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# SALVATION ARMY IMMIGRATION SCHEME

## Commissioner Coombs Here to Interview Members of Local Government and Make Investigations—Meeting To-Night.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

"We want to know just what British Columbia needs, what it can accommodate and by what plan we can settle emigrants in it to its own and their best benefit," said Commissioner Coombs of the Salvation Army, as a Times reporter this morning. "Until we know we cannot formulate any definite scheme for the settlement of the vast territories in the province which are now lying undeveloped awaiting the settlers. My chief object is to obtain information on these points that I am here. When we are sure of our ground, we will be able to make full arrangements for the influx of English emigrants. When we have decided upon the requirements of the labor market in the province we will open negotiations with the C. P. R. for reduced rates of transportation. Our chief difficulty lies in the transportation of the immigrants across the continent but, as the C. P. R. has not been ungenerous when dealing with the Salvation Army officials in the past, I have no doubt that the company will do all possible to assist."

The commissioner pointed out that the increasing of the Dominion's population was the chief factor in developing the C. P. R.'s business, and that in view of this fact, any assistance which might be given to the Army in bringing out settlers would be of the nature of a business proposition. British Columbia had an advantage over other provinces as far as the availability of land was concerned. The Dominion practically divided it at certain seasons which the railway company would not object to. The railway company would not object to the settlement of laborers, and in consequence passenger traffic was often at a low mark. This fact, the commissioner believes, will influence the company to aid in increasing the influx of British settlers, and would perhaps be an adequate inducement in inducing the C. P. R. to establish a schedule of lower rates during specified seasons.

The transportation of several thousands of emigrants was a huge undertaking, which would entail a great expense. It would call for the chartering of special steamers and trains, the distribution of the emigrants upon landing, and the reaching of their destinations. They were of a good class, honest and industrious, yet some of them knew poverty and want because the English labor market was characterized by an excessive supply and a comparatively small demand. They were ready and willing to emigrate, to take advantage of the opportunities offered them in the colonies and in particular, Canada. They would make good citizens, and would come as a boon to the Dominion, where the labor market was, as a general rule, the direct antithesis of the English one. The trouble was, to put it plainly, getting them here. The majority, when they were ready to reach their belongings, could not raise a sum sufficient to pay their passage and give them a start in the country, while a large percentage could not even raise the fare. In the undertaking contemplated by the Salvation Army there were questions of a gigantic nature, freight, transportation, distribution and regulation. There were social and labor questions to be answered by adequate methods, and the great proportions of the scheme became more realistic as it was analyzed and reviewed. At the same time the commissioner had little doubt of a successful issue. The Salvation Army in represented by the Dominion Army in representing the emigrants, and instead of sending the emigrants to the Dominion under disadvantageous conditions, the organization will send them under better conditions than any other religious or social body on account of its ability to keep in touch with and assist the settlers upon arrival at any point in the country.

Of all the provinces British Columbia appealed to the emigrants and to the officials of the army as the most suitable one for the settlement of English emigrants. From a social point of view the labor market, equitable living conditions and a host of other advantages, while from a climatic point of view it was even said to surpass the Old Country. There were great tracts of available land awaiting the homesteader, fruit lands, lumber districts, mining districts, and, after that, progressive towns and cities. Vancouver Island was a fine country, if the term could be applied, and it offered many opportunities for the workman. It had been

contended that the Okanagan and lower mainland districts were the only really good fruit growing districts of the province, but the commissioner said he did not accept this fact. He will to-day inspect the fruit lands adjacent to Victoria, travelling by motor car, so as to take in as much of the country as possible, and he hopes to obtain a fund of information regarding the island while in the city to-day, and will also interview all members of the provincial cabinet possible during his stay.

The commissioner made a forcible remark on the future of this province. He pointed out that with such a deplorably small population as 200,000, British Columbia was producing each year produce to the approximate value of \$50,000,000. If it was possible to work up a trade and commerce of that dimension in the province on such a small population, what would the influx of several thousand additional settlers mean? That was a matter which left room for some heavy thinking. The natural wealth of the province, great out of all proportion to the population, called for the attention of the Dominion. The Salvation Army desired to send the right sort of people out, as its emigrants were only assured of situations in the agricultural field of labor, and came with the back to the land spirit.

As regards the success of the army's project scheme, the commissioner had no doubts. The social and other questions which he had referred to could be overcome by the evolution of an adequate plan of distribution, and the indirect co-operation of the Canadian government in giving the emigrants a fair reception was assured. General Booth had often stated that Western Canada was the place towards which the organization must look, by way of emigration, to a solution of many of its labor problems. To-night Commissioner Coombs will address a meeting in the St. Andrew's church, and to-morrow he will speak at a dinner of the Canadian Club in Vancouver. His first interview with several members of the provincial government, and will also confer with the emigration committee of the local council of women, and the representatives of the local labor bodies. He leaves for Vancouver to-night, and will afterwards visit the Okanagan valley, the Kootenay district and other parts of the province on his return to the East. While in the city he is the guest of Lady Crease.

**NARROW ESCAPES.**  
Boston, Mass., Dec. 5.—Nine persons, including seven children, were rescued from a burning tenement house in the South Boston district to-day. The blaze was on the lower floor of the building, and the firemen had to force their way over flaming stairways to reach occupants. All were removed without injury.

**LIEUTENANT REPRIMANDED.**  
Guilty of Improperly Giving the Order "On Your Knees" to Stokers at Portsmouth.  
Portsmouth, Eng., Dec. 4.—The trial of court-martial of Lieut. Collard, R. N., ended to-day. He was found guilty of ordering a number of stokers "on their knees" to a number of stokers in November last, was acquitted of using abusive language and was let off with a reprimand.

**POLICE INSPECTOR SHOT.**  
Officer Alleged to Be Responsible For Bialystok Massacre, Killed in St. Petersburg.  
(Associated Press.)  
St. Petersburg, Dec. 5.—Police Inspector Shersmetoff, who after the anti-Jewish outbreak at Bialystok in June last for which he was said to be responsible, was shot and mortally wounded to-day by a workman, who then killed himself.

## BASEBALL AFFAIRS.

**New Manager and Captain for the Boston American Club**  
Boston, Dec. 5.—It was announced last night that President John I. Taylor of the Boston American Baseball Club, had arranged with Chas. S. Stahl, of Fort Wayne, Ind., centre fielder of the team, to be manager and captain next season. Stahl was acting manager during part of last season.

**Armbruster Released.**  
Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 5.—Manager Mack of the Philadelphia American league baseball team, yesterday announced that he had released Harry Armbruster of the Toledo, Ohio, team. He is an outfielder.

**CARPENTERS HURT.**  
Vernon, B. C., Dec. 3.—Four carpenters were thrown to the ground on account of a scaffolding breaking on the Turnbull building on Friday. Hugh Vickery was hurt internally, and had his wrist broken. P. McMillan and Gordon Holston were slightly injured, while L. James was not hurt at all.

## RETURNS FROM A VISIT TO COAST

**MR. BREWER SPEAKS OF CONDITIONS THERE**  
Says Timber Is the Resource Receiving Most Attention—C. P. R. Parties in Field.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)  
W. M. Brewer, our purchasing agent, returned from Alberni canal yesterday. While in that locality he noticed that the resources which are receiving the closest attention is the timber. There are two parties of emigrants out for United States capitalists, which are examining the timber between Alberni and Comox. The exploration party of the C. P. R., in charge of Mr. Brown, returned from Cape Scott to Alberni on the last trip of the Tees, and this party is now making a cursory examination of the agricultural, mining and timber resources of Alberni canal, and Sumas and other adjacent valleys.

The C. P. R. surveying party, in charge of Mr. Sheppard, of Nanaimo, is camped on Cameron lake, about 40 miles from Nanaimo, and expect to stay in camp all winter if the weather permits. Mr. Brewer says the weather over on the Alberni canal for the past two weeks has been remarkably fine for this time of year. Mr. Bailey, representing the English company, owners of W. W. W. group of mines claims near the head of Granite creek, is taking in an assay outfit for the purpose of sampling and assaying the mine thoroughly. It will be remembered that this property was staked in 1886, and that the outcrop showed quite high values in gold. Later it was purchased by an English syndicate, and worked for some months, several small shipments of ore being made during that time. All this ore was staked and packed on the corner of the middle west. It will develop into a tourist city, especially when the C. P. R. opens its big hotel and improves its land holdings there.

**SALOONKEEPER KILLED.**  
Shot by an Unknown Assassin—Murderer Fired Through Window.  
New York, Dec. 4.—Julius Salavator, 25 years of age, a saloonkeeper, was shot and killed at his home in an east side tenement early to-day by an unknown assassin. Salavator, who had known assassin, Salavator, who had closed his saloon late, was about to retire with his wife and two children when the murderer, shooting through a window, inflicted the death wound. At the distressed cries of the wife the neighborhood was aroused, but search for the assassin was fruitless. No explanation of the crime could be given by Salavator's relatives except that he might have made an enemy in his business who was unknown to them.

**FRISCO RELIEF FUND.**  
San Francisco, Dec. 4.—The relief corporation has just published a report on the condition of the relief fund, its receipts and disbursements from April 23rd to November 17th, 1906. The total receipts were \$6,212,279.23. The items show that the cost of administration of funds is less than four per cent. According to the subscription department's report the amount of \$3,351,991.64 is still outstanding, subject to the call of the corporation with the exception of \$150,000 from the state of New York, \$28,000 from Los Angeles, \$20,000 from Bridgeport, Conn., and a few scattered pieces, the balance sheet shows \$1,935,142.90 cash on hand.

## THE LOS ANGELES OF THE DOMINION

**WINNIPEG'S VIEW OF THIS CITY'S FUTURE**  
Syndicate Formed to Hold Property Here—Purchased Acreage in Oak Bay District.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)  
"Hugo Ross, G. Skinner and L. Verhoren, who, with H. Percy Simpson, comprise a syndicate to hold property in Victoria, B. C., have just returned from a two weeks' trip to the Pacific coast, where some acreage was purchased in the Oak Bay district just outside Victoria," says the Winnipeg Telegram. Mr. Simpson, lately of Ed A. Ross & Co. in this city, was left on the spot to look after the affairs of the syndicate, and take various city properties if found good.

"All the members of the party were enthusiastic about the coast cities, Mr. Ross speaking as follows: "We looked over Vancouver, where prices appear higher proportionately than in Winnipeg and then went to Victoria. "In the latter city inside property is moving actively. The Merchants bank has purchased a site on the corner of Yates and Douglas streets, and the Northern bank officials have a site under consideration. A great many Winnipeggers are living in Victoria, the majority having bought homes there. The city is picturesque at this season, the roses still blooming, and it appeals to Manitobans and residents of the middle west. It will develop into a tourist city, especially when the C. P. R. opens its big hotel and improves its land holdings there.

**SEEKING CHANGES IN THE TARIFF**  
DELEGATIONS ARE VISITING CAPITAL  
It is Not Likely Many Changes Will Be Made—Cold Storage Bill.

Ottawa, Dec. 4.—Delegations are arriving asking for tariff changes. Manufacturers of rope in the maritime provinces want the duty restored. It is placed on the free list. Steel and iron men want the old preference and old duties restored. They say the preference is too high. Tanners want changes and other interests will be here. There are not likely to be many alterations; as a whole the tariff seems to give general satisfaction.

**RUSSIAN NAVAL OFFICERS ON TRIAL FOR SURRENDERING TO THE JAPANESE**  
Rear-Admiral Nebogatoff and Subordinates Appear Before a Special Court Martial.  
St. Petersburg, Nov. 5.—The trial of Rear-Admiral Nebogatoff and officers of his squadron for surrendering to the Japanese at the battle of the Sea of Japan in May, 1905, began before a special court-martial to-day. The accused are divided into three categories: First, Admiral Nebogatoff and the commanders of the battleships; second, the officers who advocated the surrender; third, the officers who did not endeavor to prevent the surrender. The trial will probably last three days.

**GIRL'S SUICIDE.**  
Left Note That She Was Going Home to Mother.  
Bath, N. Y., Dec. 3.—Leaving two notes behind, in which she gave directions for the disposition of her personal effects and for the burial, Genevieve Benedict, 15 years old, committed suicide to-day by shooting herself in the head with a pistol. She had brooded over her mother's death, a year ago, and stated in a note that she was "going home to mother."

**HANGED FOR MURDER.**  
Valdosta, Dec. 4.—G. N. Rawlins and Alf Moore, negro, were hanged here to-day for the murder of Willie and Carrie Carter in July, 1905. Both stepped on the scaffold without a tremor. They stood on the trap together and fell together.

## KIDNAPPED GIRL RESCUED.

Police Had Sharp Fight With Abductors, Who Were Taken Into Custody.  
Chicago, Dec. 5.—After a desperate battle, in which a shotgun and several revolvers figured, and in which two doors were battered down by the police, Ciocanna Umida, the 14 year old Italian girl who was kidnapped bodily from 124 Milton avenue, Monday night was rescued last night from a vacant flat in the same building, her abductors, Samuel Marino, 28 years old, who with his brother Charles, kidnapped her and detained her in the untenanted flat, were arrested.

Through an interpreter the little girl told the story of the kidnapping and the subsequent torture she was made to suffer at the hands of Marino. She said the two brothers were assisted in the kidnapping by the wife of Charles Marino. She said that after she had been forced and dragged into the flat above that occupied by Charles Marino, she was then led protesting and crying to a vacant flat above that occupied by Charles. The door was then locked by the latter who pocketed the key and left her alone with his brother.

**PORTION OF TOWN DESTROYED BY FLOOD**  
NUMBER OF PERSONS DROWNED IN ARIZONA  
Several People Were Killed by Falling Buildings—Railway Damaged and Traffic Is Suspended.

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 4.—A special to the Post from Morenci, Ariz., says: "Eight lives are said to have been lost in a great flood at Clifton, Ariz., last night. "The Detroit concentrator dam broke, sending a wall of water down Chase creek. "Wires are down between Morenci and Clifton and no definite news can be obtained until messengers return from Clifton. "The central telephone flats in Clifton have been abandoned, having been pronounced unsafe. "From information received here late to-night it is believed that the town of Clifton has been practically wiped away. The Copper Queen hotel is said to have been swept away by the flood and at least 50 persons have lost their lives. "Half of Town Destroyed. Phoenix, Ariz., Dec. 5.—Up to a late hour last night nothing confirmatory of the Clifton disaster had been received except private dispatches sent from one friend to another. One of these said: "Half of Clifton destroyed. I am O. K." Numerous inquiries have been directed to the scene, but they have been unavailing. It is believed here that a disaster has undoubtedly occurred. Clifton is a town in Graham county, southeastern Arizona. In 1900 the population was 584. It is located at the end of a branch of the Arizona & New Mexico railroad, and had a telegraph and express office. It is built upon the bank of the Rio San Francisco, a branch of the Salt River.

**STEEL AND COAL COMPANIES' FIGHT STILL NO PROSPECT OF ANY SETTLEMENT**  
Travelling Watchmaker Nearly Perished From Cold—Sudden Death of Montreal Insurance Broker.  
Montreal, Dec. 5.—The prospects of peace between the steel and coal companies, held out for the past few days, have seemingly vanished. Messrs. Plummer, Ross and Wilson returned from Ottawa this morning and the president of the steel company was asked if an amicable agreement had been reached. "No," was the emphatic reply of Mr. Plummer, who added that the situation was exactly the same between the contending parties as at the time of the final correspondence on the subject of the broken contract. Sudden Death. Montreal, Que., Dec. 4.—Death came suddenly last night to George Ross Robertson, insurance broker, at his residence, Drummond street. Mr. Robertson had retired for the night and was stricken with heart failure. Yesterday he attended at his office as usual. He had not suffered from any illness. He was 42 years old and was president of forest and stream club, and a member of St. James' and Mount Royal clubs. He married a sister of R. W. Shepherd, and is survived by her and two sons. Presentation. Montreal, Dec. 4.—M. M. Duff, of the C. P. R. steamship lines, was presented with a magnificent service of cut glass, an electric lamp and gold clock by conferees at the Windsor street station yesterday on occasion of his marriage. The Montreal Fire. Montreal, Dec. 4.—The total loss by last night's fire on Notre Dame street west is now estimated at between \$60,000 and \$80,000, while insurances are as follows: Harvey building, \$4,000; Victoria chambers, G. W. Stephens' estate, \$20,000; C. A. Workman, clothing, \$8,000; F. Power, store, \$9,000; Perrin Fergus, \$21,000; J. S. Shaw, \$5,500; Patterson & Co., \$1,900; H. Gervais, \$5,500; Coyle & Co., \$2,000; J. Goulding, \$3,000; Barry & Co., \$3,000; Currie & Co., \$5,500; Arthur & Co., Glasgow, \$1,000. Old Man's Sad Plight. St. John, N. B., Dec. 5.—Thomas Dickerson, aged 77, was found by the police in the streets this morning poorly clad and almost perished. He was taken to police headquarters. He left Ottawa, he said, seven weeks ago and walked to St. John. During the last few days he encountered the severe snowstorms which have been raging here and almost perished. He is a watchmaker by trade and carried his outfit, doing odd jobs en route to earn money to buy food, but not enough to travel on trains. Canadian Club. Calgary, Dec. 5.—A Canadian club is being formed in Calgary to encourage the study of institutions, history, arts, literature and resources of Canada, much on the lines of the Winnipeg club. Broke His Leg. Calgary, Dec. 5.—Hugh MacQueen, a well known hockey player, broke his leg last night while playing at the Auditorium rink. Inland Revenue Returns. Winnipeg, Dec. 5.—Inland revenue returns for November at the Winnipeg office amount to \$150,614, an increase of \$43,034, over the same month last year. Trying to Save Macri. Winnipeg, Dec. 5.—A great effort will be made by the Italian colony in the city to save Salvatore Macri, convicted of murder, from the gallows. C. E. Bradburn Dead. Battleford, Dec. 5.—Chas. E. Bradburn, barber, died from typhoid fever. He was father of Thomas Bradburn, M. P., for the city of Peterboro. Winnipeg's New Theatre. Winnipeg, Dec. 5.—Winnipeg's new quarter million dollar theatre, the finest in Canada, which is to be opened this month, will be named "The Walker."

**ARMY REFORMS.**  
London, Dec. 4.—The best system of promotion in the army, which has been a much debated question here, as in the United States, appears about to be solved in favor of promotion by selection. The report of the commission appointed to investigate the subject has just been issued. It unreservedly recommends the abolition of automatic promotion from Lieut.-Colonelcies and the substitution of promotion on the recommendations of a selection board. EARTHQUAKE SHOCK. Fort De France, Martinique, Dec. 4.—An earthquake shock was felt here last night. No damage was caused. The shock lasted one minute and a half. The oscillations were from the north to south.

**W. H. P. CLEMENT MAY GO TO SUPREME COURT**  
Ottawa, Dec. 5.—It is understood that W. H. P. Clement, of Grand Forks, is to be appointed to the Supreme court of British Columbia in place of Mr. Justice Duff, promoted to the Supreme court of Canada. Clement was formerly of Toronto, and afterwards legal adviser of the Yukon council at Dawson. SPANISH CABINET. Madrid, Dec. 4.—King Alfonso has approved of a new ministry under the premiership of the Marquis De Armiijo, in which General Weyler resumes his old post of minister of war.

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