Reverse for U. S. Troops.

Impulsive Charge on Filipino Trenches Costs Fifty One Casualties.

Colonel of Regulars Serving With Volunteers Was Among the Killed.

Manila, April 23, 9:30 p.m.—In an encounter with the Filipinos to-day near Quengua, about four miles northeast of Malolos, seven Americans were killed and 44 wounded. The following were killed: Col. John M. Stotsenburg, of the First Nebraska, formerly of the Sixth cavalry; Lieut. Lester F. Sisson; two privates of the Nebraska regiment; three privates of the Fourth cavalry. Most of the wounded belong to the First Nebraska regiment. The Filipinos retreated with small loss.

The engagement developed into a disastrous though successful fight. The insurgents had a horseshoe trench about a mile long, encircling a rice field on the edge of a wood.

Major Bell with 40 cavalrymen encountered a strong outpost. One of his men were killed and five were wounded by a volley. The Americans retired, carrying off their wounded under fire and with great difficulty, being closely pursued, fog enabling the enemy to creep up to them. Two men who were carrying a comrade were shot in the arms, but they continued with their burden.

Major Bell sent for reinforcements to rescue the bodies of the killed cavalrymen, and a battalion of the Nebraska regiment under Major Mufford arrived and advanced until checked by volleys from the enemy's trenches. The Americans lay about 800 yards from the trenches, behind rice furrows, under fire for two hours. Several men were sunstruck, one dying from the effects of the heat as they lay there waiting for the artillery to come up. Finally the Second battalion arrived, and then Col. Stotsenburg, who had spent the night with his father at Manila, came upon the field. The men immediately recognized him and raised a cheer.

Col. Stotsenburg, deciding to charge as the cheapest way out of the difficulty, led an attack at the head of his regiment. He fell with a bullet in his breast, dying instantly, about 200 yards from the breastworks. Lieut. Sisson fell with a bullet in his heart, the bullet striking him near the picture of a girl suspended by a ribbon from his neck.

In the meantime the artillery had arrived and shelled the trenches. The Filipinos stood until the Nebraska troops were right on the trenches, and then they bolted to the second line of the entrenchments, a mile back.

The Nebraska regiment lost two privates and had many wounded, including two lieutenants. The Iowa regiment had several wounded.

The Utah regiment had one officer and three men wounded.

Thirteen dead Filipinos were found in the trenches. Their loss was comparatively small on account of their safe shelter.

The Americans carried the second trench with small loss, and are holding the town to-night.

Col. Stotsenburg had won a reputation as one of the bravest fighters in the army. He always led his regiment, and had achieved remarkable popularity with his men since the war began, although since his first colonelcy, the volunteers, who were not used to the rigid discipline of the regular troops, thought him a hard officer.

The loss of the regiment in the campaign is the greatest sustained by any regiment, and to-day's disaster has greatly saddened the officers and men, who promise to take vengeance in the next fight.

Col. John Miller Stotsenburg, who held the rank of captain in the regular army, was born in Indiana in 1858. He was appointed to the Sixth cavalry in 1881. He served with his regiment in Arizona and New Mexico from 1887 to 1890, at the close of the latter year participating in the Sioux campaign in the action at Wounded Knee, S. D. Col. Stotsenburg was in command of the First Nebraska volunteer infantry as the result of the illness of an officer and the detachment of another.

Lester F. Sisson was born in Ohio, and his parents reside at St. Edwards. He was a printer by trade and worked on the Times in Columbus when the call for volunteers was made. He was 23 years old.

London, April 23.—The Madrid correspondent of the Daily Mail says a Spanish prisoner recently released by the Filipinos says the insurgents have 50,000 rifles, plenty of ammunition and 200 pieces of artillery, some of them the latest pattern of quick-firing guns. According to his description of the situation, they have established two large cartridge factories, and as it is impossible for the Americans to blockade such a coast as that of Luzon, the Filipinos can easily procure from abroad everything they require.

The informant asserts that the Chinese, European and even American merchants doing business in China are helping the Filipinos in that way.

THE SAMOAN TROUBLE.

To the Editor:

Sir: In your Sunday issue "W. K. B." dwelling on the Samoan troubles makes the following statement: "The first inroad on this happy state of affairs was the instrusion of Tahiti of the Roman Catholis priests to inculcate their faith." Well, sir, these are the facts in a nutshell. The main cause of the trouble is the religion of the rival claimants to the throne, Mataafa being a Catholic and Tanu a Protestant. This is what Dr. Raffle, president of the municipal council at Apai, said: "The influence of the London Missionary Society corrupted the elections for king and thereby caused the temporary instalment of Tanu. The Samoans would not submit to this because they knew Mataafa to have been elected but defrauded of his right. Hence the uprising. Tanu is a mere boy of 15 years. He is under the influence of the London Missionary Society. Mataafa is a Roman Catholic. The London Missionary Society was fearful that if Mataafa was elected it would lose its power. Therefore Tanu was put in." This testimony is confirmed by G. Kust, a man who has spent many years in Samoa and who is a man of wealth and influence in the island kingdom. He says: "At the bottom of the whole trouble is religion. Mataafa is a good Catholic. Tanu is only 15 years of age and was brought up in the Protestant mission. The Protestant mission is carried on by a London society and the wife of the British consul is much interested in it. Chief Justice Chambers through his social connections is influenced in the same way. Ninety per cent. of the natives want Mataafa for their king." The story of Samoa is the story of Hawaii. The natives have no rights that are to be respected by the missionaries and the story will end in both in exactly the same way.

J. MONTGOMERY MILLER.

MUST NOT BACK OUT.

Americans Would Carry the Brand of Coward With Them From the Philippines.

London, April 21.—The Saturday Review, commenting upon Gen. Lawton's retirement from the Santa Cruz district of Laguna de Bay, says: "Unpatriotic politicians in the United States are doing their utmost to create a panic, in the hope that the Philippines may be abandoned and the party in power discredited. It is an ignoble game, and we sincerely trust it will be unsuccessful. If the Americans retire from their self-appointed task, the Great Republic must take the brand of coward as well as the brand of Cain, with which Lowell declared it to be marked."

TRACED BY POSTMARK.

Fugitive from Albany Forfeits Heavy Bail for Very Brief Liberty.

Albany, N.Y., April 21.—Governor Roosevelt to-day issued a requisition on the President for an application to the government of Canada to deliver to the authorities of this state Israel Goldstone, who is under arrest at St. John, N.B., for having assaulted a little girl named Line Friedman in Utica in January last. Goldstone skipped a bail of $6,000 and was located in St. John by the postmark of a letter received from him by a relative in Utica.

QUAY'S ACQUITTAL.

Governor Stone Promptly Names Him as United States Senator for Two Years.

Harrisburg, Pa., April 21.— Immediately on receipt of news of ex-Senator Quay's acquittal Governor Stone announced Quay as senator to serve until next session of the legislature, two years hence.

It is not likely, however, that Mr. Quay will be allowed to take his seat in the United States senate, that body having invariably ruled against seating members appointed by governors when the legislature failed to elect.

BALLOT BOX STUFFING.

Brockville Man in Trouble for Too Great Zeal in Recent Campaign.

Brockville, April 24—(Special)—A warrant was issued on Friday for the arrest of a Brockville man named Gordon Empy for ballot box stuffing. The police were unable to execute the warrant as Empy had disappeared. He returned to town yesterday and was promptly arrested. A hotel keeper named Antoine Wending also was arrested for being implicated with Empy.

COUNTERFEITERS' FRIEND.

Internal Revenue Collector Charged With Giving Them Warning.

Lancaster, Pa., April 24.—Samuel B. Downey, deputy internal revenue collector here, was arrested to-day by Captain Burns of the secret service who came here with Chief Wilkie from Philadelphia. Downey is charged with informing Jacobs and Kendig, the cigar makers arrested for counterfeiting, of the fact that secret service agent Burns was after them. He is now locked up in the collector's office and will have a hearing to-night.

FREIGHT STEAMER FOUNDERS.

Hamilton, Bermuda, April 24.—The steamer Murica, Captain Larsle, belonging to the English-American Shipping Co., Ltd., of London, which left Huelva, Spain, April 8, for Philadelphia, ran ashore this morning off the coast and has since foundered. She had on board a cargo of iron ore and was in charge of a native pilot. All on board were saved.

YELLOW FEVER.

Havana, April 24.—Two new cases of yellow fever were reported to-day among the natives.

WINDSOR FIRE INQUEST.

Coroner's Jury Finds That Accident Caused the Horror—Exhibition of Recovered Trunks.

New York, April 24.—The inquest into the Windsor hotel fire was held to-day by Coroner Bausch. The jury returned a verdict to the effect that the fire resulted from an accident.

Chief of Police Devrey stated to-day that $10,000 worth of jewels, silverware, clothing and other property found in the ruins of the Windsor hotel would be put on exhibition for ten days in the hope that they might be identified and claimed. At the expiration of that period anything remaining will be turned over to the police property clerk.

REFUSED COPYRIGHT

Because the Work Had Been Published Serially Before Application.

Washington, April 24.—In the supreme court of the United States an opinion was handed down to-day in the case of Oliver Wendell Holmes, jr., v. G. D. Hurst, holding that copyright on a book, the contents of which have been published serially without being previously copyrighted, is invalid. The case involved the copyright of "The Autocrat of the Breakfast Table" by Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes, father of the plaintiff in this case.

HAZEN BACKS DOWN.

He Did Not Mean Political Dishonesty but Only Extravagance.

St. John, N.B., April 24.—(Special)—In the New Brunswick legislature on Saturday the opposition leader, Mr. Hazen, withdrew the charges made by him in the house against Premier Emmerson. He said he had imputed political dishonesty to Mr. Emmerson, though he still believed that the bridges in connection with the construction of which the charges were made, had cost too much money.

Seattle Fibs Somewhat.

With Intent to Injure the Reputation of Esquimalt Dock.

Little Movement on Waterfront --Glenogle to Sail on Sunday.

When the steamer Humboldt came to Esquimalt a day or so ago to make good the damages sustained in her encounter with the rocks near Skagway, it was pretty generally understood along the waterfront that her recall was ordered by a telegram from Tacoma, evidently prompted by the proprietors of the dock at Quartermaster Harbor. With its ever-present desire to injure Victoria in the eyes of shipping men the Post-Intelligencer of yesterday had the hardihood nevertheless to announce that the Humboldt had fully intended to dock at Esquimalt, but was forced to return to the Sound as taking her from the water at Esquimalt was impossible owing to the low stage of the tide. Of course such an excuse will present itself as supremely ridiculous to marine men. For the information of the general public it may be stated, however, on the authority of Captain Devereux, master of the graving dock at Esquimalt, that the Humboldt never so much as offered herself as a candidate for the dock. Had she done so she could have been accommodated had she drawn 40 feet of water—and that at any stage of wind or tide. Mr. W. F. Bullen, manager of the Esquimalt marine railway, also repudiated emphatically that it would have been impossible to take the Humboldt on his ways. There was no difficulty in the matter whatever.

C. P. R. PROMOTIONS.

Montreal, April 24.—It is rumored that several important changes will shortly be made in the staff of the C. P. R. Co., but no official announcement is yet forthcoming. The changes will be necessitated by the promotion of Mr. McNicoll, general passenger manager, to a higher position.

JOINING BAND WAGON.

Montreal, April 24.—La Patrie in its Ottawa correspondence, written doubtlessly by Mr. Tarte, throws out a hint that there may be other defections from the Conservatives there. The writer does not mention any names but there is a rumor that Poupere of Pontia cmay bolt in the near future.

DETROIT RAILWAYS.

Citizens Committee Seek to Enjoin Governor Pingree and His Associates.

Detroit, Mich, April 24.—A committee of 62 citizens by their attorneys this afternoon filed a bill of complaint in the circuit court asking that Governor Pingree and the other members of the Detroit street railway committee and the city of Detroit be temporarily and perpetually enjoined from taking any further steps toward the purchase and operation of the Detroit street railways under the McLeod act authorizing the same, and asking that the McLeod act and all proceedings thereunder be decreed to be void.

THE SWELL POISONER.

Difficulties in the Way of Placing Him on Trial for the Crime.

New York, April 24.—A writ of habeas corpus and certiorari was issued to-day by Justice Bockstaver in the supreme court directing Warden Hagen of the Tombs to produce Roland B. Molineaux in the supreme court to-morrow morning in order that his commitment by the grand jury on the charge of the murder of Mrs. Kate. J. Adams may be received.

MONDAY'S LEAGUE BASEBALL.

At Washington—Washington 1; Boston 10.
At New York—New York 0, Baltimore 6.
At Philadelphia—Brooklyn 10, Philadelphia 8.
At St. Louis—St. Louis 3, Chicago 2.

COLORED PUGILIST KILLED.

Vulnerable Spot Found in His Skull and Adversary Now in Cel.

Pittsburg, April 24.—Kid Lavelle, the colored pugilist from Chester, who was knocked out by John Cavanagh in a boxing contest at Homestead Friday evening last, died to-night.

A post morten is being held and the physicians have discovered a blood clot on the brain. Cavanagh, his manager, Mason Lavelles, Manager Mosel, and Captain Bennett were given a hearing today on the charge of abetting prize fighting. All waived hearing. Cavanagh was remanded to jail, where he has been since the fight. The coroner will hold an inquest to-morrow.

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U. S. NAVAL CAPTAIN BEARDS GERMANS

Dewey Too Wants World to Know His Sentiments on the Subject.

By Associated Press.

Washington, April 24.—Navy department officials say that no word has been received from Capt. Coghlan, of the Raleigh, in response to a request made to him by Secretary Long for a statement as to whether he was correctly reported in his recent speech at New York respecting the relations between the Germans and Americans during the blockade of Manila bay last year. The officials were somewhat surprised to read in the morning papers the additional observations made by Capt. Coghlan before the Army and Navy Club in New York last night.

The German government has entered a formal protest against the language already reported as used by Captain Coghlan.

The Philadelphia Times publishes the following significent despatch from its special correspondent here:

"The administration is likely to find Captain Coghlan a tough proposition to handle," said a navy paymaster yesterday evening at the Army and Navy Club. "All of the officers of the navy know that Captain Coghlan has simply told the truth, and, moreover, some of us know Admiral Dewey wants the truth known." Concerning the statement that Dewey wants the truth known a lieutenant in the navy said: "I have had two letters, and I have about a dozen letters from other officers, which show conclusively that Admiral Dewey wants the people of this community to know exactly the facts which Captain Coghlan is telling them. Admiral Dewey has felt that the people here might suppose that he was afraid to tackle the German navy, on the contrary he was anxious to give them the whipping their conduct deserved."

Berlin, April 24.—The afternoon papers here contain few comments upon Captain Coghlan's remarks and they generally take a calm view of the after dinner speech and consider the incident closed, particularly in view of the semi-official note published here announcing the strong disapproval of the United States secretary of state with the Captain's conduct, coupled with the dignified tone of the American press, which is regarded as being noteworthy and as testifying to the improved German-American relations.

The Vossische Zeitung is an exception to this rule and pronounces itself in favor of demanding severe punishment for Captain Coghlan. It says: "Captain Coghlan belongs to the class of American officers who have swelled heads in consequence of their easy victory over Spain."

The Tageblatt, in an inspired article recalls the fact that the incident is a year old. Referring to the message which Admiral Dewey is said to have sent to Admiral von Deidrichs he adds: "At most if Admiral Dewey at first harbored suspicions as to the German squadron these suspicions were subsequently removed and their relations became most cordial, Admiral Dewey even decorating his ships with flags on the Empress' birthday.

WINNIPEG'S QUEER HOSPITAL.

Nurses and Visitors Blamed for Diphtheria Spread by the Institution.

Winnipeg, April 24.—(Special.—At a meeting of the medical staff of the Winnipeg general hospital to-day it was decided to recommend the employment of a sanitary expert to report on the condition of the general ward, also that the early discharge of patients in the ward be effected.

The epidemic of diphtheria is attributed by the staff to the nurses and visitors.

A resolution was adopted on the casting vote of the chairman censuring the chairman of the public health board (Dr. Patterson) for giving publicity to the state of affairs by giving the press copies of his report. Outside the hospital Dr. Patterson's course is highly commended by citizens.

DIED FOR MONEY CHEST.

Aged Widow Meets Horrible Death in the Sight of Helpless Crowd.

Belle-Fonte, Pa., April 24.—Mrs. Wm. Meyer, an aged widow living near Boalsburg in this county, was burned to death last night while a large crowd of men stood helpless to rescue her from her burning home. The woman was alone and started to save as much of her property as possible. She had carried out everything of value except a trunk in which there was considerable money. She expressed her determination to save the treasure and insisted on rushing into the house. She was caught and dragged back twice, but the third time she broke away and dashed into the burning building. A moment later she was seen at the upper window with her clothes and hair afire trying to raise the trunk to pitch it out. After several efforts she sank back. Her charred remains were recovered.

WHOOPING UP FOR REVOLUTION

Toronto World Takes a Fit Because the Corbin Charter Scheme Vanishes.

Special to the Colonist.

Toronto, April 24.—The World in a leading editorial on the "Great Railway Combine" says:

"The second transcontinental Canadian line may be divided into three parts, the New Ontario, the Prairie and Mountain sections. The Canadian Pacific has already built a large portion of the mountain section and it is going ahead with the balance as fast as it can lay the rails. The New Ontario section will be completed within two or three years. The Prairie section is alone uncovered.

"It would be an easy matter to build this gap and thereby unite the two other sections and form another transcontinental route. What we say is this: That the government, recognizing these great facts, should have built these sections itself, and thereby have established a national highway from Lake Superior to Vancouver.

"The Canadian Pacific tentacles are reaching out further and its grip has become tighter. Mr. Corbin was anxious to have a franchise for a competitive line, but the Canadian Pacific which has a monopoly on the northern transcontinental route, intends to have a monopoly of the southern route also, and all intruders are warned off.

"Now it is the combined forces of the Canadian Pacific and Grand Trunk—a combination that is more powerful than the government and that has the people of Canada entirely at its mercy. A revolution will now be necessary to shake off this monumental octopus. It cannot be done otherwise."

DOMINION NEWS NOTES.

Special to the Colonist.

Banking in Yukon.

Toronto, April 21.—J. H. Plummer, assistant general manager of the Bank of Commerce, will leave for Dawson City in a few days to carefully study the problem of banking in the Yukon country, as well as inspect the bank's branches there. The bank will probably ship out several million in treasure early this summer.

A Bonused Factory.

Montreal, April 21.—Tooke Bros., manufacturers of this city, will remove their three factories to St. Henri town, where they will receive a bonus of $35,000 and will employ 600 hands.

Mr. Coste's New Billet.

Winnipeg, April 21.—L. Coste, ex-chief engineer of the public works department, to-day passed through the city on his way to the Klondike to take charge of the operations of a mining company.

Drowned.

Winnipeg, April 21—Henry La Riviere was drowned last night while crossing the Kaministiqua river near Fort William.

A Prosperous City.

Winnipeg, April 21.—City tax collections for the past six months are $90,000 in excess of the amount received for the same period last year.

Miscellaneous.

Hon. Dr. Montague, M. P., arrived in the city this afternoon. He comes to the coast in connection with his mining interests in the province.

The fire in New Westminster has made a scarcity of maps of that city, and search was made for a Westminster map in Vancouver yesterday without avail.

The guards are still on Deadman's island under instructions from the civic authorities to resist any one trespassing. Mr. Ludgate says that he is engaging men to commence building operations, and will pay no attention to the city's claims. The World has an editorial today complaining of Mr. Ludgate's action in handing a letter addressed to the city clerk and intrusted to him for delivery, to a reporter of the Province for publication and afterwards sending the letter by a messenger boy to the city clerk. It looks as if the Ottawa government and Mr. Ludgate had studied out how they could effectively snub the mayor and council.

Two Indians, Charlie and Mack, have been found dead in a canoe near Kentsey, on the Fraser. Two empty whiskey bottles were found in the canoe, which had capsized, and the Indians were only sufficiently conscious to hang tightly to the seats. Their death grip was so strong that it was difficult to get their stiffened fingers off the canoe.

The C. P. R. have decided to build an East End station in Vancouver, and General Superintendent Marpole, Mayor Garden and several aldermen were out site-hunting yesterday.

JIMMY HANDLER'S FEAT.

New York, April 21.—Before the Broadway Athletic Club to-night Jimmy Handler of New York fought with Dick O'Brien of Louistin, Mo., and defeated him.

Tried Bluff On Ludgate

Vancouver Police Arrest Mill Promoter and Gang of Workmen.

But Council Subsequently Decide to Bow to the Inevitable.

With Promises of White Labor and to Keep Off Park Roads.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, April 24.—In pursuance of the advice of his solicitor, Hon. Jos. Martin, Mr. Ludgate, representing the Chicago men who have obtained a lease of Deadman's islond from the federal government, started for the island this morning with 50 men to break ground for the saw mill. He was met on landing by ten police officers and ordered off in the name of Mayor Garden, chief magistrate of the city, as a trespasser on city property. On ignoring the order Mr. Ludgate and the entire working gang of 50 were arrested but promptly released on their own recognizance, on promising not to force their way on the island until the matter was legally settled.

It is now stated that a meeting is to be held by those in favor of Maxwell's action and the saw mill for Deadman's island for the purpose of passing a resolution calling upon Mayor Garden and the present council to resign. Mayor Garden stated this morning that he would not yield his claim to the island as city property until the order-in-council ceding it to the city as part of Stanley park is rescinded.

The federal government have stated in a letter which they sent by Mr. Ludgate to the city council that Deadman's island is not part of Stanley park, therefore never was ceded to the city for park purposes, and Mr. Ludgate's lease must stand.

The city solicitor of Vancouver, Mr. Ludgate, the Hon. Jos. Martin and Mayor Garden were closeted together all afternoon. The details of their meeting are not divulged, but it is evident that the city council have given way to the federal authorities.

A special council meeting will be held at ten o'clock to-morrow morning, at which Mr. Ludgate will attend, and it is expected will promise not to employ Chinese or Japs in the mill, and not to break up the park roads with his traffic, this bargain enabling the council to retreat gracefully from the big fight they have put up.

Postmaster In Error.

No Authority to Give Monopoly of Letter Delivery in Dawson.

But Mail Too Slow for His Explanation to Reach Department.

Pembroke Critic Gets His Appointment—Keep of Yukon Officials.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, April 24.—In the house this afternoon Mr. Gillies was told by Mr. Mulock that Frank Harper is not now postmaster at Dawson City; that Harper had no authority to give the exclusive right of delivery of letters in Dawson City to the Yukon Mail and Express Delivery Company when he had the position of postmaster at Dawson last August, and that in issuing a circular in which he undertook to give such a monopoly, Harper acted without directions from the department; but before taking any steps in the matter the department would wait to see what explanation Harper had to offer.

Officials in Yukon.

Mr. Foster was told by Mr. Sifton that it was impossible to make an estimate of the total cost per day for the maintenance and pay of Dominion officers and men in the Yukon district. He estimated that in future expenses would amount to $1.75 per day per man.

Mr. Miller Satisfied.

Mr. Bennett was informed that R. C. Miller, formerly of Pembroke, is now mining recorder and timber inspector of Dawson City at $1,500 per annum. He was appointed on March 1st last.

Bennett Hospital.

Mr. Davin was told by Mr. Sifton that the hospital at Bennett is not supported by the Dominion government, but is a privite institution.

The Oil Duties.

Discussion took place on the motion of Mr. Davis to place the oil on the free list. He claimed that the people of the Northwest were in the hands of a gigantic oil combine. Mr. Fraser of Lambton said free oil would not relieve the Northwest. The trouble was the transportation charges. Any person could buy a car of oil at Petrolia at 8½c. per gallon. If the consumer in the Northwest had to pay 50 cents per gallon the retailer was benefiting.

Mr. Fielding suggested that the debate be adjourned until the budget is brought down.

Anniversary Sunday.—The Methodist mission church in the Spring Ridge section will next Sunday celebrate its anniversary, assisted by members of the Metropolitan church, of which it is an adjunct.

The Estimates At Ottawa.

William Head and Esquimalt Defence the Items of Local Interest.

Fraternal Societies Incorporation Bill—Capt. Wooley at Banquet.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, April 24.—The estimates for the next fiscal year were presented to parliament to-night. The total appropriations on consolidated revenue account bear out Mr. Tarte's promise of increased expenditure, the increase shown in the main estimates being $555,000. There is a prospective increase of $421,000 in charges on public debt, $100,000 increase for Mr. Sifton's expense in bringing out more Douks, Slavs, Galicians and Finns; and $270,000 increase in Yukon government.

The militia estimates show an increase of $100,000 in drill appropriations, it being the intention to give 12 days' drill for the entire force.

The defence of Esquimalt under the new arrangement with the Dominion government is to cost Canada over $30,000 per annum, and Canada will have to pay $61,000 for further works at this fortress.

The ship channel between Quebec and Montreal is to cost $100,000 more than last year.

The Columbia river improvements above Golden are down for $4,000; Columbia river improvements in narrows between Upper and Lower Arrow lake, $25,000; Columbia river, removal of rocks above Revelstoke, $3,000; Duncan river improvement, $3,000; Fraser river, improvement of ship channel, etc., $25,000; general repairs and improvements to harbor, river and bridge work, $3,000; Kootenay river improvement below Fort Steele, $5,000.

Nanaimo harbor, improvement of south channel, etc., $10,000; Skeena river, 5,000; William Head quarantine station, additional wharf accommodations and improvement of water service, $4,000.

Kamloops post office, $3,000; Vancouver drill hall, site given free of cost, $22,000; Victoria new post office, etc., including furniture, $10,775; William Head quarantine station, quarters for crew, alterations, improvements, furniture, instruments, etc., $3,000.

The Oil Duties.

Discussion of the coal oil duties was continued this evening. Mr. Fielding's motion to adjourn the debate was eventually carried by a vote of 68 to 30. The division was marked by some peculiar features. Three Liberals who are in favor of free coal oil showed the courage of their convictions and voted against the government. They were Messrs. Legris, Monet and Snetsinger. Speeches in favor of removing the duty were made by Messrs. Davis, Richardson and Oliver, but all of them meekly swallowed their alleged principles at the dictation of the government. Davis, who is ambitious to become a senator, even went to the trouble of making a second speech for the purpose of expressing his pleasure at being kicked. Mr. Ellis, Liberal member for St. John city, who also favors free coal oil, had the good fortune to be paired, and thus saved his self-respect. Free coal oil found its strong champion in Davin.

Fraternal Societies.

The minister of finance gives notice of two important government bills to-night. One is to implement the promise of last year, when the Sons of England incorporation bill was before parliament, that the ministry would this session introduce a bill affecting fraternal societies in general. The title of the proposed measure is "Respecting incorporation of benevolent societies." The bill will be closely scrutinized, as representatives of different fraternal organizations have been here already enquiring about the measure.

Another bill is to amend the insurance act. It proposes to furnish a means whereby companies may be incorporated by letters patent, instead of having to come to parliament for incorporation.

Minor Notes.

The budget will be presented next Tuesday.

Clive Phillipps-Wolley, of Victoria, was present at the St. George's banquet to-night, and responded to the toast "The day we honor." He received a splendid greeting.

The complete returns of the plebiscite vote were presented to parliament to-day in bluebook form.

POINT IN EXTRADITION.

Canadian Thus Taken to the States May Be Tried Only on Charge Stated.

Washington, April 24.—Chief Justice Fuller to-day announced the opinion of the United States supreme court in the case of Thomas Cosgrave v. Eugene Winney, United States marshal for the eastern district of Michigan. The case involves the extradition treaty in force between this country and Great Britain for Canada, the particular point at issue being whether a resident of Canada who has been extradited and brought to the United States on one charge can be arrested on another charge before the proceedings had terminated and be had had opportunity to return to his own country. The Chief Justice held that he could not thus be dealt with, reversing the finding of the district court for the eastern district of Michigan.

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY.

French Electrician Succeeds in Another Trial in the English Channel.

London, April 24.—Signor Marconi, the electrician, whose experiments in wireless telegraphy are attracting international attention, has successfully communicated from South Foreland, Kent, England, to the French armed despatch vessel Ibis while sailing in the English channel. In conducting the experiment he was accompanied by a French naval officer. The feat marks also his first success in concentrating messages at one point to the exclusion of all others.

A City Missionary.—Arrangements are in progress for the appointment of a city missionary in Victoria, the lady whom it is expected will be chosen for the work being supported therein by contributions from the several churches.