proposed to arrange meetings for recording such views verbatim. This evidence, when received, will be of great value to the committee in preparing a report, but it is felt that that information alone will not be sufficient, as conditions vary in different parts of the province. For this reason it is requested that you will be good enough to afford all possible assistance, and to that end the following points are suggested for the basis of your reply:

(a) Does scarcity of labor appreciably affect the progress of any industries in your section?

(b) If so, what industries suffer, to what extent, and is there continuity of work throughout the year?

(c) Are the rates of wages paid skilled and unskilled labor as high as the wages paid for similar works in Washington and other states on the Pacific Coast, and how do the hours of labor compare?

(d) If scarcity of labor prevails and wages and hours of labor compare favorably with the above territory, can you suggest any reasons why such scarcity should exist in British Columbia?

(e) What suggestions can you offer for relieving the situation?

OBJECT TO PAYING TAXES.

Yorkton, Sask., Feb. 18.—On Saturday last one Scott, as bailiff for Local Improvement District No. 16, B. 2, south of Invermay, seized the goods and chattels of 15s Doukhobors for taxes due on as many homesteads, amounting to $3,000.

It is reported that Scott and his deputies seized about 100 head of stock and other chattels, and that they were attacked by Doukhobors and overpowered and the chattels retaken. Scott secured the assistance of twenty more deputies and again took possession of the stock.

It is reported that this morning 200 Doukhobors, armed with pitchforks, again attacked the bailiff and his deputies and again took possession of the chattels. Scott has asked assistance from the Royal Northwest Mounted Police.

FAILED TO PERFORM DUTIES.

Governor Hughes Recommends Removal From Office of Superintendent of Insurance.

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 20.—Governor Hughes sent to the senate to-day a special message recommending the removal from office of State Superintendent of Insurance Otto Kelsey.

In the opening paragraphs of the message the governor says: "I recommend the removal of Otto Kelsey from the office of superintendent of insurance. With respect to life insurance, New York is easily the most important jurisdiction in the United States, if not the world, and the vast interests involved imperatively require, and it should be a point of honor from the state, to maintain a fearless and efficient administration of its supervising department commanding the confidence of the people.

"I recommend Mr. Kelsey's removal because as head of this department he has conspicuously failed to perform obvious duties of the first importance and his neglect has demonstrated his unfitness for the trust confided in him."

'FRISCO SCHOOL QUESTION.

Tokio, Feb. 20.—The tone of the leading newspapers this morning in commenting on the settlement of the San Francisco school question is eminently pacific. They appear reconciled to the situation in view of the last clause in article two of the treaty with the United States.

The Nichi Niche says that it will withhold judgment concerning the success or failure of Japan's diplomacy until the naturalization question is settled.

Foreign Minister Hayashi, in an explanatory interview, calls attention to the fact that when the present treaty was concluded, Japan had a great object to attain, the removal of consular jurisdiction. Before this achievement could be realized some sacrifice was necessary. "I remember," he said, "that chause was inserted at the express wish of the American government because the approval of the treaty could not be secured in the United States senate without it."

SHAUGHN

Define Their Attit way Co

Three letters with regard railway communication wit ver island have been recei local board of trade. They Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, p the Canadian Pacific Railw Hays, president of the Gra Pacific; and William Macke dent of the Canadian Nort way.

Some time ago the Board which has been exerting all ence it can bring to bear up minion government to have made of the approaches to Narrows, wrote the preside three above named railw board's letter asked if th contemplated any action wit railway communication with if so, when their plans wou effect and what means wo ployed. They brought to th of the heads of these corpo proposed Bute Inlet and Sey rows schemes.

Replies were not long in

Mr. Hays stated that th certainly contemplated some connection with the that in the present state of schemes had as yet been It would be given attent

WIDENING OF CITY ST

QUESTION RE-OPENED BY ALD

Council Amends the Origi lution---Report of Stre Sewers Committee

The question of the propo ing of Fort street was again council on Monday. It wa that the question was set last regular meeting of the til the engineer's report sho mitted.

Ald. Hanna's motion that motion be amended to read ing of Fort street between Yates, however, reopened question. In explaining Ald. Hanna pointed out that a grave possibility of the qu ing through if left as origin owing to the opposition of street owners. It was with preventing this that his m framed. If the widening o part of Fort street was completed even Ald. Fell m verted.

Ald. Vincent—I am surpr a member of the Tourist change his mind.

Ald. Verrinder stated that ed the motion in order to question that property owne sounded.

His Worship intervened statement that until the est of the action contemplated tained, no expression of op be got from the people.

Ald. Fullerton said that was a disgrace to the muni should be widened, but the do so without knowing th cost.

Ald. Fell was quite conte in the disgraceful street in reiterated his former against its widening. Ald opposed, his idea being th might better be widened.

Ald. Henderson, chairm committee which had prop ing the street, offered in that the resolution be so w the work could be done in They could then widen u street, and if it was found to widen the lower portion Hanna's suggestion could

The latter was on his fee stant, saying that the tide was flowing westward, and the stars shone they must only Fort but Yates and well.

Ald. Fell interrupted with comment that this was one terinfl apples which cou plucked.

The Mayor intimated th wasn't done willingly it m anyway.

"This is one of those cas "where if the thing is not ingly by the property own be done by force. In all m the council has the right ratepayers to agree to suc and I believe for that mat have that power too. If it some other council wil from the legislature, an force."

The discussion, however Ald. Fell stating that he d anyone would vote for widening and cynically insi in his heart of hearts the of the same opinion.

At this Mayor and alderm in arms. The people cert vote for it.

It was finally decided to original resolution, and widening of Fort street b and Yates into one separa quiring a separate by-law.