ANNUAL MEETING OF MINING MEN

CANADIAN INSTITUTE IN SESSION AT MONTREAL

Grand Lodges Meet at Winnipeg—Returned Soldier Commits Suicide—Dominion News Notes.

Montreal, March 4.—The annual meeting of the Canadian Mining Institute opened this morning, President Chas. Fergie, of Westville, N. S., presiding. The morning session was occupied by the reading of reports, and at the afternoon session President Fergie read the annual address in which he dealt with the progress in coal mining in Nova Scotia. The president's gold medal was awarded to O. N. Scott, of Listowell, Ont., for a paper on the ore deposits of Copper Mountain, Similkameen district, British Columbia. Several interesting papers were also read.

Canada's Minerals.

Charles Fergie, president of the Canadian Mining Institute, in an interview this morning, said the value of Canada's mineral products last year was over seventy million dollars. Speaking of the strike in the Fernie mines in British Columbia, Mr. Fergie expressed the opinion that the trouble was due to the mixed classes of miners in the West, and to the injudicious handling of them.

Death of I. Davidson.

Neepawa, Man., March 4. — Isaac Davidson, father of the provincial treasurer, Hon. John A. Davidson, died this morning. He was about 74 years of age. He came to Manitoba in 1871 from Iowa and settled in Gladstone, where he enjoyed the confidence and esteem of a large circle of friends.

Orange Grand Lodge.

Winnipeg, March 4. — The Orange Grand Lodge of Manitoba opened this afternoon in the new Scott Memorial hall, just completed. There are a large number of delegates from all parts of the province to attend the session. Hon. D. H. McFadden, the grand master, read his report this afternoon. It is a coincidence worth mentioning that this session of the Grand Lodge which opens the new Scott Memorial hall, happens to meet on the anniversary of the death of Thos. Scott, who was murdered in Fort Garry just 30 years ago.

I. O. O. F.

The Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., for Manitoba, also opened to-day, when addresses of welcome were delivered by Mayor Arbuthnot and other Winnipeggers. All the speeches referred to the prosperous conditions of the Canadian West and the Odd Fellows' order.

Three Labor Candidates.

Wm. Scott, R. Toms and A. G. Cowley were selected to-night as candidates to contest the Winnipeg seats for the legislature in the labor interests.

The Terminal.

D. D. Mann, vice-president of the Canadian Northern, says the Winnipeg depot and terminal improvements projected by his company on the property just purchased from the Hudson's Bay Company, will involve an expenditure of $1,500,000, and will not be completed for three years.

Ontario's Mineral Products.

Toronto, March 4.—According to returns by the bureau of mines, the value of mineral products in Ontario for 1902 was $13,577,440.

Important Decision.

The High court to-day decided that an international trades and labor union cannot be sued in Ontario. The decision was rendered in the case of the Metallic Roofing Co. against the Amalgamated Sheet Metal Workers to recover damages for loss caused by a strike.

Toronto Celebration.

The board of control will recommend that the Old Home Celebration committee and board of trade be granted $3,000 in connection with the Toronto Old Boys' celebration in July. Last year's board of control wanted the celebration held during the exhibition.

Manufacturers' Request.

Owing to the scarcity of labor in the Dominion, the Canadian Manufacturers' Association are being urged to request the Dominion government to abolish or modify the Alien Labor Act, which will admit of the importation of mechanics, laborers, etc., from the United States.

Committed Suicide.

Stratford, March 4.—Harry E. Ballard, who was a member of the first and third South African contingents, took his life last night by blowing the top of his head off with the rifle he carried in South Africa. No cause is known.

Want More Pay.

Windsor, Ont., March 4.—The big Walker distillery is tied up by a strike in the bottling department, 60 hands being out. The men receive $1.25 and demand $1.50 per day.

Clear of Debt.

London, Ont., March 4.—The mortgages on the London Young Men's Christian Association building were burned at a banquet last night. The association hall cost slightly more than $42,000.

From the States.

Weyburn, N. W. T., March 4.—The first of the season's monthly excursion of land seekers from the States for this year passed here this morning. It is good evidence of the prophesied rush, as it carried 158 souls. Many were from the state of Wisconsin, which heretofore has not contributed largely of its sons. The bulk are journeying to Northern Alberta, Saskatchewan demanding the next largest share.

MRS. MAYBRICK.

No Truth in Report That Her Release Is Contemplated By Authorities.

Washington, March 4.—The Associated Press is authorized by the British embassy to state that there is no foundation for the report that Mrs. Maybrick's release is contemplated by the British authorities.

THE PRICE OF FISH.

Question Will Be Discussed Shortly at Meeting Between Canners and Fishermen.

"No arrangements have yet been perfected between the canners and the fishermen as to the price of fish for 1903," says the Vancouver News-Advertiser.

"The Japanese who are supposed, this year, to be working with the white fishermen, purposed holding a meeting last Sunday, to elect a deputation to act with a deputation of the white fishermen, in discussing the matter with the canners. The death of the Japanese secretary, however, prevented the meeting being held.

"It is said that the white fishermen will hold a meeting on Saturday next, to elect their representatives to the proposed conference, and that the Japs will also hold a meeting in the near future for a similar purpose.

"It is probable that the conference between the parties will take place next week, and as a result it is hoped that a modus vivendi will be arrived at, which will be satisfactory to all."

COMPANY REFUSES OFFER TO ARBITRATE

MORE MEN JOIN THE STRIKERS AT VANCOUVER

Coal and Coke Shipments Cannot Go Forward to Smelters—Getting Assistance From East.

Vancouver, March 4.—The longshoremen joined the strike against the Canadian Pacific this morning and refused to unload the Empress of India, which arrived last night. The work of lightening the vessel was proceeding slowly today by non-union men and seamen of the Empress. Fifty men have gone out at Revelstoke, but outside Vancouver none have joined the strike since yesterday. The strikers' statement this morning contained reference to the satisfaction felt at the action of the board of trade in appointing a committee to arbitrate the strike, and looks forward to an early settlement. The company to-day issued a circular to all shippers that owing to the refusal of the freight handlers to work the company must decline to receive any more freight for shipment by rail or water until the difficulty is adjusted.

Robert Jaffray, director of the Crow's Nest Company, is here. He says the company will arrange to the satisfaction of the miners the question of competitive stores.

Vancouver, March 5.—While the immediate effects of the Canadian Pacific railway strike to-day make the situation no more serious, the probability is that the climax will come within a few days.

Transfer barge number one, steamer Czar and barge Robert Kerr are tied up this morning, the firemen and sailors refusing to work, thus stopping the coke and coal shipments to Kootenay smelters. The firemen on the Charmer and Joan talked of striking this morning, but decided to continue.

From union sources it was announced that the reason was a wish not to affect the mail service to Vancouver Island. The unions say the firemen are continuing on the understanding that no C. P. R. freight is handled at Victoria and Nanaimo, and baggage to be taken is to be carried direct from the boat, and vice versa. The city teamsters' union decided to haul no freight to or from the C. P. R. steamers, trains or wharves.

To-night the boilermakers and machinists meet to consider whether they will go out. Mr. Estes, president of the Brotherhood, claims the machinists are ready to go out if he wants them to.

Union reports this morning say all members of the Brotherhood in Kootenay towns are now out, but a rumor that Calgary has joined the strike is not true.

On the company's side the announcements are all of the aggressive order. It is officially given out that a large number of men will be brought from the East to take positions, and the company is apparently easy in the belief that the trainmen, locomotive engineers and other bodies will not join the strike.

The offer of arbitration of the business men and board of trade has been practically refused by the company, which prefers the assistance of the trainmen, if any.

The teamsters going on strike has little effect in view of the company's announcement that no freight will be received for shipment to or from Vancouver. The wholesale merchants say the northern freight business can be handled by American boats, but all agree that a continuation of the present situation will mean a general paralysis of business, with very serious results.

A dispatch from Montreal to-day says C. P. R. stock went down to 130, a drop of several points, following the London break on the report of the strike. Montreal officials of the company declare the reports exaggerated.

CONDITIONS AT MALCOLM ISLAND

SOME OF NEEDS OF FINNISH COLONISTS

Matti Kurikka Will Seek Loan From the Provincial Government For the Work.

Matti Kurikka, the president of the Kalevan Kausa Colonization Company, who is at the head of the Finnish colony, Malcolm island, was in the city Wednesday. He came here for the purpose of asking the government for a loan of $10,000 for the further development of the colony's affairs. In granting such the government, he thinks, would be sufficiently safeguarded by the security given in the shape of the present machinery and development work done on the island.

Under the conditions by which the island was given to the colonists it was specified that in case of failure on their part to carry out the terms agreed to that the island and its improvements should revert to the government. This, while it protects the province, also debars the colonists from getting means from private parties for the carrying on of necessary work. The province having a first claim upon the island, security cannot be given by the company for any loans from private parties.

The fire, which resulted in depriving many of their homes, has forced the colonists to turn all available labor in the direction of preparing shelter for those who lost their living quarters. They seek to give each family its own home as the most efficient means of maintaining the harmony of the place, which is known as Sointula, meaning "a place of harmony." In doing so they find themselves handicapped for want of machinery. A planing factory is needed in connection with the sawmill. Additions are also required to the latter which is too small to meet the needs of the colony.

With a government loan of $10,000 Mr. Kurikka feels that the little settlement could be put in a first class position to get upon a solid basis.

One of the needs is a plant for manufacturing barrels in which fish could be put up for the use of the colonists and for shipment. To buy these and transport them to the island involves too great a cost. With the machinery for making them right on the island the company would go into the fishing and fish curing business on a considerable scale. One of the staple industries of Finland has been its fisheries, and many of the members living on the island are experienced in that branch of work.

Preparations are being made for a busy season on the island. A considerable quantity of land has been cleared, so as to afford excellent pasturage for the cattle which they have. Twelve milch cows, a pure bred Durham bull and a number of calves make up the stock of cattle now owned by the company. They have in addition six draught horses, which are used for the purposes of carrying on the lumbering and farming operations. In addition to this pasture land several swamps have been drained by cutting deep ditches varying from six to eight feet in depth, by which the superflous water is taken off. In this way about 60 or 70 acres of land have been made arable. Considerable of this will be tilled and devoted to grain growing. For next winter's supply of hay the company has rented some tracts of land across the strait on Vancouver Island. With their own steam tug and barges this may be brought over to their stables, so that a sufficient supply of fodder will be available for the horses and cattle.

The soil of Malcolm Island, Mr. Kurikka says, is a deep one, and is well adapted for agriculture. As it is cleared they will thus be in a position to grow all their own supplies, and also provide a source of revenue.

The disaster which overtook them a month ago has been a severe check to the colonists. Labor, which should have been directed in other ways, is now being required to provide accommodation for those who were left homeless. Mr. Kurikka himself lost everything by the fire. Manuscript works were destroyed which had cost him a great deal of labor, and which might have brought him in Finland good returns. Among these was a Finnish translation of one of Tolstoi's latest works. He expresses the greatest gratitude for those who so generously contributed to assist the sufferers. The wisest use which could be made of the money donations he thinks would be to establish a hospital at Sointula. He speaks in the highest terms of the kindness and attention shown by the two nurses who were sent up from Vancouver. All the injured, with one exception, have now recovered. The one who still remains under treatment has received internal injuries, and it is not known yet whether he will fully recover.

About the middle of this month Mr. Kurikka leaves on a trip throughout the United States for the purpose of interesting his fellow countrymen in the work of the settlement. He has before visited the chief centres of Finnish population, and as a result won the assistance and co-operation of many in the work. This visit is undertaken to further increase interest and to lay before members of the company the condition of the work. Since moving the plant of the Aika, the newspaper of the company, to Sointula, publication has had to cease, as no building was available for the purpose. This has been a decided disadvantage, as the absent members and sympathizers were unable to keep in touch with the affairs as they would otherwise have been able to do.

The colonists have built a splendid wharf at the island, and are in direct communication by steamer with the outside world. Mr. Kurikka expect this summer to organize an excursion to Malcolm Island, so that outsiders may have an opportunity to see for themselves what the colonists are doing. There are now between 90 and 100 families represented on the island.

THE FERNIE STRIKE.

Manager Tonkin Hopes the Mining Association's Committee May Arrange a Settlement.

"Robert Jaffray, vice-president of the Crow's Nest Coal Company, and J. H. Tonkin, the company's manager at Fernie, arrived in the city on Tuesday. Mr. Jaffray is returning from a long visit to California, and Mr. Tonkin is en route to Fernie, after attending the meetings of the Provincial Mining Association at Victoria," says the Vancouver News-Advertiser.

"Speaking of the strike at the Crow's Nest coal fields, Mr. Tonkin stated that from latest advices, it appeared that the situation remained unchanged, but everything continued orderly. The committee appointed by the mining convention at Victoria would now attempt to effect a settlement, or, at least, arrange a meeting between himself and the strikers. Mr. Tonkin stated that some 2,000 men were affected by the strike and the mines were closed down. What this meant would be realized by the statement that the January output was 17,000 tons of coke and 2,500 tons of coal per day. Had the strike not stopped operations this output would have been considerably increased by now, as 500 new coke ovens were being built, and the mines were being further developed.

"Respecting the grievances of the men, Mr. Tonkin intimated that he had not received any particular or detailed statement, not having been able to meet the miners, although he had wished to do so. He had, in fact, not received any notice from the men that they intended going out on strike. A committee of the Western Federation of Miners' District Board had waited upon him, but as he desired to meet with the local committee—the men who were actually affected—he had declined to see this committee. He contended that it was the local miners, and not representatives from the outside whom he should see, and if he failed to come to terms with them, then the services of the district committee of the Federation might be evoked. He hoped that the mining convention committee would succeed in arranging a meeting between them."

APPLICATION GRANTED.

Ottawa, March 5.—At the railway committee yesterday the application of Vancouver, Victoria & Eastern railway for approval of its line from Canyon to Phoenix; also for amendment of the grade on the branch line to Granby smelter, and for approval of construction of a "Y," was passed without opposition. Hal. McGiverin appeared for the application.

BUSY OPENING UP NEW TIMBER LIMITS

Victoria Lumber Company Has a Large Number of Men at Work Near Ladysmith.

Chemainus, March 4.—Four vessels, of a total tonnage of 8,815 tons, and a carrying capacity of 7,500,000 feet of lumber, are now lying at the docks of the Victoria Lumber and Manufacturing Company. They are the Ancona, 2,570 tons, loaded with a cargo of lumber for Capetown; the Tasmania, 2,083 tons, loading for Liverpool; the Schurbek, 2,266 tons, loading for the United Kingdom; and the Wendur, 1,896 tons, loading for South Africa.

The Zion, 1,276 tons; Neck, 2,121 tons, and the Bardowie, 2,011 tons, are chartered to load at Chemainus.

The Victoria Lumber and Manufacturing Company has arrangements for making shipments by rail about completed, and is now loading all the C. P. R. cars that come to Victoria, with return loads of lumber. The demand for lumber, both from foreign markets and the Northwest Territories, is very strong, and the V. L. & M. Co. is looking forward to running their plant to its full capacity in the near future.

The company is opening up its timber limits just back of Ladysmith, and now has large crews of men building, unloading, wharves, bridges, trestles and grading a railroad from Oyster Bay into the limits. It expects to be putting in logs from these limits by the middle of April. The camps to be put in there, together with the camps back of Chemainus, will insure the company a supply of from 400,000 to 500,000 feet of logs per day.

H. A. Howell, who has been running a general store on the New Chemainus townsite, has disposed of his business to J. Menzies, and will shortly be leaving Chemainus.

THOUSANDS LISTEN

To the Strange Tale of Mrs. James Bradley—What Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets Did For Her.

"No tongue can tell what I have suffered." So says Mrs. James Bradley, of Smith's Cove, Digby Co., N. S. And when it is explained that Dyspepsia caused her suffering thousands of Canadians will echo, "That's true, sure enough." These thousands have Dyspepsia themselves and they know.

But let these thousands listen to the whole of Mrs. Bradley's story and if they profit by it as they should, they will stop moaning over Dyspepsia pains and turn instead to singing the praises of Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets.

"I had Dyspepsia for over nine years," says Mrs. Bradley. "I have tried the best doctors in this place and never got relief. I had to starve myself from eating and had given up hope of ever having any help. No tongue can tell what I have suffered. I cannot describe it. I saw an advertisement of Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets and sent for six boxes of them. They relieved me almost at once, and before I had finished the six boxes I could eat most anything and sleep comfortably, which I never expected to in this world.

"I advise all who suffer as I have to use Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets and never to be without them."

John Keene, of Denver, Colo.; Harry Friedlander, of Chicago, Ill.; T. A. Conley, of Montreal; and A. H. Wallbridge, of Vancouver, are among the commercial men at the Victoria hotel.

NOTES FROM DUNCANS.

(Special Correspondence of The Times.)

Duncans has been quite a lively place during last week.

The Harry Lindley theatrical troupe paid us a visit and played for three nights at the Agricultural hall. Mr. Lindley has promised to come again in six weeks' time, and "East Lynne" will be one of the performances they will give us next time.

On Friday last the members of the Agricultural Society and others turned out to a "bee" to level off the show ground and reseed it with grass. The bicycle track was demolished and laid low. It never fulfilled the expectations of its promoters.

The Nanaimo football team was down here on Saturday last, playing the Cowichan eleven. The Nanaimoites won the match.

Among the recent improvements in the town may be mentioned the lamp posts on the principal street corners, and the large weighing machine (capacity about eight tons), put in by Lewis & Pitt. It will be a great convenience to farmers bringing in loose hay, and will save a great deal of labor weighing at home.

Mrs. Clark, wife of our school teacher, who has been ill for some time, is slowly recovering.

The farmers of the district are busy ploughing. They are taking advantage of the beautiful weather, and on dry ground the spring work is fairly well ahead.

The extension of the Island railroad will be discussed in Duncans in the very near future.

RULES AFFECTING PRIVATE BILLS

A GAZETTE NOTICE FIXING TIME LIMIT

The List of New Companies Incorporated—Other Official Announcements Made This Week

Thursday's Gazette contains a notice from Thornton Fell, clerk of the legislative assembly, announcing that the time limit for receiving petitions for private bills has been changed. According to the new notice these petitions will be received up to April 11th. The bills must be presented not later than April 23rd. Reports from committees on private bills will not be received after April 30th.

A certificate of incorporation for the Violin Lake Power Company, Limited, appears. The company is capitalized at $10,000 divided into 10,000 shares. It is incorporated for the purpose of acquiring water and water power for hydraulic mining, for irrigation and other purposes in West Kootenay.

The Denver Light & Power Company, Limited, with a capital of $20,000, is also incorporated under the Water Clauses Consolidation Act, 1897.

Notice is given of a license to an extra-provincial company, the Gurney Foundry Company, Limited, of Toronto, to operate in British Columbia. The provincial head office will be Vancouver city, with Chas. L. Lightfoot as representative. The company has for its object the purchase of the Toronto business of E. & C. Gurney Company, Limited, with a capital of $750,000.

The Alberni Packing Company, Limited, has been incorporated with a capital of $6,000, divided into 600 shares. The company is organized for the purpose of carrying on a fish canning business at Alberni.

The Victoria Driving Company, Limited, is incorporated with a capital of $10,000, divided into 2,000 shares.

Notice is also given that application is to be made to the legislative assembly to amend the Nicola, Kamloops & Similkameen Coal Railroad Company Act, 1891, by adding to section 3: "And also from a point at or near the western extremity of Nicola lake along Nicola river to Spence's Bridge; and also from a point at or near the western extremity of Nicola lake, southwesterly along the most feasible route to a point at or near Hope; thence southwesterly along the most feasible route to a point at or near Chilliwack in the district of New Westminster." Some other changes as to the time for completing the work, etc., are also included in this notice.

Notice is given by the B. C. Canning Company, Limited, that it intends to apply for a lease of about 40 acres at the south end of Smith island as a fishing station.

Notices of the sitting of courts or revision for the voters' lists are announced to be held May 4th as follows:

For Nanaimo city, North Nanaimo and South Nanaimo, at the court house, Nanaimo; Vancouver city, at Vancouver; South Victoria, at Maywood; West Lillooet, at Lillooet; Chilliwack Riding of New Westminster Electoral District, at Chilliwack; Rossland Riding of Kootenay Electoral District, at Rossland.

A municipal court of revision for Kent municipality will be held at Agassiz, April 2nd.

Notice is given of the assignment of Homer W. Simpson, grocer, of Rossland, to W. J. Robinson, of that city.

The British-American Dredging Co. give notice of their intention to apply to the legislature at the next session for an act authorizing them to divert and appropriate the waters of Pine creek for generating power.

MUNITIONS OF WAR

London, March 5.—The correspondent of the Morning Post at Tangier telegraphs that the Moorish government is negotiating for extensive purchases of rifles and ammunition in the United States.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY
Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

LOYAL FRIENDS OF CHINESE EMPEROR

ARE HERE TO CREATE SYMPATHY FOR HIM

Also on Business Mission—Will Make Victoria One of Headquarters for Steamer Line.

Loyal friends of the Emperor of China extended a warm greeting to his representatives Leong Ki Tso and Wong Fay Chee on their arrival here on the R. M. S. Empress of Indian on Tuesday afternoon. It was a meeting typical to a certain extent of a great movement having an ultimate object, the instalment of the Emperor on the throne of China and the banishment to her rightful position of the Empress Dowager, the ruling monarch. Politically this is the prime motive of the visitors' trip to America, as they themselves explained, while from a business standpoint, the two have come to America to organize a steamship company, as stated in last evening's Times.

Gathered on the wharf to meet them were a large delegation from the Chinese Reform Association, there being several representatives here from the Terminal City for the purpose, who accompanied the new arrivals to Vancouver on the Empress. As the big liner swung into the wharf Leong Ki Tso and his chief lieutenant appeared on deck courtesying to all his friends ashore in a characteristic American manner. They were Chinese, but of a different cast to those frequently coming to these shores. Without queue and dressed as Europeans, they resembled the native Oriental only in facial expression, and in this respect perhaps to a lesser degree than is common.

Leong Ki Tso is a young man, probably not over 30 years of age, and recognized by his compatriots as the ablest and cleverest statesman China had up to the time of his flight from Pekin a few years ago. He had been advisory minister to the Emperor, but when the Empress Dowager got the upper hand he and Kwang Yu Wai, who it will be remembered visited British Columbia about three years ago, had to make their escape. They were accused by the Empress Dowager of plotting against her, and she would have spared no cost in getting their life's blood. Kwang Yu Wai is considerably the eldest, and is at the head of the Reform Association, which position he still occupies, though exiled and living in India. His first lieutenant, however, is looked upon as the man who dominates the movement, and the one most feared in China to-day. Leong Ki Tso has been making his headquarters in Japan, and his travelling companion is a wealthy merchant of Yokohama.

Of their political aims they have no compunction in making known. Wong Fay Chee speaks very good English, much better than Leong. He gave an exclusive interview with a Times representative during the brief stay of the steamer in port, and spoke of the intentions of the great reform movement in no uncertain language.

"We are here," he said, "for two purposes—firstly, to organize a steamship company, and secondly, Leong has come to stir up interest in the continuation of the work of Chinese education. The prime object of the Reform Association is to reinstate the Emperor on the throne. He is ruling nominally, but the Empress Dowager is over him. She has no right to the position, and we believe that we can bring influence to bear that will force her to give way. We have come to America to warm the hearts of the Chinese towards the movement."

Speaking of the big transportation scheme, of which he is one of the promoters, Wong said his company do not, as reported, intend running steamers to all points of the world. Victoria and San Francisco, he stated, would be made the headquarters of this business in Canada and the United States. The line will have no connection with that newly inaugurated between China, San Francisco and Mexico. It would not depend on the transportation of Chinese, but would look to the freight trade for its principal support. More produce of Canada can find a market in China, and the two Chinese promoters believe that the trade can be developed enormously. Their scheme is to organize a great co-operative commercial company, of which members of the Reform Association are stockholders. Portland Chinese alone have contributed $20,000 towards the enterprise, while a sum approximating something like $400,000 has been subscribed by Chinese of this continent towards the venture. Leong is the originator of the project, and has been an indefatigable worker in carrying it into execution. His plan is to first establish a strong financial institution at some central point, possibly Hongkong, and then create branches of the business in different parts of the world.

The two visiting Chinamen are to attend a meeting of the Reform Association at Vancouver on Tuesday. They will proceed to New Westminster afterwards, returning then to Victoria. From here they will travel to Portland, thence to San Francisco and then East.

FRUIT GROWERS ASSEMBLE.

The Annual Convention Opened Thursday Afternoon.

The annual convention of the British Columbia Fruit Growers' Association opened Thursday in the council chamber, city hall, the proceedings commencing at 2 o'clock. A large number of delegates were in attendance, and were cordially welcomed by His Worship Mayor McCandless. His Honor the Lieut.-Governor will visit the convention and deliver an address.

To-night's session promises to be of an exceptionally interesting character, as Maxwell Smith, inspector under the Fruit Marks Act, will deliver an address dealing with the packing of fruit. Fruit dealers and growers will find this lecture most profitable, and should show their appreciation by a large attendance. Other papers to be read during the convention will be "Insect Friends and Foes of the Fruit Grower," by Rev. G. W. Taylor, of Wellington.

The arrangements in connection with the convention were made by the executive, who met last night. There is no doubt that the session will be entirely successful. The officers are as follows: J. C. Metcalfe, Hammond, president; Henry Kipp, Chilliwack, first vice-president; P. Owens, Salmon Arm, second vice-president; A. C. Wilson, Nanaimo, third vice-president; W. J. Brandrith, secretary-treasurer. The executive committee is composed of the president and first vice-president, R. M. Palmer, Thos. G. Earl, Lytton, and the secretary.

RETAIL MARKET.

There have been no material changes in the retail market during the past week. The quotations, which are practically the same as last week, follow:

Farm Produce—		
Fresh Island Eggs	$	30
Butter (Delta Creamery)		35
Best Dairy		25
Butter (Cowichan Creamery)		35
Cheese (Canadian)	20@	25
Butter (Victoria Creamery)		35
Lard, per lb.		15
Meats—		
Hams (American), per lb.	20@	22
Bacon (American), per lb.		25
Bacon (rolled), per lb.	16@	20
Bacon (long clear), per lb.		18
Shoulders, per lb.		18
Beef, per lb.	8@	18
Veal, per lb.	12@	18
Pork, per lb.	10@	12½
Mutton, per lb.	10@	18
Fruit—		
Cocoanuts, each	10@	15
Lemons (California), per doz.	25@	35
Apples, per box	1.50@	1.75
Oranges, per doz.	25@	60
Bananas, per doz.	35@	40
Poultry—		
Dressed fowl, per pair	1.50@	2.00
Ducks, per pair		1.75
Ducks (wild), Mallard, brace		85
Ducks (wild), Teal, per brace		40
Ducks (wild), Widgeon, brace		50
Ducks (wild), Brant, brace		1.25
Dressed turkeys, is'd, per lb.	28@	30
Flour—		
Ogilvie's Hungarian, per bbl.		6.00
Lake of the Woods, per bbl.		6.00
Calgary Hungarian		6.00
Snowflake, per bbl.		5.50
XXX Enderby, per bbl.		5.00
Grain—		
Wheat, per ton		38.00
Oats, per ton		30.00
Oatmeal, per 10 lbs.		45
Rolled oats (B. & K.)		5
Feed—		
Hay (baled), per ton	12.00@	13.00
Straw, per bale		60
Middlings, per ton		25.50
Bran, per ton		25.00
Ground feed, per ton		30.00
Carrots, per 100 lbs.		60
Vegetables—		
Potatoes, per 100 lbs.	75@	90
Cabbage, per lb.		4
Cauliflower, per head	10@	15
Onions, silver skin, per lb.		4
Carrots, per lb.		1½
Lettuce, per head		5
Turnips, per lb.		1
Fish—		
Salmon (smoked), per lb.		15
Salmon, spring (smoked)		20
Salmon, per lb.	10@	12½
Shrimps, per lb.	40@	50
Cod, per lb.		8
Halibut, per lb.		10
Herring		5
Flounders, per lb.		8
Smelts, per lb.		10
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When a policeman, who arrived on the scene shortly afterwards, attempted to grab Payne, the latter tried to carve him. Ultimately the guardian of the peace took the armless one into custody. Payne was arrested while in Seattle for threatening to kill his partner with a revolver. Like many other similar cases in the Sound City this was never heard. He gave several exhibitions of his dexterity on the corner of Yates and Government streets when here several months ago.

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CENTRAL INSTITUTE HELD FIRST

The List of Delegates in The Lieut.-Governor an Address.

The Central Farmers' I vened Tuesday morning in the deputy minister of agric were present the following A. Brydon, Victoria; John naimo; A. J. Fraser, Metch Matheson, Spallumcheen; Mission; H. R. Phillips, Copley Thompson, Okanag Higginson, Chilliwack; W. Burrard; W. C. Duncan, Capt. W. F. Stewart, Ric Harris, Langley; Jos. Whe V. D. Curry, Kamloops; mer, Osoyoos; Harry Wo berni, and T. Collins, Island

His Worship, in a few words, heartily welcomed to the city. He said he h ness dealings with the farm past twenty years, and was fore, to pay a sincere trib honesty. Out of the thous lars involved in his dealing he had never lost fifty dolla gratulated the farmers on th ity, and hoped they would h able session.

E. C. Thompson was el dent, T. Collins secretary mer assistant secretary.

The deputy minister advis about the business prompt get out of the way of the Fr Association, which would be 5th and 6th. He advised men of a committee to dec subjects to be discussed.

A committee of five was consider subjects to be br the meeting.

Capt. Stewart urged that tee proceed very carefully i of selecting subjects. Nom cut out that could be avoide that the committee consist than two, as moved by Mr

The meeting decided in committee of five.

The following were appo chairman: T. Collins, C. T W. C. Duncan, Capt. Stew Matheson.

The meeting then adjourn o'clock in order to give the an opportunity to settle bus

Upon resuming His Hono Joly de Lotbiniere attended ing.

Duncan Anderson, superi institutes, said that the re year was not compiled. A d been encountered in getting of the important speeches the institute meetings. H this be remedied in future, a portant speeches be fully re retaries were often remiss in and he hoped they would ma ports more promptly in futu sition of secretary was of g ance. The membership sho creased. The membership fo 1,432, and for 1902 it was increase was not what it sho largest institutes were 205, 127, Cowichan, and 126, Oka attendance at the institute had been very satisfactory. C and forty-four meetings wer 1901 and one hundred and last year. The evening meet to be more popular than th afternoon. This was not fo example of the east, where stances two-day meetings we 1901, 231 addresses were gi 1902 277.

The Salmon Arm institute disbanded. The Delta one ha pended, but was being re The Bella Coola institute was but no speakers were being ing impossible to send them distance. Lillooet was organi stitute also.

He was arranging for the s ings to take place during April as the most suitable tim not expect that any eastern would be available for that arranged, however, to get speakers from the United St C. L. Smith, Dr. Worlington French. The fall meetings held right after the fall exhib spoke of the great praise given to the eastern judges ers. Duncan Anderson, who sent to North Yakima had nounced by those interested who had ever attended them pacity. He had endeavored t tern institute speakers as well men. It was found a difficu get many to do so. Dr. T given great satisfaction. I tended that an exchange migh some time with eastern speak had arranged meetings at cent they gave great satisfaction. tive pamphlets of districts had commended by him. The Islan dertaken this, and had sent England and elsewhere, and much to induce settlers to c thought districts might work line. Dr. Tolmie had been app additional dairy inspector, and was thus better carried out.

Referring to his visit to the show in the east, he said he much which might be copied country. While they were pe prepared for such a show as he thought something might

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