# ALBERNI ASKS FOR A BETTER SERVICE

## All Indications Pointing to a Busy Season on Barkley Sound

Capt. G. A. Huff, president of the Alberni board of trade, is spending a few days in Victoria as a delegate from the board to take up the matter of the postal arrangements at Alberni with the postoffice inspector, and also to go into the question of freight rates with Capt. Troup. The people of Alberni want a daily mail service instead of a tri-weekly one, and the captain claims that the change will not entail a great increase in the mail subsidy. Also the existing arrangements are unsatisfactory, as the mail gets in in the evening and goes out again early the following morning, with the result that the large portion of the public which does not possess postoffice boxes cannot answer its correspondence by return mail, as it does not get its letters till the return mail has gone out.

Speaking of developments at Alberni at the King Edward Hotel yesterday, the captain said:

"The right of way from Nanaimo to Alberni is finished all but about two miles, on which some work has been done. Some slight changes are being made in the surveying of the mountain section in the way of improvements in the route which may delay the letting of the contract for the grading for a few days, but it ought not to be long before the work is started.

**New Sawmill.**

"There are a number of timber cruisers in the country, and just before I left it was reported that a big sawmill was to be erected at Nahmint by a company which has a large quantity of timber in that vicinity. There is quite a lot of cruising going on now and some other cruisers went up on the Tees on Friday night to examine some timber their backers have under option. What with the preparations for sawmills that are under way and the docks which are going to be built this summer, we are likely to have rather lively times on Barkley Sound this season.

"In Alberni plans and specifications have been drawn for the new bank building, and I understand that the work of construction will commence immediately. Quite a few land hunters have come in too this year. The enquiries have been mostly for fruit lands. Some purchases have been made, and other intending settlers are examining the offerings presented to them."

Capt. Huff expects to remain in the city for several days before he returns to Alberni.

# WANTS LARGER PORTION

### Widow of Daniel Carmody Seeks to Set Aside Agreement With Stepson

Anna Carmody, widow of Daniel Carmody, formerly a resident of Victoria, who died in Seattle August 21, 1907, yesterday commenced an action against John D. Carmody, a son of her husband by a former wife, in which she asks the court to set aside a contract with John D., which she says was fraudulently obtained, and restore her community rights to $700,000 worth of property owned by the Carmody estate, says the Seattle Post-Intelligencer. Incidentally she charges George McKay, an attorney whom she consulted, with giving her bad advice, and entering into collusion with her step-son in advising her to sign a fraudulent contract renouncing her community rights.

Mrs. Carmody sets forth that she married her husband on October 15, 1892, and that he died in 1907, leaving his property to herself and her son, Carroll, and three children by a former marriage, the estate to be divided equally between them. McKay is alleged in the papers to have advised her that she had a right to one-half the estate, as community property, and later changed his mind and advised her to accept $5,000, the home at 1731 Thirteenth avenue, and one-fifth the estate, which she did specifically in writing, renouncing her community claims. She now seeks to have this contract set aside.

# C. P. R. MEN ORGANIZE

### Federation of Railway Employees Covers Line From Atlantic to Pacific

Montreal, May 8.—The general committee representing the mechanical organization of the Canadian Pacific railway, which has been in session in the Grand Union hotel here for several days, has succeeded in completing organization between the Atlantic and the Pacific.

The organization will be known as the Federation of Railway Employees, and takes in fully 5,000 men.

Among those present representing the various organizations are: Bell Hardy, Calgary, president of district No. 34 of the International Association of Machinists; J. B. Johnston, McAdam Junction, N.B., chairman of machinists for eastern lines; MacFarlane, Winnipeg, general chairman of boiler makers; W. G. Pleasant, fifth vice president of the international brotherhood of blacksmiths.

# DOMINION LANDS

### Particulars of Alienation In Three Prairie Provinces During Past Ten Years

Ottawa, May 8.—From July 1, 1896, to June 30 ,1905 the number of acres of Dominion lands disposed of in the Western provinces was as follows: Manitoba, 3,025,875; Saskatchewan, 12,409,750; Alberta, 7,911,000 acres.

Of grazing lands during the same period there were disposed of in Manitoba, 60,554 acres; Saskatchewan, 925,487; Alberta, 1,988,885.

Of timber lands in Manitoba, 3,001 square miles; Saskatchewan, 3,250; Alberta, 1,759.

Of coal lands, Saskatchewan, 2,720 acres; Alberta, 60,638 acres.

Land for irrigation purposes, Saskatchewan, 6,876 acres; Alberta, 481,568 acres.

# ROSS RIFLE DEFECTS

### Woolwich Expert's Report Gives Canadian Weapon a Rather Doubtful Character

Ottawa, May 8.—According to an additional paper brought down in the house with reference to the Ross rifle, the chief superintendent of ordnance factories at Woolwich, England, reported in July, 1906, that the bolt and body of the Ross rifle were strongly constructed and serviceable, but the lock bolt was defective, inasmuch as it does not withdraw. As primary extraction depends upon the momentum obtained in first movement of the bolt, the extraction appears to be somewhat weak, being made of sheet material. The magazine is poorly constructed, being made of thin sheet steel and depending on woodwork mainly for its support. The cut-off is simple and cheap, but unsatisfactory. The construction of the back sight is decidedly weak, the leaf being made of thin sheet metal pressed up to form a rib, in imitation of Mauser's camslot, cut out from solid metal. The strength of the lugs for the leaf is very poor. The slide is poorly fitted throughout, and the main object in this sight appears to have been cheapness of construction. The nose cap is weak in construction, but one that could be cheaply made. The sliding trap in the butt plate is not likely to be very durable, as any blow on the plate would fix it. The stocking of the action is very rough and the fitting very poor.

Quebec, May 8.—The small arms commission appointed by the Dominion government is meeting here, and will continue in session until tomorrow evening. This morning the commissioners are holding tests in connection with the Ross rifle factory.

**Mangled by Traction Engine**

Balmoral, Man., May 8.—Harold Heale was drawn into a traction engine with which he was plowing yesterday and was so terribly mangled that he died almost instantly.

**New School for Winnipeg**

Winnipeg, May 8.—Owing to the large increase in the juvenile population, the school board after the passing of the six hundred thousand dollar bylaw yesterday by the ratepayers, today decided to erect this year six new twelve-roomed schools.

**Senator Macdonald's Suggestion.**

Ottawa, May 8.—In the senate today Senator Macdonald, of British Columbia, suggested that the government should invite the former governor-Generals of Canada and their consorts to be the guests of the Federal government at the Quebec celebration in July. He also suggested that the government arrange a tour throughout Canada of the former governors so that they could see the progress which has been made. Hon. Mr. Scott promised to have the government's attention called to the suggestion.

**Killed by Dynamite**

Kenora, May 8.—Another fatal dynamite explosion took place yesterday afternoon on the transcontinental work at Daigle's camp, 19 miles north of here. Dan Milot, a powder man, was tamping a hole, using an iron bar, when the explosion occurred, killing him instantly.

**Invoke Lemieux Act**

Toronto, May 8.—The street railway employees have been turned down by the management in their request for increased wages. M. Sinclair, international officer, is in the city, but the railway company refuses negotiations with him as a professional union man. The operation of the Lemieux act will be involved for arbitration.

# VICTORIA IS WANTED TO HELP ENTERTAIN

## Large Contingent of American Lawyers to Come Here Next August

Richard Saxe Jones, a well known member of the Seattle bar and chairman of the entertainment committee which has in charge the arrangements for the reception and entertainment of the American Bar Association which will hold its annual convention in Seattle on the 25th of August, spent yesterday in Victoria making preliminary arrangements as to the part Victoria will take in the entertainment of the visitors, a large contingent of whom are likely to visit this city.

Speaking of the affair at the Empress Hotel yesterday, Mr. Saxe Jones said:

"We expect from four to six hundred eastern barristers in Seattle on that occasion, and as many from the western and central states, making with their wives and families a total of probably a couple of thousand visitors. The proceedings proper will be over on Friday the 27th, and we thought that by way of entertainment for those who would like to get in the trip, we would arrange for an excursion to Victoria on Saturday the 28th. Our idea was to charter one or more of the C.P.R. steamers and bring them over to Victoria where they could spend the afternoon looking over the town, sleep the night at Victoria and the next day take them for a steamer ride out to the mouth of the straits and so back to Seattle.

"Of course this plan is not definitely settled, but my mission here is to see some of the representatives of your bar association and find out if it could be arranged for the visitors to be met with automobiles and driven round the city. I have spoken to one or two of your leading lawyers whom I have met to-day, and the plan seems to meet with approval. We have a meeting of the entertainment committee in Seatle on Tuesday, and I want to get some idea of what can be done before then."

Mr. Saxe Jones returns to Seattle today.

**Called Him a "Scab"**

Kingston, Ont., May 8.—George Anderson will have to spend forty-five days in jail for pummelling George Barde, a Swede, a fellow sailor, who called him a "scab."

**Delays at Elevators**

Toronto, May 8.—The grain section of the Dominion Marine association will make an effort to have some arrangements made to obviate the delays in the handling and loading of wheat at Fort William and Port Arthur.

**Forester's Insurance Rates**

Windsor, Ont., May 8.—At a largely attended meeting here, Elliott G. Stevenson, supreme chief ranger of the I. O. F., said that the time had arrived when the I. O. F. must raise the rates of insurance to old members, who were being carried at unsafe figures, and place the insurance branch on a sound and substantial basis. Three options or plans are now offered to older members to retain their insurance.

# VANCOUVER DEAL

### American Concern Purchases Plumbing Part of Boyd, Burns & Co.'s Business

Vancouver, May 7.—A large business deal was put through in Vancouver this week in the sale of the plumbing supplies and steam fittings portions of the business of Boyd, Burns & Co. The purchaser is the firm of R. Crane & Co., manufacturers of valves, steam fittings, etc., which will start a branch here, the first one in Canada. Mr. Crane, the head of the firm, and a multi-millionaire, was in Vancouver several days and himself arranged the details of the deal. The buyers will take charge on July 1.

Included in the deal is the brick building and land occupied by the firm at the corner of Alexander and Carrall streets. Next door is a new building which will hereafter be occupied by Boyd, Burns & Co., in the continuance of their business as ship chandlers.

# MONEY IS AVAILABLE

### Eastern Centres Ready to Furnish Capital When Legitimate Operations Are in View

Vancouver, May 9.—"While speculation has abated there is just as much money as ever in Eastern money centres for legitimate investments," said Henry Howson of Victoria, general manager of the Telqua Mining, Milling and Development company, in discussing his recent visit to New York.

Mr. Howson was successful in making arrangements for all the capital he needs in carrying out a vigorous policy of development this summer on the company's mining propositions in the Telqua River country, south of the Bulkley valley, in northern British Columbia. His shareholders comprise prominent capitalists of Butte, Chicago and New York. One of them is ex-Mayor MacGinnis of Butte and a partner of F. Augustus Heinze in many mining ventures. Mr. Howson will go north in a few weeks. His mining superintendent, F. M. Dockrill of this city, left for Hazelton on the last boat.

"Our company owns 41 copper-gold claims in various groups of points in the Telqua country," said he yesterday. "It is proposed to develop them very extensively and within a few years we shall build our own smelter. The mineral occurs in porphry dikes, some of which are over 250 feet wide. The entire contents of the deposits can be treated. Broadly speaking, the ore is of low grade and will likely have to be concentrated before being smelted.

"The Telqua country is destined to rival the Boundary country as a copper producer. Other companies own valuable holdings there and there still remains much good unprospected ground.

"My company will also do a lot of work this summer on its six coal claims in the same region, the coal and copper belts, although not far apart, being quite distinct. The seams aggregate 25 feet in thickness. The coal is a semi-anthracite.

"I found New Yorkers to be very much awake to the mining possibilities of British Columbia, and I am convinced that legitimate mining propositions can easily be financed there. It quite amazed me to learn how much they know about the resources of this province. It was quite a revelation. This, I think, is due to the attention drawn to British Columbia over the building of the Grand Trunk Pacific railway. Goldfields and other Nevada camps no longer occupy public attention. We are getting our innings at last," said Mr. Howson in conclusion.

**Jewelry Thief Confesses**

New York May 7.—J. Edward Boeck today pleaded guilty to the larceny of $200,000 worth of jewelry on various pretexts from Marcellus Pitt & Co. and Edwin W. Dayton of this city. Boeck was captured in California. Most of the jewelry was found in pawn shops in this city.

# NORTHERN GOLD FIELDS

### Finlay River Discoveries Lead Colonel MacGregor to Speak of Omineca Experiences

Vancouver, May 9.—Although his placer mining experiences date back nearly fifty years, Col. Donald MacGregor, a Glengarian, now in Vancouver, is hale and hearty. He first saw the Cariboo district in the early sixties and survived to be one of the first of the pioneers to join in the rush to the Klondike with the members of a younger generation. The colonel is still young and kittenish. His friends expect to see him hike off this summer, just as a diversion, to the Finlay river country, forty miles from which he made a big clean-up in 1871.

"The news of a rich strike in Northern British Columbia caused a stampede of Cariboo miners to the Omenica country in 1870," said the colonel. "We did not follow the precise route indicated by Neil Gething, who went into the same region last year. From Fort George on the Fraser we ascended a small stream to a divide thence we descended the Stuart river to Stuart lake. Securing supplies from Fort St. James, the Hudson's Bay post there, we proceeded to Lake Tatila and made a sixty mile portage to a place called Hoggem on the Omineca. We then took boats down the river to Jamieson creek, a small tributary, which yielded a splendid return of placer gold. I was part owner in the Payne claim. It was not infrequent to clean up $100 a day to the shovel, and our profits for a while were $1,000 a day. Finally the gold was dug out, but for a time Jamieson creek had a population of three thousand. The camp was a law-abiding one, as the miners were mostly old-timers from the Cariboo. I still believe the country, which is only forty miles from the Finlay will repay intelligent prospecting. I am convinced that with the application of modern dredging methods splendid results could be attained. The gold in places was plentiful, but often owing to the irregularity of the formation and later disturbances it was too scattered to be worked at a profit. The old-timers naturally ran over the country hurriedly, only selecting the richest ground. Today, with improved conditions and with lower costs of living, dirt formerly overlooked would likely pay a handsome return. My sincere opinion is that dredging on the Omineca and its tributaries will prove more profitable than on many of the creeks in the Klondike."

# AN ORIENTAL BANK FORMED FOR MEXICO

## Chinese Merchants of Victoria and Vancouver Interested in the Venture

The merchants of Victoria, Vancouver and other British Columbia points, are not the only ones interested in the development of the Mexican republic. The business men of the Oriental world of the Occident have recognized the possibilities of that country, and members of the Chinese Reform association, true to the motto of their order, which advocates the abolition of the old system of government in the Chinese government and the establishment, in its place, of one alive to modern and progressive methods, have formed a bank. The headquarters of this are at Torrente, Mexico. According to recent reports, it is in a flourishing condition, receiving the patronage of all natives of the Flowery Kingdom resident in that country, who are strong numerically and are taking an active part in the exploitation of the natural resources of Mexico.

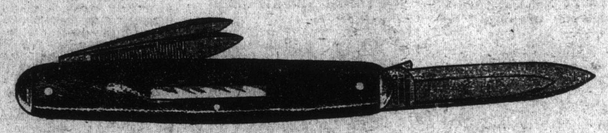
Among the largest stockholders in the new institution are Chinese merchants of Victoria and Vancouver. The majority of these are members of the British Columbia branches of the Reform association. However, they are by no means the only ones who have lent their support to the movement. It is said to be very much broader in its scope, having received assistance from members of the same organization through the United States, Canada, South American and South Africa.

The present manager of the Chinese Mexican bank is Lee Fouke Gay, former president of the local branch of the Chinese Reform association. According to the last word received from the ex-Victorian, the bank is doing exceedingly well; business throughout the Southern republic, particularly along the western seaboard, is picking up wonderfully. He asserts that the steamship established between Mexico and British Columbia is looked on as a boom; that it is having the effect of inducing settlers to lay out larger and more extensive plantations, and that there is no doubt the trade between the south and the north will grow at a remarkable rate in the course of the next twelve months.

Reinforced concrete is now being pressed into service for shipbuilding. A barge has been built of this material to the order of the Italian government by Messrs. Gabellini, of Rome. She was, says Concrete, tested in the military harbor of Spezia, and was so successful that a contract was placed for four more of similar construction. These barges, which are 51 feet in length by 16 feet beam, have a double shell forming water-tight compartments, and are practically unsinkable. The advantages claimed for reinforced concrete in this connection are simplicity and celerity in construction, low cost, and ability to withstand great strains. They are, moreover, fireproof, and owing to their smooth surface little cleaning is required, while in the case of repairs a filling of concrete or cement is about all that is necessary.


OGILVIE'S BIG FIRE SALE Attracts Crowds from All Over the City

# Sale of Cutlery and Silverware Goes Merrily On



## Entire Stock of Pocket Knives Must Be Sold

Bone Handle Knives, regular 50c now ..... 30c
Stag " " 75c " ..... 40c
Stag and Pearl " $1.00 " ..... 60c
" " $1.25 " ..... 75c
" " $1.50 " ..... 90c
" " $2.00 " ..... $1.25

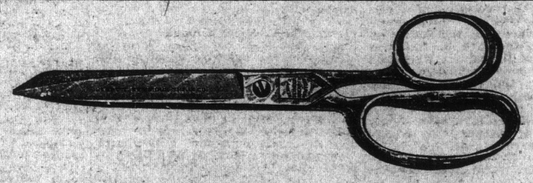
Of course we can only enumerate a few prices here but you will appreciate the low prices more when you see the excellent assortment

## Prices Just Half Their Real Value

Everyone will readily see for themselves by reading down these items what this sale means to them by way of a saving

## Chafing Dishes

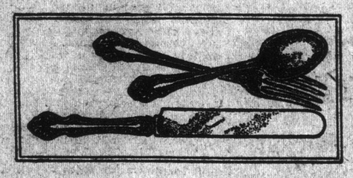
Regular $9.00 now .. $4.00
" $7.50 " .. $3.75
Baking Dishes, regular $4.50 now ..... $2.25
Nickel Plated Trays, regular $2.00 now ..... $1.00
Five O'clock Kettles, regular $5.00 now ..... $2.50



## Splendid Reductions on Shears and Scissors

Every woman will appreciate the reductions on shears and scissors. We give below a few illustrations:

Embroidery Scissors, regular price 50c now ..... 30c
Cutting-Out Shears, " 75c " ..... 50c
" " $1.25 " ..... 90c
" " 85c " ..... 60c
" " 65c " ..... 40c



## Prices on All Silverware

will create a sensation among thrifty buyers

## For the Man Who Shaves Himself

Ever-Ready Safety Razors, regular $1.25 now ..... 90c
Carbo-Magnetic Razors, " $3.00 " ..... $1.50
" " " $2.50 " ..... $1.25
Regular Razors, $1.50 now 90c Regular Razors, $2.00 now $1.25
Razor Strops and Shaving Mugs half price.

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## Screen Doors and Windows on Sale Monday Next

## All Table Cutlery Prices Cut in Two

Rogers' Table Knives, regular $6.00 now ..... $3.00
" " " " $3.50 " ..... $2.00
" " " " $4.50 " ..... $2.50
" Dessert " " $3.00 " ..... $1.50
and many other lines too numerous to mention here.