

JURY FINDS GRIFFITHS TOOK HIS OWN LIFE

Inquest Held Yesterday on the Body of the Sanich Suicide

(From Thursday's Daily)
That Edward Griffiths, whose body was found by his wife shortly after a check on Tuesday evening about 150 yards from his home on the Sanich road, came to his death by his own act was the verdict of the coroner's jury which yesterday afternoon inquired into the circumstances of his death. When found the face and the top of the head had been almost completely blown off, the Stevens shotgun lying beside the body indicating the method used by the deceased to take his own life. The evidence submitted at the inquest was brief. Provincial Constable Carter, who visited the spot where the authorities were notified on Tuesday evening of the finding of the body, stated that when he first saw the body it was lying on its back, the shotgun lying between the legs. The body was still warm, though the death must have been instantaneous, the greater part of the skull having been blown away. It seemed as if the deceased had deliberately placed the muzzle of the gun to his head, and, reaching down, pulled the trigger. Municipal Constable James J. Russell identified the body as that of Edward Griffiths, whom he had known for the past three years, the deceased being owner of a chicken ranch near the Sanich road.

Coroner East stated to the jury that the only additional evidence which could have been produced was that of the widow and he had not considered it necessary to have her testify, in view of her distress. She had found the body as she was returning to her home, after having attempted to find her husband and call him to supper. The coroner also stated that Griffiths had on a previous occasion made an attempt upon his own life.

It took the jury but a minute to decide upon its verdict of death by suicide. The jury was composed of the following: Emil Pfister, foreman; William Waring, W. Heller, Joshua Smithers, W. R. Gosling, Alvey Vander.

SPECIAL FARES ARRANGED

Cheap Rates From Eastern Points For the Alaska Yukon Fair

The special fares for the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition were arranged at a meeting of representatives of the transcontinental lines, which was held in Chicago on the 7th of October, as is clearly explained by the ensuing correspondence, which has been received by Mr. F. Elworthy, the secretary of the Board of Trade, F. Elworthy, Secretary Victoria Board of Trade, Victoria, B.C.

Dear Sir:—The question of special fares for Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition was considered at meeting of transcontinental lines, held in Chicago, Wednesday, Oct. 7, 1908, and for your information I enclose copy of my letter of 5th inst. to Mr. Henry Reed, director of exploitation, Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition, Seattle, Wash.

A printed circular will be issued later, giving full information regarding these fares and arrangements, and a copy of same will be forwarded to you. Respectfully,
J. CHARLTON, Chairman.
Henry E. Reed, Director of Exploitation, Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition, Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:—On the 7th inst. I wired you as follows: "At meeting of transcontinental lines today, excursion fare of \$50 was authorized from St. Paul, Minneapolis, Duluth, Superior and Missouri river common points to Seattle and other North Pacific coast common points, for the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition, dates of sale May 25 to Sept. 30, both inclusive. Final return limit Oct. 31, 1909. Tickets will be sold good via any regular direct route, returning via same or any other regular direct route."

SLOW REGISTRATIONS

To Date But Five Hundred Have Taken the Necessary Declaration

With but three days more in which to register, the total number of license holders and householders who have so far taken the necessary declaration, is but 500, and while the number of the week there will doubtless be a large number of late registrations by those who have been putting off until the last moment the necessary part of the work of securing the right to vote at the civic elections, it is a certainty that this year's registrations will fall short of the number of the year last year. Last year the total number of registrations was about 1,800, but many of these are women who this year are not attempting to get on the list as they are barred by the amendment made to the Municipal Election Act at the last session of the legislature and cannot vote unless property owners who have paid all taxes due to the city and property owners do not have to go through the formality of registering.

Chinese School Opens Monday

The necessary alterations to the building formerly occupied by the Methodist Chinese mission on Flanagan street are being made and is expected that by Monday next the Chinese classes will commence their course of studies there. There have been secured a considerable number of Chinese pupils who are in the junior grades and the school will be fully attended.

Work on Fire Halls

Rapid work is being done on the two new fire halls, one at the corner of Douglas street and Dunsmuir street and the other on the site of the old hall on Kingston street. Both buildings are now up past the first storey, and both will be completed within the specified time. The improvements being made at the city isolation hospital are also well under way and will be completed in about two weeks. These improvements consist of the dividing of the large ward into two wards, the new floor and alterations to the kitchen.

Local bank clearings for the week ended Tuesday totalled \$1,237,393, compared with \$1,235,824 for the previous week, an increase of \$1,569.

LIMITED SERVICE ALL COMPANY CAN GIVE

Lights in Residential Sections May Be Extended an Hour

While the B. C. Electric company can hold out no hope of any decided improvement in the electric lighting in the immediate future it is hoped that tonight the power can be made available for an extension of the lighting to at least another hour. At present the light is being turned off in the residential portions of the city at 11 o'clock each night, but it is hoped that the time can be extended to midnight.

As a result of the work now in progress at Goldstream whereby the water of Loon lake is being made available, the B. C. Electric company's reservoir was yesterday given a supply of about 1,600,000 gallons additional to the limited supply which of late has been available. There were yesterday in the reservoir about 5,000,000 gallons. At present the supply is being drawn into the reservoir from the Goldstream source is about 2,500,000 gallons daily and in addition there will be the supply from Loon lake which, it is expected, will increase as the ditch to the reservoir is deepened. Yesterday the supply received from the reservoir was about 3,500,000 gallons, while the amount used by the company for the present very limited supply of power for the electric lighting was 3,700,000 gallons. As there is but about 5,000,000 gallons in the reservoir the company is forced to husband every gallon until the supply from Loon lake is increased. The work on the ditch is being pushed as fast as possible. The water now being received at the reservoir is let through in the evening and then cut off, the workmen being put to work at the enlarging of the ditch during the day time.

It is this additional supply which the company is depending upon to warrant the extension of the time for the lighting service in the residential section.

T. Goward, local manager of the company, stated yesterday that the company is husbanding every gallon of water and while it appreciates the inconvenience to which the public is put to extend the service to the full would simply mean that unless immediate action were had, the entire supply of power would be cut off just as soon as the small amount of water now in sight became used. The company considers that the present limited service is better than none at all and is acting accordingly. The steam plant is being worked to its limit to supply power for the tramway service and commercial motive power, the water power being wholly used for the lighting system.

Early in the year when it became known that there would likely be a shortage of water and urged thereto, the company ordered a storage dam in the Old Country to be immediately shipped here, but though the plant was shipped in August, it has not yet arrived. The cost of this addition to the company's plant here will be about \$50,000, but owing to the delay in its reaching, the company is not hopeful during the present crisis.

TELLS OF PROGRESS OF NORTHERN MINES

J. H. Conrad Here en Route to England—Projected Extensions

J. H. Conrad of Conrad, in the Yukon, who arrived in the city on Monday night, states that the only news of any importance in that section consists in the fact that the work of developing the Conrad mine, which is situated near Conrad City, in the Coeur d'Alene district, is proceeding apace. Six aerial tramways have been built in order to facilitate the mining operations, while a large stamp mill has just been completed. Early in the spring it is further intended to begin work upon the construction of an aerial tramway twenty-three and a half miles in length for the purpose of bringing in supplies of provisions, etc., at a much cheaper rate than is at all possible at the present time by way of the Whitehorse railway. The six aerial tramways are intended to connect the mine with Lake Bennett. A capacious flume, which has consumed no less than three and a half million feet of lumber in its construction has just been finished upon Forcupine river, and the development which has succeeded upon this addition to their resources has been conclusively proved that this has been an excellent investment in connection with the working of the Forcupine mine.

The results of the work which during the past year has been done upon the mines, which are located in the Conrad district, has, generally speaking, been very satisfactory.

The big stamp mill is now running and is treating about a hundred tons of ore per day. Mr. Conrad left for England last night, and will be absent from the Coast for several months.

NOT AUTHORIZED BY COUNCIL OF WOMEN

Exception Taken to the Effort to Connect Body With Recent Circular

(From Thursday's Daily)
The regular meeting of the Women's Auxiliary society, P. R. J. hospital, took place yesterday at the board of trustees rooms. Present were the president, ten members of the executive and the secretary-treasurer. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, and further business was considered.

The society was reminded of the kind intention of the Emergency fund to hold a sale of work on Tuesday next at the Balmoral hotel. The interests of the maternity ward fund, and members of this society are asked for contributions of cakes and home-made goods to be sent to the care of Mrs. Henry Clay, Fort street, or direct to the Balmoral (addressed Mrs. R. S. Byrn), on Tuesday morning next.

ARCTIC BROTHERHOOD GOING TO EMPRESS

Some Five Hundred Alaskans Will Visit Victoria Part of Next Week

(From Thursday's Daily)
E. A. Von Hasseloch, Richard Mansfield White and J. M. Craig arrived at the Empress yesterday as the advance guard of the Arctic Brotherhood which has arranged to invade Victoria in force next week. They intend going to the Empress if the hotel can take them and have engaged two floors of the hotel. They will also take as many more rooms as are available when they arrive, the remainder finding quarters elsewhere. Altogether there will probably be 500 of the Alaskans.

The sessions of the Grand Camp of the Arctic Brotherhood will last over November 4, 5 and 6. These Grand Camps are held annually in the fall at some point outside of Alaska so that as many as possible of the delegates can attend, it being the custom of a great many Alaskans to winter "outside." Hitherto the sessions have been held in one of the Sound cities, but it was realized that it was Vancouver this time, and they are coming here with the expectation of a very enjoyable visit.

Apart from the business sessions, the visiting brothers intend having a good time, and among the festivities will be a banquet and a dance which will be given in the Empress hotel. On the latter occasion refreshments will be served in the Palm room, the dancing taking place in the lobby, where the polished hardwood floor offers the best kind of a surface.

Mr. von Hasseloch is the founder and organizer of the Arctic club at Seattle. Mr. White, who has spent years in Alaska is a brother of the late Stanford White, the famous New York architect who was killed by Harry Thaw.

EXPERTS ON TAXES CONVENE AT TORONTO

J. B. McKilligan, British Columbia Representative, Honored

(From Thursday's Daily)
J. B. McKilligan, surveyor of taxes and inspector of revenue for the province, has just returned from Toronto, where he attended the second international tax conference as a delegate from British Columbia. The conference, which was held at the Hotel Hamilton, present about 180 delegates from all parts of the United States and Canada, thirty-three states being represented, and also the provinces of Alberta, Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec, Saskatchewan. All of those present at the conference were experts in taxation, including lawyers, judges, tax commissioners and professors of economics of the universities.

The president of the conference, Dr. F. W. Taft, was elected president, and Mr. McKilligan vice-president. Mr. McKilligan was also elected to the position of chairman at several of the sessions, in the absence of Dr. Taft. Papers were read on various topics of taxation by many of the delegates and discussions followed. Mr. McKilligan read a paper on the municipal and provincial systems of taxation in this province, which was highly received, and will be published in the volume of the annual proceedings of the conference.

At a meeting of the International Tax association, which followed the conference, Col. Matheson, provincial secretary of Ontario, was elected a vice president, and G. R. Geary, K.C., Toronto, corresponding secretary for Canada. Mr. McKilligan was elected by acclamation the first member of the executive. Mr. McKilligan thanked the conference and association for the honor conferred upon him, and the province by their selecting him to the offices mentioned, out of sixteen other Canadians present.

At Minneapolis, Minnesota, are competing for the honor of being the next city to entertain the association, but the matter has been left in the hands of the executive to be decided. The sessions closed with a business meeting at the King Edward hotel, of Toronto, at which the following list of officers were chosen for the ensuing year:

President, A. R. Foote, Columbus, Ohio.
Vice presidents, Lawson Purdy, New York; A. J. Matheson, Toronto.
Treasurer, Foster Copeland, Columbus, Ohio.
Corresponding secretaries, A. C. Poydell, New York; Reginald Geary, Toronto.

The executive consists of the officers already named and J. B. McKilligan, British Columbia; Judge E. C. Kontz, Atlanta, Ga.; Prof. W. G. Brown, Boston; Judge Gilson, Madison, Wis.; H. Lee, Jackson, Miss.; J. C. Townsend, West Virginia.

Mrs. McKilligan accompanied her husband on his trip east, and while away they visited friends in Winnipeg, Toronto, St. Paul, Miami, and other places, enjoying a very pleasant vacation.

STRATHORD ARRIVES HERE

Will Discharge Nitrate From Iquique To Enter Drydock at Tacoma

(From Thursday's Daily)
The steamer Strathord, chartered by W. R. Grace & Co., passed into the straits last night and is expected to dock at the outer wharf this morning to discharge a big shipment of nitrate from Iquique. The Strathord has no cargo of ore for Tacoma and after discharging her cargo for this port will proceed there to discharge and enter the dry dock for survey and repairs. When entering one of the ports on the South American coast the steamer struck and it is expected her hull is damaged.

The weather continued cold until last Friday when it began to rain and immediately the water rose. A despatch states that the steamer passed safely through the canyon on Sunday. The Port Simpson, belonging to the same company, reached the canyon on Saturday morning and left at 5 p.m. for Port Simpson, where she will be hauled out, having cleared up all the freight offering on the lower river.

ATTORNEY GENERAL IS IN HIS OFFICE AGAIN

Mr. Bowser Once More Able to Transact Business in His Department

Hon. W. J. Bowser, K. C., was in his office yesterday for the first time for several weeks. He was taken with a bad attack of la grippe, which threatened to degenerate into pneumonia, on his return from the east, and was for some time confined to his home at Vancouver. While not fully recovered yet, and bearing in his appearance

ACTION FOR DAMAGES DISMISSED BY COURT

In the County Court Judge Lamman Hears Case of Lees vs. Nelson

Increase in Clearings
In the county court yesterday the greater part of the day was taken up in hearing the case of Lees vs. Nelson, an action for damages for breach of contract. The evidence showed that Mr. Lees, who is a partner in the livery firm of Schofield and Lees, who was at that time living in Vancouver, entered into an agreement with Mr. Nelson for the purchase of his fifth interest in the Standard Laundry, a letter to that effect, the parties met in the office of J. P. Mann who drew up an agreement of sale which both signed. It was part of the agreement that the other four parties should acquiesce in the sale, and three of them consented to do so. The fourth partner, who lived in Vancouver, had verbally assented in advance, but afterwards for a while withdrew his consent until the affairs as between the old partners had been settled. The defendant, Mr. Nelson, who was at that time living in Vancouver, entered into an agreement with Mr. Lees for the purchase of his fifth interest in the Standard Laundry, a letter to that effect, the parties met in the office of J. P. Mann who drew up an agreement of sale which both signed. It was part of the agreement that the other four parties should acquiesce in the sale, and three of them consented to do so. The fourth partner, who lived in Vancouver, had verbally assented in advance, but afterwards for a while withdrew his consent until the affairs as between the old partners had been settled. The defendant, Mr. Nelson, who was at that time living in Vancouver, entered into an agreement with Mr. Lees for the purchase of his fifth interest in the Standard Laundry, a letter to that effect, the parties met in the office of J. P. Mann who drew up an agreement of sale which both signed. It was part of the agreement that the other four parties should acquiesce in the sale, and three of them consented to do so. The fourth partner, who lived in Vancouver, had verbally assented in advance, but afterwards for a while withdrew his consent until the affairs as between the old partners had been settled.

WELL KNOWN DOCTOR VISITS FRIENDS HERE

Dr. Freeman, Who Has Been Surgeon on Orient Line for Fifteen Years, Renews Acquaintances

Dr. Freeman, who for fifteen years has been medical officer on various liners running into this port, was in Victoria yesterday renewing acquaintances. Dr. Freeman, who made his first visit to Victoria on the old Dominion liner Mogul, which ran under the Northern Pacific flag at the time the line was opened, was until the steamer was recently tied up, surgeon

WANTED—About 15 h. p. portable engine for threshing, etc., on farm work.

Jas. Dougan, Cobble Hill, E. & N. Ry.

OF THE BOSTON LINER TREMONT, and he is now residing in Seattle. The doctor has been in the East for many years. Nearly a quarter of a century ago he was professor of anatomy at the Imperial university at Tokyo, and left that post when he heard the call of the sea, which proved stronger than that of the land. He was asked by George Dodwell at Yokohama if he would take the post of doctor on the Mogul. He did, and remained on that vessel until he joined the old Tacoma, and has served on various other vessels. He has made a host of friends in Victoria during his many years of frequent visits at this port. Several times Dr. Freeman has left the sea, but each time he heard the call of the sea, he has returned. He was an inspector of the Chinese sent from North China to South Africa, but left that post to take that of doctor on the Tremont. He left to home last night by the steamer Whatcom.

FLOATED TUG BURRARD ON WAY TO IROQUOIS

On her way to the relief of the stranded steamer Iroquois at Sharp Point, two miles from Nanaimo, the tug William Jolliffe, of the B. C. Salvage company, found another vessel ashore. When passing through Porcher pass, Capt. Stratford heard whistles indicating that some vessel was in distress in the fog. He investigated and found the tug Burrard, of Vancouver, fast on the rocks. The William Jolliffe went to her assistance and towed her into deep water. Little injured as a result of her stranding, the tug Burrard was towed to the shore and then proceeded to the relief of the steamer Iroquois and that vessel will probably be floated today.

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