PROPOSED NEW LINES TO NORTH

APPLICATIONS TO DOMINION HOUSE

Railways to Cross Continent From Hudson Bay to Pacific Coast

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Jan. 14.—Application will be made to parliament this year for the incorporation of the Hudson's Bay, Peace River and Pacific Railway Company, which proposed to build from Port Nelson to Fort Churchill, then westerly to Fort Vermillion, on Peace River, then southwesterly to Fort St. John, then westerly to Laurier Pass and on to Port Simpson, also from St. John to Edmonton.

The Alaska and Yukon railway will apply for an extension of time for construction and for legislation to expend 15 per cent. of the amount of its capital for four years, and for completion in seven years.

The Dominion Development Railway Company will seek incorporation. It will run from the Naas River and Portland Canal to Fort Churchill and Fort Nelson.

PULP MILLS TO BE SOLD.

(Special to the Times.)

Toronto, Jan. 14.—E. R. C. Clarkson, appointed liquidator of the Sturgeon Falls Pulp and Sulphite mills in 1 announces that the requests for options on the property had all been declined and that the shareholders who met in London, England, had ordered him to sell the property at auction early in April. The mills have an estimated value of $1,250,000 and hold valuable concessions. One of the applicants for options was Wm. Randolph Hearst of New York.

REGARDS BOURASSA AS DANGEROUS

London Writer Declares Quebec Politician is as Ambitious as Parnell

(Special to the Times.)

London, Jan. 14.—William Maxwell, the well known war correspondent, in concluding a series of articles to the Daily Mail, declares that the new elements crowding into the Canadian west will readjust the balance of power. Henri Bourassa would sever the last link between Canada and Great Britain and has the same ambition as Parnell and the same dangerous material. Canadian statesmen admit that there is a dangerous situation and do not discuss it publicly.

Arrives at Montreal.

Montreal, Jan. 14.—Henri Bourassa, the Nationalist leader, returned here last night from his tour in Europe. He was welcomed by a crowd of 2,000, mostly Laval students, which called repeatedly for a speech. In response Mr. Bourassa said: "I have returned to take up again the fight for justice, for right for my race, and equal rights for all. I am going to continue this fight to the end of the chapter irrespective of results."

DIED AFTER LONG ILLNESS.

St. Catharines, Jan. 14.—After nearly fifty years' service in the post office, A. L. Riggins, deputy postmaster here, died yesterday after a long illness. He was a brother of Police Magistrate C. D. Riggins, of Beamsville.

TWO FOUND DEAD IN RUINS OF HOME

Man and His Sister Believed to Have Been Murdered by Robbers

Independence, Kas., Jan. 14.—John Walker and Mary Walker, his sister, both aged, were found dead in the ruins of their burned home near here. It is believed they were murdered and robbed and the house destroyed to conceal the evidence of the crime. The bodies were partially cremated.

The barns and outer buildings on the place were burned and the horses turned loose.

It is known that the Walkers kept money in the house. Such search of the ruins as could be made revealed no trace of the money.

The authorities are investigating carefully. They are convinced that the aged couple was murdered and robbed.

MANY KILLED BY EARTHQUAKE.

Bodies of More Than Two Hundred Victims Reported to Have Been Recovered.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 14.—A dispatch received from Vyerny, capital of the territory of Semiryetchenck, Asiatic Russia, says that a violent earthquake occurred Thursday night in Kebery, in the Pishpek district of the territory, and that the bodies of 204 Kirghiz have been taken from the ruins of fallen buildings.

JAPAN STARTS INVESTIGATION

ADMIRAL'S SPEECH SUBJECT OF INQUIRY

Yashino Will Be Reprimanded If He Criticized Taft's Fortification Plan

(Times' Leased Wire.)

Tokio, Jan. 14.—Prompt steps to punish Admiral Yashiro for his criticism of President Taft's plan to fortify the Panama canal will be taken by the Japanuese government, if an investigation now under way should verify the reported remarks of the admiral made while a guest of Col. Goethals at Panama.

The navy and foreign offices here are greatly concerned over the incident and have intimated openly that if the remarks are found to have been correctly quoted. Yashiro will be sharply reprimanded. Further punishment may be administered.

There is a disposition in some quarters, however, to believe that the words of the Admiral were either misquoted, so as to give them a false meaning, or that the whole story was fabricated by anti-Japanese partisans in the United States, and the government will take no steps until the most careful investigation of the affair has been made.

The incident is being widely discussed in the Japanese press. Most of the papers take the attitude that the American government is inclined to view the matter in too serious a light, even supposing that the Admiral did criticise the plan as alleged.

No other affair for a long time has brought forth so much open discussion of the relations between the two nations. In official circles it is admitted that the matter has caused serious concern. The Japanese government would doubly regret, it is said, any remarks on the part of Yashiro that might cause offence to America, especially at a time when the fleet he commands is on a friendly visit in American waters.

The government recognizes the fact that there is an element in the United States that is unfriendly to Japan, and many officials are inclined to believe that the Admiral may have been misrepresented by this element. The fact, however, that this may be the case, has caused some uneasiness, and while it is believed that the present incident will be adjusted between the two nations in a dignified manner and so that no offence can be taken by either, the foreign office believes the affair is an indication that the greatest caution must be exercised in matters dealing with the United States in the future.

One high government official, who protests his friendliness for America, has said that the dislike of some Americans for Japan, if it is expressed too openly, will eventually be reflected by certain classes of Japanese, and the result will be that it will be extremely difficult to prevent incidents which result in strained relations.

The state department at Washington will be notified, it is intimated, of the result of the investigation in the present case, and if the Admiral is found to have transgressed the rules of international etiquette, even unintentionally, action will be taken to punish him and the United States will be apprised of the fact.

The intimation on the part of the United States that diplomatic notes would be forthcoming if the Japanese government took no action, is regarded in semi-official circles as an indication that the United States government regards the incident as one of great importance, and the foreign office will, in a diplomatic way, inform Washington that it shares this view.

W. H. HAYWARD IS DEPUTY SPEAKER

Popular Member for Cowichan First to Be Elected to That Position

Legislative Press Gallery, Jan. 13.

Under the new rules adopted at the close of last session of the legislature the House has hereafter to elect a deputy speaker and a chairman of committee of ways and means. Heretofore the Speaker has named his deputy, and this is practically the first recognition of that officer as part of the machinery of parliament.

In accordance with the new rule Premier McBride this afternoon moved that William Henry Hayward, member for Cowichan, be deputy speaker of the House. He referred to Mr. Hayward's length of service in the House, to the fact that for four years past he has acted as chairman of committees, and to the qualification which his familiarity with the rules affords.

H. C. Brewster, leader of the opposition, seconded the motion, expressing his sense of Mr. Hayward's fitness and fairness.

Mr. Hayward was born in Dover, England, spent some years in Virginia as a tobacco planter and then settled on Vancouver Island. He is one of the most progressive farmers of Cowichan district. From 1900 to 1903 he represented Esquimalt in the legislature and has sat for Cowichan since 1907. He is representative of the very best type of Englishmen and has always been popular with the members as a whole.

About the only form of vegetation in five arid provinces of Argentina is a species of rubber tree which produces more resin than rubber, the latter being of such inferior quality that it is useful only in varnishes.

A NOVEL SIGHT ON THE STREETS OF VICTORIA.

WILL SOON LOSE PLACE OF HONOR

LAUNCH OF THE LARGEST DREADNOUGHT

Battleships Now Being Built Will Surpass Uncle Sam's Arkansas

(Times Leased Wire.)

Camden, N. J., Jan. 14.—The battleship Arkansas, the largest Dreadnought afloat, was launched from the ways of the New York Shipbuilding Company at noon to-day.

Secretary of the Navy Meyers, Assistant Secretary Winthrop and a delegation of Arkansas congressmen attended the launching. The Arkansas was christened by Miss Mary Macon, daughter of Congressman Macon.

The battleship Wyoming, a sister ship, will be launched soon.

The Arkansas is the first 26,000-ton battleship authorized by congress, and exceeds in size any other battleship ever built. It will be surpassed, however, by other Dreadnoughts now being built.

According to specifications it must make 20½ knots an hour. The Arkansas is 562 feet long over all, its beam is 93 feet at water line under load. It was built to develop 28,000 horse-power in its engine room.

MUNICIPAL STREET RAILWAY A SUCCESS

Calgary's Undertaking Yields City 13 Per Cent in the First Year

(Special to the Times.)

Calgary, Jan. 14.—Superintendent McCauley, of the street railway, reports to the council that the street railway, after paying for interest, depreciation and sinking fund, yielded to the city 13 per cent., which is considered pretty good for the first year. The total profit made after paying everything was $56,700. The railway gave $22,500 to the city general fund.

CANADIAN NAVAL COLLEGE.

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 14.—The painting and finishing touches are being applied to the interior of the naval college. It will begin work on January 19 with 21 cadets. By next year it is expected that the permanent buildings on the admiralty house grounds will be ready. Capt. Martin, the senior naval officer of the dockyard, will be the captain of the college, B. S. Hartley being director of studies. Other members of the college staff are: Lieut. Nion, Engineer Lieut. Bartlett, Staff Paymaster Gertie, Lieut. Young. The acting naval instructor will be F. Robinson.

DEPENDS ON MR. BALFOUR.

London, Jan. 14.—The Morning Post, reviewing the fisheries dispute, insists that the United States is making desperate efforts to forestall imperial reciprocity, and whether or not they are successful depends on whether Mr. Balfour will rise to the occasion.

THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT,
Who Will Be the Next Governor-General of Canada.

FORMER BANKER PLEADS GUILTY

TRAVERS WILL BE SENTENCED MONDAY

Admits Making False Returns and Entries and Stealing From Farmers' Bank

(Special to the Times.)

Toronto, Jan. 14.—General Manager Travers pleaded guilty in the police court yesterday to three charges connected with the administration of the Farmers' Bank.

Hartley H. Dewart, K. C., represented the accused. Crown Attorney Corley conducted the prosecution, and after Travers had pleaded, recited many interesting facts regarding the operation of the bank.

Travers, who was pitiably nervous, confessed to three several charges of making false returns to the government, of stealing $40,000 from the bank and of making false entries in the books. He was remanded to Monday for sentence, bail being refused. Under the statute he is liable to a penalty of five years.

CZARINA CRITICALLY ILL.

All Court Fetes and Entertainments Postponed on Account of Her Majesty's Condition.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 14.—Though the fact has been kept secret it is reported on good authority to-day that the Czarina is again critically ill and that on that account all court fetes and entertainments have been postponed. The Empress is said to be afflicted with a strange malady which physicians are unable to classify. Recently she was treated at Badnauheim and apparently was much improved, but is said to have suffered a relapse, leaving her condition worse than it was before.

Partial paralysis is said to have attacked the Czarina's feet and to be extending to her legs and arms.

STORMS CAUSE MUCH SUFFERING

SUPPLIES WILL BE SENT TO SETTLERS

Man Makes Long Trip Over Snow With Body of His Wife

(Special to the Times.)

Moose Jaw, Sask., Jan. 14.—The first teams since Christmas to reach this city from Leville and Dewdrop, 65 miles southwest of here, arrived Thursday evening.

The six members of the party told a story of much hardship and suffering. They had to break through bad drifts in the hills. They brought in two men who are badly frozen, one so badly that it is thought his feet may have to be amputated, and the dead body of a woman. The woman died southwest of Lake Johnston, and her body was being brought to this city by her husband. He had made but slow progress on his melancholy trip, it having taken him five days to travel 32 miles, when he was picked up by the party.

The men report much hardship among settlers owing to the terrible cold and storms. One man is said to have carried a sack of flour six miles because he could not get his horse through.

The party will take back with them four teams with full loads of supplies.

TRAIN DISPATCHERS SEEK HIGHER WAGES

Employees of Railways in Pacific Northwest Will Present Demands Monday

(Times Leased Wire.)

Portland, Ore., Jan. 14.—Train dispatchers on all railroads operating in the northwest will present formal demands for a general increase in salary on Monday. The petitions for an increase have been printed and placed in the hands of the dispatchers with instructions to deliver them to their superior officers promptly at 9 o'clock on Monday afternoon.

The dispatchers argue that they are receiving less money than the trainmen under them. They declare that there has been only a slight increase in the salaries of dispatchers in twenty years, notwithstanding that their work has practically been doubled and the railroads are operating many more trains.

In their petition the dispatchers state they they will organize as a labor union and present demands if the matter of an increase is not settled favorably by June.

FALLS TO HIS DEATH.

Blankenburg, Germany, Jan. 14.—Sidney Joseph, described as a millionaire merchant of Cincinnati, Ohio, dropped from a cliff in the Hart mountains and was killed. Joseph had been for some time at a sanitarium here and it is said that he deliberately slipped from the height.

PROTEST AGAINST THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION

B. J. Perry, Defeated Aldermanic Candidate, Will Appeal to Courts on Alleged Irregular Lists —Counter Action by Ald. Langley

(From Saturday's Daily.)

Thursday's election for mayor and council has been protested by B. J. Perry, who was a defeated candidate in Ward 1 for alderman.

This morning Mr. Perry served notice on the city clerk of his intention to present a petition to Supreme or County court asking that the election be voided by reason of the voters' lists not having been compiled in accordance with the law.

More particularly the petition deals with the matter of holders of agreements of sale being registered as property-owners in the city of Victoria, a question on which it is stated that City Solicitor McDiarmid gave an opinion at the court of revision prior to the election. The city solicitor's opinion is said to have been along the lines of Mr. Perry's present contention.

Immediately after the notice had been served on City Clerk Dowler this morning by Mr. Perry in person a notice of motion was posted on the notice board of the city hall by Ald. W. H. Langley to the effect that the legislature be asked to validate the election.

Immediately after the mayor and aldermen had been sworn in by Judge Young in the County court this morning, they repaired to the city hall and held a meeting in the committee room, where the city solicitor was present.

B. J. Perry, after having served his protest on the city clerk, gave out a statement that his action had been taken because the election was illegal. Referring to his own candidature, he said that he had been the victim of two cliques in Victoria West, what he termed the mayor's clique on the one side and the Licensed Victuallers' Association on the other side. Mr. Perry announced to a prominent liquor dealer this morning that he had now declared war on the liquor interests.

Up to the time of the closing of the Supreme court registrar's office this afternoon no documents had been filed with the registrar in connection with the protest.

The protest presented to the city clerk this morning reads as follows:

"Victoria, B. C.

"January 14, 1911

"Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Victoria:—

"Take notice that a petition will be presented to the Supreme or County court in my behalf as a voter for the city of Victoria, praying that the election of the Mayor and Aldermen held in this city on the 12th day of January, be voided on the following grounds, namely:—By reason of the voters' lists not having been compiled or revised or certified in accordance with law, or having been changed after final revision. And this petition shall be taken under the Municipal Clauses Act, 1906, 59 Victoria, Chapter 38.

"BERNARD J. PERRY."

Ald. Langley's notice of motion asking that the election be validated by the legislature is as follows:

"I hereby give notice that at the next meeting of the city council I shall move that the Petition to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, praying for the validation and confirmation of certain By-laws of this Corporation be ordered to be signed and have the Corporate Seal attached."

It is claimed by Mr. Perry that so far as property-owners are concerned the list should be made up from the registry office rolls and not from the assessment roll. The city assessor here has followed the practice of every assessor in the province in making up the lists.

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FINTON MURDER TRIAL.

People Wait For Hours in Order to Secure Seats in Hamilton Court House.

(Special to the Times.)

Hamilton, Jan. 12.—A larger crowd than ever was in attendance at the Finton murder trial when it was resumed in the court house yesterday. People waited for hours outside the building before the doors were opened.

Chief Twiss said he asked Tom Finton repeatedly if he had cut his hand or could account for the blood on his overalls. He said at first he could not account for the blood, and afterward said he guessed Mrs. Kerr must have put the blood on his pants because she was religious crazy.

After some more evidence the crown's case was closed.

The request of the defence that the case be taken from the jury on the ground of lack of evidence against the prisoner was refused.

PAYS PENALTY FOR MURDER.

Lethbridge, Jan. 14.—Wasil Chobater this morning paid the penalty of death for murdering Alex. Lazaruk last May, the execution taking place in the Royal Northwest Mounted Police barracks grounds at 6.30. He met death without a show of nervousness. His last words as understood by those by were, "Me no get any breakfast."

Chobater had no friends in this country and came from Austria. His crime was shooting Alex. Lazaruk on the road between two of the mining shafts of the Galt Coal Co., after lying in wait for his man for several hours. The motive for the crime was brought out in the trial.

STALLED TRAINS ARE LIBERATED

Great Northern Passengers Will Arrive at Spokane This Afternoon

(Times Leased Wire.)

Spokane, Wash., Jan. 14.—At the office of General Superintendent Brown, of the Great Northern, it is announced that through passenger trains No. 3 and No. 27, stalled in a snowbank at Highgate, Mont., since last Sunday, were relieved this morning and will arrive in Spokane at 1 o'clock this afternoon.

Weather conditions in Montana, it is announced, have moderated, and the main line of the Great Northern has been opened for service for the first time since Sunday.

None of the passengers suffered injury from the cold, railroad officials say.

Conditions Improving.

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 14.—Transcontinental trains, stalled in the Sierra Nevada mountains by the storms of the last few days have been released, according to officials of the Trans-continental lines, and will reach San Francisco late to-day or to-morrow. Eastbound trains are leaving San Francisco on schedule.

Storm conditions in the mountains have improved, the railroad officials report, and it is believed the trains can now be run without interruption. The track, banked with snow and blocked by the collapse of snow sheds, has been cleared, it is said.

Two eastbound on the Southern Pacific stalled west of Truckee, Cal., and one train on the Western Pacific, stalled near Oroville, will be able to continue eastward to-day, it is reported.

NAME NEW WATER COMMITTEE SOON

Generally Believed That Mayor Morley Will Take Action Shortly

Now that the Sooke by-law has passed by such a large majority, thus committing the city to the project of bringing water from Sooke lake, it is anticipated that one of the first acts of Mayor Morley, after the newly elected city council has got down to business, will be the introduction of a proposal for the formation of a permanent water committee.

This committee will be somewhat along the lines of the water board suggested by W. E. Oliver, the unsuccessful candidate for the mayoralty, but it will be different. This much was made clear during the recent speech by the mayor at Victoria West. On that occasion he said that he favored a water board but not on the plan of Mr. Oliver. A committee named by the council would better suit the needs of the situation

It is believed that the mayor intends that John Meston, who has always been a staunch advocate of the Sooke scheme, shall be one of the committee, as at the meeting following the declaration of the result of the poll on Thursday night his worship, in alluding to Mr. Meston, expressed the hope that a way would shortly be found whereby the city would yet secure his services.

ONTARIO BUDGET WILL SHOW SURPLUS

Loan of $15,000,000 Will Be Asked for Porcupine Branch of Temiskaming Railway

(Special to the Times.)

Toronto, Jan. 14.—Despite the heavy expenditures by the province on the parliament buildings, Osgoode hall, the hydro-electric system and the Temiskaming & Northern Ontario railway, Hon. A. J. Mathewson, the provincial treasurer, will be able to show a balance when he makes his budget speech in the approaching session of the legislature. The government will ask for a loan of $1,500,000 for the Porcupine branch of the Temiskaming railway and an application will also probably be made for a power transmission line from St. Thomas to Windsor. Next year the municipalities will begin to make their payment for the hydro-electric line.

TO LICENSE BARBERS.

(Special to the Times.)

Toronto, Jan. 14.—A draft bill will be submitted to the Ontario legislature this session providing for the registration and licensing of barbers and for the appointment of a provincial board which would examine applicants and test their knowledge of their trade, and their knowledge of skin diseases. The move for regulation comes from the barbers themselves.