Guarding the Boundary

Sixty-Two U. S. Inspectors on the Lookout for Contraband Chinese.

Some Over Officious Foreign Inspectors Fittingly Rebuked by Capt. Pybus.

Many Vancouver Citizens Draw Pensions From the U. S. Government.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, June 4.—Frank P. Sargent, chief commissioner of immigration of the United States, is here. He says every effort is being made to keep the Chinese out of the United States. For years Canada has been getting the head tax and the United States the Chinese. He says the United States government is gratified at the action of Canada in putting a prohibitory head tax on Chinese. He is placing 15 more immigration inspectors on the boundary, making 62 in all, but it would be impossible to guard the whole extent of boundary line between British Columbia and Washington State effectively, although they were much improving the situation.

Mr. John Richardson, a fireman of the Kootenay division of the C. P. R., fell from his engine when in motion, tumbled down an embankment 20 feet, remained unconscious 72 hours, and is alive. The accident happened when the train was running out of Nelson.

It is reported that dories are to be done away with in halibut fishing and the otter trawl used. The otter trawl is composed of two large boards 8x10 feet, and between these is a purse sein with a sweep of 70 feet or more. The trawl is kept extended by tackle. It is said a new company will first introduce the trawl.

The Rev. R. J. Wilson was inducted pastor of St. Andrew's church last night. Mr. Wilson performed a very graceful act by declining to accept $3,000 salary. He requested the presbytery by letter to make his salary the same as Dr. McLaren's, viz., $2,500.

Sheriff W. J. Doust, of Spokane, has been here for several days in connection with the extradition of Watelet, the Frenchman, who obtained $4,000 from J. E. Carnahan under false pretences. Extradition proceedings will be taken in Vancouver. Watelet is expected to be brought to Vancouver from Ashcroft tomorrow.

A man named Williams received a sentence of two years in jail yesterday, for going from store to store, and on the pretence of being connected with the firm of Messrs. Letson & Burpee, obtaining goods on credit. He pleaded guilty and said he was drunk.

Today was pension day in the United States. Forty-five pensioners living in and about Vancouver reported at the United States consulate to receive their pensions.

The Veterans held their annual meeting at the Metropole hotel last night. Dr. Tunstall was re-elected president; Mr. O. L. Spencer, vice-president, and Mr. James Starke, secretary-treasurer.

The Rowing Club members are hard at work training for the Rowing Club regatta this week. The four will comprise a quartette from the banks. One from the lawyers and one from the C. P. R.

Purser Emery received a shock on the arrival of the steamship Empress of Japan last evening, by being requested by a United States officer to hold all passengers until a list of United States citizens was handed to him, and he had inspected it. The purser reported the matter to Capt. Pybus, who stated that Vancouver was a British port and his was a British vessel, and as soon as the gangway could be got out he would allow the passengers to disembark. It is believed that tre strange proceedings of the United States immigration official was over-zealousness in interpreting the new immigration law.

Mr. J. J. Godfrey, formerly a partner in the firm of Bowser & Godfrey, has returned from an extended trip in England, and will join the firm of A. St.G. Hamersley. The new firm will be known as Hamersley & Godfrey.

AMES FAILURE THE ABSORBING TOPIC

Statement of Defunct Firm Considered Fair One By Brokers.

Special to the Colonist.

Toronto, June 4.—The statement of A. E. Ames & Co., is the all-absorbing topic of conservation today among brokers, who term it a fair one. The absence of particulars as to the assets, however, makes it far from reassuring.

"It all depends on the assets," said a prominent member of the Stock Exchange. "Some of them may be dissolved at once, while others will, no doubt, drag on for a long time." The local market this morning was less active than yesterday. Twin City showed a disposition to ease off; the quotations at noon being 96½. C. P. R. closed at 122. Dominion coal was active, going from 82 to 84¼. Soo preferred was strong at 118, while in Soo common there was nothing going.

DECOMPOSED BODY FOUND.

Supposed Case of Murder Brought to Light at Seattle.

Seattle, June 4.—Lying in a clump of bushes on the side hill at Meadow Point, the badly decomposed body of an unknown man was found today. In the right side of the head was a bullet hole. The body was found by two Ballard boys, who were roaming about the woods. As no revolver could be found, it leads to the belief that the man was shot down.

STRATTON ACQUITTED GAMEY INNOCENT

Commission Report Exonerates Minister and Finds Gamey Did No Wrong.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Toronto, June 4.—The report of the Gamey commission was handed down to the legislature this afternoon. It exonerates Hon. Mr. Stratton, and fails to implicate Gamey in any wrong-doing.

YOU TAKE NO CHANCES.

All druggists and dealers guarantee every bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and will refund the money to anyone who is not satisfied after using two-thirds of the contents. This is the best remedy in the world for la grippe, coughs, colds, croup and whooping cough, and is pleasant and safe to take. It prevents any tendency of a cold to result in pneumonia.

BIG WHALES IMPRISONED.

Enter Bras d'Or Lake After Mackerel and Give Fishermen Much Sport.

Halifax, N. S., June 4.—Two large white whales, rare specimens in the Atlantic coast waters, are reported to be imprisoned in the Bras d'Or lake, Cape Breton. They are supposed to have entered the lake in pursuit of mackerel schools. Cape Breton fishermen are making great efforts to capture one of them.

FIGHTING FOREST FIRES.

Thousands of Acres of Valuable Timber Burnt in Vermont.

Burlington, Vt., June 4.—At least 1,000 men are fighting forest fires in Vermont, yet thousands of acres of valuable timber land have been burned over, and there is little prospect that the fires can be checked until rain shall fall. At Hardwick two residences were destroyed. The most serious situation is on Worcester Mountain, near the towns of Worcester and Elmore. Fire there has burned over 1,400 acres of heavy timber land, valued at $50 an acre, and is rapidly spreading.

Grand Trunk Bill Reported

Passes Committee After a Hot Debate and Some Small Changes.

Mr. Borden's Resolution Postponed While Members Attend Circus.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, June 4.—The Railway committee reported the Grand Trunk Pacific bill, after a hot discussion. Mr. Talbot, of Bellchasse, defended the trans-Canada road and extolled the resources of the country it proposes to open. A struggle over the bill took place when Mr. Pringle, Cornwall, moved an amendment that the company, contingent on receiving subsidy be compelled to buy all its supplies from Canadian sources, provided they can be bought as cheaply and of as good quality in Canada. Mr. Pringle's motion was defeated on a vote of 55 to 23. Many Liberals voted with Mr. Pringle, among them Sir F. Borden, Tucker, Talbot, German, Gould, McCool, Snell and Fortier.

A score of members saw Premier Laurier and urged the appointment of George Casey as Dominion archievist.

The Board of Trade and labor representatives had a conference today with the Senate committee on Mr. Lougheed's bill to prohibit aliens from fomenting labor troubles in Canada. Both sides were heard and a decision postponed.

Hon. Mr. Borden announced that the city of Montreal will have to pay for the military, $18,850, called out on the occasion of the longshoremen's strike.

At the evening sitting, Hon. Mr. Fielding pleaded with Mr. Borden not to press his motion regarding iron and steel duties, urging that many members were at the circus. Mr. Borden said the government must make up its mind shortly what it would do as he would move the resolution not later than Monday.

An animated discussion took place on the prices paid for supplies to government vessels. It transpired that all kinds of luxuries are purchased at high prices.

MORE CARPENTERS ARE ON STRIKE

Fort William and Calgary Men Stop Work and Employers Form Union.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Winnipeg, June 4.—Carpenters are on strike at Fort William and Calgary. At Calgary an employers' association was formed. It was decided unanimously that no lumber should hereafter be supplied to union carpenters, that no goods should be received from union teamsters, and that all union carpenters should be discharged by contractors.

The free for all race at Brandon today was won by Democracy.

FROM NELSON TO SIAM.

Prospectors Leave Inland City on a Distant Cruise.

Nelson, B. C., June 4.—A party of eight prospectors is being organized here by J. H. Scott, representing a private English syndicate, to work in the Malay peninsula, Siam, searching for quartz leads. A party was taken out from the Kootenays last summer by the same concern, and is reported to be progressing most satisfactorily.

SPOKANE HOUSEMAID CANADIAN HEIRESS

By Grandmother's Death Falls Heir to Goodly Inheritance.

Spokane, June 4.—Housemaid, companion, governess, heiress—step by step Jean Jones of this city has advanced until today she is stated to be the possessor of a neat little fortune estimated at $30,000.

Miss Jones is a young Canadian girl who came to this city to seek her fortune a little over two years ago. She had been out in company here but little, and has few acquaintances in this city. Her first position taken here was that of housemaid. For a little over two years she acted in the capacity of companion at the home of Mrs. J. Grier Long, and for the last month she has been caring for a little child in the capacity of a governess at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Jussen, E927 Mission avenue.

The new role of heiress has been acquired within the last few days. The fortune of about $30,000, it is estimated, has been left to her in the form of an estate in Canada by her grandmother, lately deceased. The formal transfer of the property has not been made, but the notification of her good fortune has already been received.

IMMORAL PLAYS.

Clause in the Bill Made Wider by the Senate.

Ottawa, June 4.—The Senate committee amended the Criminal Code regarding the presentation of immoral or obscene plays. Hon. Mr. Scott, in view of objection to the owner of a theatre being made liable, moved to amend the bill by striking out the words, "owner or lessee," and to make the clause "lessee, agent, manager, or anyone in charge," as the liable party in case of a prosecution. The amendment was agreed to. The word theatre was also extended to include a tent or enclosure.

The Island Finished On

Concluding Session At Ladysmith of Task of Labor Commission.

Final Evidence Tendered By Witnesses in Mining Difficulty.

Nanaimo, June 1.—The labor commissioners left the Island this evening for Vancouver, Rossland and Fernie, and they will be absent probably two or three weeks before returning to Victoria to wind up their sittings and write their report.

The Quadra reached Ladysmith early this morning, and a sitting was held to examine Wallace Bowes, C. P. R. telegraph agent, and H. T. Porter, E. & N. Railway agent, both of whom had been subpoenaed to produce all telegrams in their possession of a nature dealing with the strike, and existing labor conditions. No telegrams of this nature had been handled by the E. & N. Railway Company's operator, but Mr. Bowes produced several, including one from the Western Federation of Miners promising $1,000 to the strike fund. None of the men present having any evidence to give on the subject, the Chief Justice made a few remarks. He thought it a hazardous step to call men out on strike. He thought the men at Ladysmith were to be congratulated on the extreme good order which had prevailed during the trying times they had passed through. Referring to the negotiations for settling the strike, he said that he did not see why the management of the Wellington Colliery should take so long to make up their minds. He hoped matters would be brought to a head within the next few days, as he did not see why a large body of men should remain in idleness. The public considered that the men had a perfect right to keep together in their own fashion provided they did not do anything illegal. If the men showed through their leaders and by their actions that they were reasonable, public sympathy would be with them, but not if they made unreasonable demands.

The Rev. Dr. Rowe followed in sympathy with the above remarks. He dwelt on the fact that the Western Federation of Miners had apparently not given the men much support, and he did not see why they should have allied themselves with an organization like that. He alluded to the efforts of the commissioners, and Mr. Mackenzie King, the secretary, to adjust the difficulty, and wound up that he was not yet convinced, and he would tell them so frankly, that their fight for technical recognition was advisable if they wished to get public sympathy.

Mr. McCargill, from the body of the hall, demurred. He considered that the company showed favoritism. If the union had a man like Mr. Robins to deal with, things would be all right, but it was a different matter to deal with Mr. Dunsmuir.

Alec. Durham spoke to similar effect, and the sitting was adjourned until the afternoon at Nanaimo.

W. F. Archibald, C. P. R. telegraph operator at Nanaimo, was the first witness put into the box there. He had been subpoenaed to produce all telegrams which he had handled during the months of March, April and May relating to the matters being investigated by the commission. These witness handed to the secretary, saying that he did so unwillingly. The commissioners assured him, however, that the subpoena would be his exoneration with his employers.

T. J. Shenton, secretary of the Nanaimo union, was then called.

The Chief Justice read out a telegram sent by him to Baker, worded: "Urgent request of your presence. Come to Nanaimo immediately," and asked witness for an explanation.

Witness hesitated to do this, but the Chief Justice gave him to understand that the public were paying a large sum for the commission, and it was necessary that every detail of the matters under investigation should be cleared up.

Witness then asked for an adjournment, saying that the telegram had reference to the chain of the secret workings of the organization, and he would wish to have Mr. C. Wilson present as counsel, before he divulged anything.

It was accordingly arranged that witness should appear before the commissioners on Wednesday next at Vancouver, when counsel would be present.

The Chief Justice then referred witness to Rev. Mr. Hall's evidence, given at Cumberland, to the effect that he (witness) had gone up there as the representative of Mr. Baker, and had interviewed him (Mr. Hall) with regard to the idea of organizing Japanese and Chinese.

Witness said that was not correct. He had talked to Mr. Hall, and told him that he was representing Mr. Baker, but did not say that he went up to organize the Japanese and Chinese. Mr. Hall had probably introduced the matter, having a view to elevate the Chinese to an appreciation of organization. Mr. Hall had said that if the constitution and bylaws of any union in existence could be printed in Chinese, that would help to educate them on union principles. Witness had told Mr. Hall that he went up to Cumberland as Baker's representative to inform the men there that Baker could not be present.

Chief Justice—Was that all?—Well also to look into matters generally. Yes, he was commissioned by Mr. Baker with full powers, not exactly to take charge of the strike, but to take Baker's place for three days, not to organize because that had already been done, but principally to inform the men why Baker could not be present, and to tell them that their position had been approved by the W. F. of M. The uplifting of the Chinese did not bother witness, it was Mr. Hall who spoke about that. Witness did not know that instructions had come from Denver to organize Japanese and Chinese. He was present at the joint meeting, but did not know that Moyer's telegram to Baker was read out. He did not know that Baker was going to communicate with Moyer to that effect. There had been newspaper reports nearly two months ago about the organization of Orientals. He did not know that Baker was enquiring of Moyer about calling out Cumberland. He had not discussed the matter, nor heard any discussion of it. In so far he had not been taken into confidence: Baker had said nothing to him about the matter. He (witness) would not have approved a sympathetic strike at Cumberland. It was the wrong time. So far as his own union was concerned the organization of Japanese and Chinese would not be approved. To that extent he disagreed with President Moyer. There was a suggestion of Chinese organization made during his conversation with Hall, but only for a future time. It witness agreed in any sense his greatest objection was that the Orientals were aliens, and would be put on the level of white men.

The Chief Justice read to witness Moyer's telegram to Baker: "We approve of calling out any or all men necessary to win at Ladysmith. Organize Japanese and Chinamen if possible." Witness said he never knew that telegram was in existence.

The Chief Justice remarked that the chain of circumstances were peculiar. Witness was the locum tenens of Baker the trusted agent of the W. F. of M. He went up to Cumberland and had a conversation about organizing the Chinese and Japanese. Taking these facts in connection with the above telegram, the public would very naturally draw the conclusion that he went up to Cumberland for that purpose. Witness emphatically denied that he had done so. He went up there a few days after the strike, to look into the situation, and convey the Western Federation's approval of it.

The Chief Justice remarked that it was not necessary at that time to do so, as the above telegram had already been taken up to Cumberland by Barber, the president of that union. The excuse that witness went up there to convey the approval from Denver was consequently rather feeble. Well, witness said, he did not know. He only did as he was instructed.

The Chief Justice pointed out that since witness knew nothing about the organization of the Japs and Chinese, Mr. Hall must have been wrong, but was it not peculiar that Mr. Hall should make the statement witness could not say. He would not like to actually deny Mr. Hall's statement, not having heard it. It seemed to the Chief Justice that it was for witness to clear up the whole situation. Witness didn't know. He had not seen the telegram. Yes, witness thought he was entitled to be taken into confidence on so important a point.

The Chief Justice—Then, it appears that you were not taken into confidence? Yes, then that settles it.

A telegram from Craig, local secretary at Fernie was then read: "No settlement in sight; tell the men not to come over." Witness explained that this was public property. There were men here waiting to return to Fernie. That is what he surmised. Witness has heard that the Fernie and adjoining unions had broken from the W. F. of M. and joined the United Mine Workers. The probable reason was the dilatory methods pursued by the W. F. in sending necessary support. The support given by them to Ladysmith and Cumberland was very meagre, not more than $1,800. Witness did not think the Denver control was any weakness. If the local facts were not laid fully before the Denver headquarters the effects would be disastrous. Yes, any want of confidence shown to the local union would be important.

"And yet," remarked the Chief Justice, "you as a local leader were not taken into confidence. You don't mean to say you were a blind instrument." Witness said he would not like to be that. He did not feel aggrieved about the omission, but he would like to have been consulted as one of the leaders.

As to Mr. Hall's statement that witness said he felt sure guarantees for Chinese organization could be given by the W. F., witness said his remarks had been enlarged on. He did say something to Mr. Hall about a guarantee along the lines of the organization, but was pretty sure that he did not say guarantees could be given. He might have said he could not take any responsibility without seeing Mr. Baker. He had spoken to Mr. Baker regarding the constitution, and the suggestions made by Mr. Hall, but the matter dropped right there. The organization of the Chinese was a hobby of Mr. Hall's. The method was discussed between him and Mr. Hall in a general kind of way. To the Rev. Dr. Rowe witness thought the subject was suggested by the increased head tax. No, witness could not have said that he would be willing to take it up because he himself considered the Orientals as a menace to white men.

The sitting was then closed, and the commission left immediately afterwards on the D. G. S. Quadra for Vancouver.

SHIPPING GOLD.

New York, June 3.—Heidelbach Ickelheimer & Co., have engaged $750,000 gold, and Goldman, Sachs & Co., $1,000,000 gold for shipment to Europe tomorrow. It was said yesterday that this gold would be engaged.

FATAL TRAIN WRECK.

Eight Persons Killed in Collision on Santa Fe Route.

Kansas, City, June 4.—It is reported here that eight people were killed and several injured in a collision between two Santa Fe trains at Stillwell, Kansas. The wreck, which occurred at 3 o'clock this afternoon, was caused by a collision between southbound passenger train No. 1 and a northbound passenger train. The trains were running over the Missouri Pacific tracks, owing to the flooded condition of the Santa Fe tracks. Both trains were in charge of pilots, and it is said that one of the pilots missed his orders, causing the accident.

KING'S COLONIALS ARE EULOGIZED

Annual Banquet of the Regiment Reveals Most Satisfactory Progress.

Montreal, June 4.—The Star's London cable says: Col. Wallace, commanding the Fifth Royal Irish Rifles, presided at the annual dinner of King's Colonials in the Hotel Cecil yesterday. There was a good muster.

The chairman said he hoped to see formed linked squadrons connecting the various Colonies and the Homeland. The corps was essentially colonial. Over 900 applicants had been refused admission to the regiment because they lacked colonial qualifications.

Col. Sir Edward Ward, permanent Under Secretary of State in the War Office, and Viscount Maitland, both spoke briefly, eulogizing the regiment.

Col. Benson, a former Canadian, who was recently appointed chief of the Remount department, was present. Baron Harlech presented the regiment with £500.

Col. Benson will be gazetted Major-General on July 1. He is the first Canadian on active service to attain the rank. When questioned as to the truth of the charge that there is a prejudice against colonial officers, he said he did not believe it. He thought the treatment accorded to colonials in the English regiments depended upon themselves entirely. Colonials had the same chance of success in the army as had Motherlanders.

TRAFFIC RECEIPTS.

Montreal, June 3.—The traffic receipts for the week ending May 31 were $1,218,000; same week last year, $988,000.

FLOODS ALONG THE MISSISSIPPI

Water Running Over Levee at St. Louis and Grave Fears Entertained.

Washington, D. C., June 4.—Major-General Bater commanding the department of Missouri, telegraphed Adjutant-General Corbin regarding the flood situation as follows:

Commanding officer at Fort Leavenworth reports flood situation improving, and that he is rendering all assistance he can where needed. Tents and rations have been sent to Kansas City, and two troops of cavalry have been sent there to assist in preserving order. Two companies of engineers, with pontoon train, are marching from Fort Leavenworth.

Telegraphic advices to the Post Office Department from the flood district, indicate that the flood situation is improving slowly at Kansas City, but is growing worse in the direction of St. Louis. Postal officials express considerable apprehension regarding the latter point.

St. Louis, Mo., June 4.—A special to the Post Dispatch from Louisiana, Mo., says the Mississippi rose ten inches last night at Secord, and today is running over the level at the lowest point, which is opposite this city, in tiny rivulets. For a distance of more than a mile. The Chicago and Alton, Burlington roads are working all the men they can get to save the levee. The Burlington is rushing a train here from St. Louis with 10,000 yards of burlap, with which to make sand bags. The river banks are lined with people anxiously watching the flood.

Commission At Vancouver

Chief Justice Desires Mr. Estes' Presence to Give Evidence.

Brotherhood Offer to Leave Settlement in the Hands of Court.

Citizens' Conciliation Committee Almost Succeed in Arranging Trouble.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, June 4.—The labor commission was in session all day today. A large pile of documents were put in by the C. P. R. in order to prove that the strike was unjustified.

Mr. E. J. Bird, representing the U. B. R. E., asked for the railway company's black list. Mr. E. P. Davis said that the company had no black list. The Chief Justice in the course of the proceedings, stated that it was of prime importance that President Estes be present. The Chief Justice was informed that Mr. Estes was in Denver. Mr. Davis questioned a witness named Johnson on the situation of the order, in an attempt to prove that the strike was illegal according to the constitution.

The statements on both sides regarding the strike are now in. This afternoon at the conclusion of the evidence, Mr. E. J. Bird, counsel for the U. B. R. E., offered to submit the whole question to the commission, and to abide by their decision. This offer has not been taken up by the C. P. R.

For the past week Mr. J. A. Russell, Dr. Carroll, Mr. J. W. McFarland, Mr. Edward Lewis, Mr. W. H. Gallagher and Mr. A. E. Goodman, the Colonist correspondent, as committee of conciliation, requested to act by the U. B. R. E. management, have been striving to bring about a settlement. They were asked to bring a committee of ex-employees and Superintendent Marpole together. They did this, and arranged an agreement of settlement, which it is said was satisfactory to the C. P. R. and the committee of ex-employees, but not to the majority of the members of the U. B. R. E.

MERGER FOR THE CANADA SOUTHERN

Line Now Absorbed By the Michigan Central Under a Perpetual Lease.

New York, June 4.—According to the Herald, a complete merger of the Canada Southern railway with the Michigan Central was effected yesterday at the special stockholders' meeting held in St. Thomas, Ontario. It is said to have been effected by a lease of the Canada Southern to the Michigan Central for 999 years.

There was some opposition among minority stockholders, but the Vanderbilt interests were able to carry the meeting.

The new lease schedules a former, which expires on December 31. Its life was 21 years, and provided for the operation of the company's lines in connection with the Michigan Central, the gross earnings of the whole system to be applied first to the payment of the operating expenses and fixed charges of the companies and the net surplus to be then divided in proportion of two-thirds to the Michigan Central and one-third to the Canada Southern.

Under the new lease the Michigan Central, it is said, will guarantee 2½ on Canada Southern stock until 1910 and 3 per cent. after that date. Directors of the Canada Southern will be vested with power to issue bonds, to retire first and second mortgage bonds maturing in 1906 and 1913.

RAILROAD BUILDING NORTHERN ALASKA

Preparations for Shipment of Much Equipment for the New Line

Seattle, June 4.—J. W. Dickson, at the head of the Council City & Solomon railway, sailed yesterday for Solomon City, Alaska. One hundred and twenty thousand dollars worth of railroad equipment will follow on the steamships Eureka and Aztec for the construction and operation of a railroad from Solomon City to Council City, a distance of 50 miles.

There are now 35 carloads of steel rails, 15 of flat cars, two locomotives, a complete dock ready for setting up, in Seattle awaiting shipment. All told, there are 1,100 tons of outfit in Seattle now, and 1,600 tons of equipment and outfit to be brought from the East and shipped from here to Solomon City during the summer.

It is calculated, if no untoward events occur, to have the railroad from Solomon City to Council City built and in operation by August 1. The work to be done this summer by the railway company is but a small part of the work projected. From Council City the line is projected to run to Cape York, several hundred miles northwest, and a branch is projected to connect with Nome and another to the Kougarock district, and one up the Fish river, in a northeasterly direction.

There is no article in the line of medicines that gives so large a return for the money as a good porous strengthening plaster, such as Carter's Smart Weed and Belladonna Backache Plasters.

THE AMES FAILURE.

Further Particulars of the Financial Condition of the Firm.

Toronto, June 3.—A statement issued by Ames & Co. tonight places the firm's liabilities at $10,140,000, with a book surplus of $1,090,000, together with surplus of individual members of the firm.

Some clients have taken up their stock, reducing liabilities to $7,500,000.

The firm will pull through if helped by clients and left free from attack and given reasonable indulgence by interested corporations.

The failure was due to Boston and New York brokers demanding margins on unaffected stock declines.

FOR STOMACH TROUBLES.

"I have taken a great many different medicines for stomach trouble and constipation," says Mrs. S. Geiger, of Dunkerton, Iowa, "but never had as good results from any as from Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets." For sale by all druggists and dealers.

Fayal, Azores, June 4.—Shamrock III. and Shamrock I., convoyed by the Erin, sailed at 4 o'clock this afternoon for New York.

TRANSCONTINENTAL FREIGHT.

Milwaukee, Wis., June 4.—The second day's session of the transcontinental freight bureau was devoted to the consideration of schedules and discussing various claims made by shippers for change in classification of their commodities.

ACTION FORESTALLED.

Chicago Board of Trade Saved a Spectacular Demonstration.

Chicago, June 3.—The promised action on the part of the directors of the Board of Trade and several members of the Board of Trade firms forestalled the service of warrants today for an alleged violation of the statute. Charges of pretended buying and selling of grain, without any intention of delivering, were brought against the individual directors and some charges against Board of Trade operators by two men who are said to have been victims of the recent raid upon the establishment of Geo. T. Sullivan. Arrangements were quietly made, however, for the perfecting of the bonds for all parties, and a spectacular raid of the board and offices of its members, which was to have been a part of the programme, was avoided.

Ravaged by the Bush Fires

Two Old Ladies Burnt in Conflagration in New Brunswick.

Much Standing Timber Destroyed in Quebec and Situation Serious.

Sussex, King's County, N. B., June 4.—A forest fire swept down on the farmhouses owned by Isaac Linden and Jas. H. Murphy, at Picadily, seven miles from Penobsquis, on Wednesday, and both places with barns, etc., were destroyed, and two women burned to death. Isaac Linden was away working at another farm when his place caught fire. His widowed mother and her sister, Miss Susan Leackler, both advanced in years, were burned. It seems when the building caught fire, the women went out to the barns to let the horses out, but unfortunately they were by some means unable to escape, for when Mr. Linden returned at night he found the remains of both women among the ruins of the barns.

Montreal, June 4.—The bush fires in this province have apparently spent their force. Tonight the wind is reported to have died away, and the fires are not spreading as they have been during the past two days. Rain would soon end the danger, for the fires are now smouldering away. Should, however, a brisk wind arise, the damage done would be incalculable. Tonight the fire is right in the outskirts of the city, where a detachment of the Montreal fire brigade was sent this afternoon in response to an appeal for help. St. Jerome is similarly situated. There has not been any considerable loss of property besides standing timber, but as far as this is concerned, the damage is very heavy, and sawmill owners and pulp mills will be considerably affected.

The smoke along the St. Lawrence today was so dense that navigation was practically suspended, the train service to the north, which was badly interrupted yesterday, was in much better shape today. The villages of Astor and Forestdale have been completely wiped out. Scores of towns and villages are in constant danger of destruction.

FINDINGS IN GAMEY CHARGES

No Bribe Received From Stratton And Accuser's Memory Ruins Case.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Winnipeg, June 4.—The findings of the commissioners in the Gamey charges case were laid on the table of the House today by Premier Ross. According to Mr. Whitney this is so cleverly worded as to be a complete exoneration of Hon. Mr. Stratton. Gamey is given some hard knocks. The report states: "There is no evidence to sustain the charges of conspiracy against any member of the government, and in ordinary law that accused would be discharged. In our opinion corruption stands disproved. No bribe or money was received from the Provincial Secretary on January 20. The conduct and memory of Gamey as to bribe moneys detract from his credibility. At a momentous point in his life and within a few months of the occurrence, he is uncertain as to the way, when and the person from whom the $3,000 came. Having conferred with prominent men in his party, as he says, and arranged his methods, he employs his share of $1,500 in the business as if it were a legitimate transaction. He makes no mention in his statement to the House of how he came into possession of the $1,200, part of the other money said to be received by Sullivan, and of which he says $900 was paid into the Crossen business. But when this is attempted to be discovered by a search in the Crossen books, two pages containing the entries for the 10th and 11th of September disappear, not by the hands of Mr. Crossen, and Mr. Gamey is the only other who had access to them."

FOREST FIRES RAGE IN NEW YORK

Flames Spread By Brisk Wind Burn Many Farm Buildings.

Houlton, Me., June 4.—The forest fires in Aristook county have destroyed 14 miles of the Bangor & Aristook railroad, and reports from various sections indicate that two small settlements have been destroyed, at least 24 sets of farm buildings have been burned and the fires, which had almost abated last night, were increasing today before a brisk wind.

Glenfalls, N. Y., June 4.—The fire situation in the Adirondacks today is more serious than at any time since the fires began. The heavy timbered sections of woods extending from Long lake on the foot of Mountain Mary, on the north of the Indian lake and Cedar Rapids river, through to Lake George, on the south, is burning over.

BOERS RELEASED.

Pretoria, June 4.—Lieut.-Governor of Transvaal Sir Arthur W. Lawley has remitted the remainder of the sentence of a majority of the former burghers convicted of military offences during the late war.

Women with pale, colorless faces, who feel weak and discouraged, will receive both mental and bodily vigor by using Carter's Iron Pills, which are made for the blood, nerves and complexion.

Mainland News In Brief

Many June Brides Are in Evidence at the Terminal City.

Provincial Shingle Manufactures Decide to Stop Output For Present.

Political Probabilities Source of Much Interest to Both Parties.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, June 5—Several marriages took place yesterday. Mr. Clarence McKenzie and Miss Julia McNutt were married last night. Another fashionable wedding was that of Mr. S. D. Wilson and Miss Ethel Tait. Another happy couple united was Mr. Wm. J. Annand and Miss Mary J. Allan. And still another nuptial knot was tied binding for life Mr. F. R. Seifert, M. E., Revelstoke, and Miss Bertha Ella Gunn.

The body of a longshoreman was found floating in the river at the North Arm yesterday. The body is believed to be that of Harry Trindall. Trindall disappeared last fall. He was traced by the police, as having hired a small boat to go to the Vancouver cannery, and the conclusion was arrived at that he had been drowned.

A college at Kamloops, promoted by the Presbyterian church, is the latest proposal. The Rev. A. O. McCrea is promoting a college company for the purpose of carrying out the scheme.

At a meeting of the Shingle Manufacturers' Association yesterday, it was proposed to shut down all shingle-mills in the province, owing to surplus stock on hand being too heavy to work the mills profitably.

Kells of Comox, to be tried for attempting to starve his child to death, has elected to be tried at the assizes, so that the case will not come up at once, as expected.

A rather strange case is being heard today in the County court. Miss Wilkinson fell ill at the time of the strike, and the C. P. R., by whom she was employed, thinking she was on strike sent her a note of dismissal. Miss Wilkinson is suing for a month's pay.

M. M. Lemon, of Port Moody, has in his possession what he claims to be a whetstone brought over by John Allen on the Mayflower. It was given him by his brother-in-law, a direct descendant of John Alden.

The Princess of Wales stakes, for which the Strand hotel is getting up a sweep, is creating much interest. The Strand sweeps have become so popular that there were not enough tickets to go around when the Derby sweep was brought off, although 3,000 were sold in Vancouver and Victoria.

A despatch from Quesnel this morning says that the Fraser river has risen about nine feet since the 30th, and is now almost at last year's high water mark, and rising at the rate of 18 inches in 24 hours. From Westminster word comes that vast quantities of drift wood are littering the surface of the Fraser, and the river is covered with foam.

Paul Watelet, held on a charge of obtaining $4,000 on a false mine report, has arrived in Vancouver, and will fight extradition here.

There is a proposal on foot to extend the fire limits of Vancouver. The Board of Works have deferred action for one week.

There is a great deal of speculation going on in the political world. Party bosses on both sides say there will be a thorough house cleaning which ever side gets in, but that the tried, true, and unpartizan officials will not be interfered with in their respective offices. A great number of names are mentioned as possible Conservative candidates. Among them Messrs. Tatlow, Garden, A. E. Shelton, J. R. Seymour, Stewart Livingston, Geo. Cowan and W. J. Bowser. The last-mentioned alleged candidate, it is thought, has fully decided to stand, no matter who is in the field, or what pressure is brought to bear to induce him to retire. When Mr. Bowser was spoken to he did not deny he was going to run, but refused to make a statement for publication. It is stated here among prominent Conservatives that Mr. Charles Wilson will run in Cariboo. His friends fear that through some unfortunate combination of circumstances, Mr. Wilson might be squeezed out in the forthcoming political Derby, and as he is personally popular, and politically strong in Cariboo, he would be sure of election there.

POLITICAL RUMORS IN VANCOUVER

Charles Wilson, K.C., as Attorney General Will Run In Cariboo.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, June 4.—It is persistently rumored here that Mr. Charles Wilson has been positively promised the attorney-generalship, and to assure his election beyond peradventure, will run in Cariboo, where he is personally very popular and strong politically. Another report is to the effect that W. J. Bowser is to be a candidate in the forthcoming election. Mr. Bowser does not deny the report, but declines to make a statement for publication.

DEATH FROM GLANDERS.

After Terrible Suffering Man Attacked by Disease Succumbs.

Newark, N. J., June 4.—Albert Meyer, who was attacked with glanders three weeks ago, is dead, after terrible suffering.

GUILTY OF MURDER.

Helena, Mont., June 3.—James S. Keerl, one of the best known civil and mining engineers in the Northwest, was found guilty today of murder in the second degree for killing Thomas Crystal, a barkeeper, several months ago. Keerl had been on a protracted spree, and after quarrelling with Crystal shot the latter, who died shortly afterwards. Insanity was Keerl's defence.

DREDGER BURNED.

A Big California Plant Burned Yesterday Afternoon.

Redding, Cal., June 3.—A dredger recently installed on Clear creek, 10 miles from Redding, by the Detroit & California Mining Company, at a cost of $30,000, was burned this afternoon; insurance $20,000. The cause of the fire is not known. Eight men on board were barely able to reach shore.

DEUTSCHLAND AGROUND.

New York, June 4.—The steamer Deutschland grounded during a dense fog at 4:30 this afternoon, in the lower bay, shortly after high tide. The next high tide is at 3:40 a.m. The marine observer at Sandy Hook reports that he was unable to see the Deutschland when she passed out owing to the dense weather. The weather has not been clear enough for observations eastward at any time today or tonight.