NY LAW SUITS AGAINST ISLANDER

TTLE LAW FIRM ALREADY RETAINED

her Details of the Wreck Brought By the Tug Pilot—Finding of Bodies at Juneau.

ny of the American passengers who ve from the wreck of the steamer der have taken the initiative to- s recovering damages for loss of nd property in the sinking of the To quote the Seattle Times of erday:

udge C. C. Austin and F. M. Jeffery y associated in the law at 313-314 eer building, have in hand nearly score of the Islander cases against Canadian Pacific Navigation Com- , which are to be instituted for dam- for loss of life, loss of property and y to health. The matter is being into shape for proper presentation he United States court which is pre- ed to have jurisdiction. Cases only hose citizens or natives of the United es are taken.

esterday Mrs. Edward Mills, of fornia, whose husband was lost in wreck together with all their hard- ed wealth, several thousand dollars ch was in Canadian currency, ap- d to the company here for transpor- on to her home. She had been taken and at Juneau by the Elks, the kus- l being a member, and proffers of all essary aid offered her. The company t at that place, however, assumed the company would see her to her e and proffered transportation. How- , when she arrived here and presented herself yesterday the agents present- a release paper for her to sign, in ch she would relinquish any and all ms for damages before giving her a et south. She consulted Messrs. stin & Jeffery, who advised rejection, this was done. Judge Austin then anced the money necessary for the racted, almost heart-broken passen to continue on her way. The firm affidavits of fully a score of the sengers touching the wreck, condition officers at the time of wreck, life pre- vers, etc.

Judge Austin and Mr. Jeffery have y within the past few days formed copartnership, and these cases will be first prominent legal work the new m will take up. Judge Austin is so ll known in nos to need special men- n. Mr. Jeffery came here from Crip- Creek, Col., where he was engaged practice largely in mining, which is chief subject of legal process in that ction. He was once mayor of Cripple eek."

Referring to the last moments aboard e Islander, the Daily Alaska Dis- tch says: "Capt. Foote was next seen ing to the bride after the crash, from ere he visited the engine room to as- rtain the damage done, and on return- g to the bridge said to Pilot LeBlanc, ou are excited; I will take charge of e ship.' At this time Mate Neurotsos as between decks loading the lifeboats, d when all had cleared, Capt. Foote sisted Deck Hand Foster to put two omen overboard, and with the mate, ief engineer, steward and other pass- gers secured the last life-raft and put overboard, remarking that it was time leave the ship, as the boilers would on explode. Returning to the bridge stayed with the ship until she started own, when he jumped from the bridge to the water, and made the lifeboat, hich contained 22 passengers. M. C. reene, of Tacoma, a passenger, says: Capt. Foote gained the life-raft and ung on; after a time he climbed on top f it, and said: "When the boats come, ou boys go in: I will be the last." Capt. oote was shaking with the cold, and I tarted to clap my hands to keep up cir- ulation, which excited the captain, and e objected; I could see his face, and was getting delirious from the effects f exhaustion. He then began to talk nd sing, and acted in a demented way. After a spell of calmness, he let go the aft, saying "Good-bye," and was soon ost to sight. I am confident that he lost is mind from exposure, and of the 22 n the raft, only seven reached shore; many of the others were delirious."

After mentioning the finding of the ody found by an Indian and identified s that of William J. Bracelen, of Hum- oldt, Neb., the Dispatch says: "Another mystery came up yesterday and the body f Jerry, on which the 50 ounces of gold ust was found, is believed to be that f Fred Rekate. The Skagway agent id not sell any ticket under the name f Jerry, and the purser is positive that here were none aboard without Skag- way tickets, and on this body was found n Eagle City clearance paper under ame of August 5th, for 50 ounces of ust, made out to Jerry. Fred Rekate is a Dawson butcher, and both Agent Dunn nd Mr. McKay, who looked at the ody, felt sure that it was Rekate, but were not positive. The mouth had a ore wad of gum in it when recovered. Rekate had 600 ounces of dust when e went aboard the Islander and also a log.

"One of the heroes of the wreck was First Officer Neurotsos, who was saved. It is known that he saved Mrs. McLaughlin and child and Mrs. Walker, and that he pleaded hard to secure a boat for the women. He threw the McLaughlin baby into one of the boats after it had left the ship."

On her last down trip Capt. McCoskerie, the officers, crew and passengers of the Princess Louise took up a collection for the benefit of the widows and children who are left husbandless and fatherless by the wreck of the steamer Islander. Dr. Ardagh and his wife, of the mission at Metlakahtla, came down and it was due to their efforts and those of the master of the Louise that the subscription was taken up. The sum collected totalled up handsomely, amounting to $102. It will shortly be turned over to the beneficiaries.

J. H. Gillespie, son of the manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, who has been associated with the management of the Western Cattle Company's ranch in Lillooet, is visiting his home in the city.

W.C.T.U. MEMBERS GIVEN RECEPTION

VISITING DELEGATES WARMLY RECEIVED

Yesterday Afternoon's Session—Reports of Corresponding Secretary Received and Address By the President.

Yesterday afternoon the delegates to the annual convention of the W. C. T. U. met for the second time, there being present in all about 59 delegates, among whom were the following: President, Mrs. Gordon Grant corresponding secretary, Mrs. M. A. Cunningham; recording secretary, Mrs. C. Spofford, and treasurer, Mrs. M. J. Brown; superintendents, Mrs. J. L. McNaughton, Mrs. J. C. Henderson, Mrs. D. Spencer, Miss Perrin, Mrs. L. Gould, Miss N. Ostrom, Miss S. E. Morden and Mrs. Ellis Keenleyside.

Delegates.

Victoria Central—Mrs. A. B. Fleming, Mrs. Tite, Mrs. S. O. Sherwood, Mrs. Luney, Mrs. Wood, Mrs. R. Chapman, Mrs. Dean, Mrs. D. P. Pickard, Mrs. Durham and Mrs. L. Goodacre.

Victoria (Willard Union)—Mrs. F. Adams, Mrs. W. Holt and Mrs. J. H. Yoes.

New Westminster—Mrs. Wm. Cunningham, Mrs. C. G. Major, Mrs. W. A. Gilley and Mrs. D. Whiteside.

Vancouver—Mrs. M. J. Brown, Mrs. — Cushman, Mrs. Ellis Keenleyside Mrs. — Irvine, Mrs. F. F. Watson, Mrs. Dafoe, Miss N. Ostrom and Miss S. E. Morden.

Ladner—Mrs. Margaret Stainton and Mrs. E. Hutcheson.

Chilliwack—Mrs. J. K. Macken, Mrs. C. L. Street and Mrs. J. C. Henderson.

Nanaimo—Mrs. R. Newton Powell, Mrs. E. Nicholas and Mrs. C. E. Cooper.

After the usual devotional exercises the proceedings opened with the reading of the minutes. The corresponding secretary then reported, in part, as follows:

Corresponding Secretary's Report.

It seems meet that the first Provincial W. C. T. U. convention of the new century should gather in Victoria, where it was organized eighteen years ago by the sainted Frances Willard. It was one of the regrets of her later years that she was born so early in the nineteenth century, because she saw such grand possibilities to be achieved by the Christian workers of the twentieth century, which she longed to share. She has been gathered home, but, as yet, our lives are spared and we are permitted to labor on a few more days or years for the cause she loved so dearly. Oh, how precious seem the opportunities still within our grasp and how eagerly we desire to see the realization of our long cherished hopes in the prohibition of the liquor traffic.

In many respects the past year has not been one of startling progress among our local unions. The general tone of the reports sent in is somewhat discouraging. Some unions have not reported, doubtless owing to the absence from home of their officers. No new unions have been organized, though a few earnest Christian women in Trail were so enthused by the temperance meetings held there by the Evangelists Smith and Miller, that they wrote to me for directions re organizing a W. C. T. U. I sent them a long letter and all necessary helps, but have heard nothing further. The temperance evangelists visited all the local unions in our province under the auspices of our provincial union. I sent out a circular letter to each union, introducing the lecturer and giving his terms, which could not have been easier, viz.: entertainment and patronage. Whatever they visited they fearlessly spoke for prohibition. In very many places they met a warm welcome and were highly appreciated. It is to be regretted that our president found it impossible to visit the up country unions as she anticipated doing last fall. These unions are new and isolated, and very much need the encouragement which only a provincial officer can give them.

Victoria Central Union.—Reports 80 active members. They meet each Thursday afternoon at the Provincial W. C. T. U. Refuge Home. They sent $20 to provincial treasury as dues, and $1.25 for world's missionary work. Eight new members were secured during the year. They lost four members by death. Thirty-three members' names are on the municipal voters' list. The population of the city is given at 25,000; temperance instruction is given in the public and Sunday schools; the triple pledge is circulated among the S. S. officers, teachers and scholars, temperance literature is distributed and the hospitals and jail visited. The Provincial Refuge Home, located in Victoria, is supervised by a committee of local W. C. T. U. workers.

Victoria Williard Union.—Reports 14 active and one honorary member. They meet the third Tuesday of each month in private homes. They sent $3.50 to provincial treasury for affiliated dues. Total money raised $714.05. Received four new members during the year. Lost one member by removal; pledges secured 10. This union, though small in numbers, has been doing a grand work in their mission hall, which is supported by contributions and subscriptions. On New Year's day they held a reception in the hall, and each one present was provided with a comfort bag containing a marked New Testament in one of the pockets.

Vancouver Union—Reports 60 active and 10 honorary members. Also a Band of Hope. Temperance is also taught in the public schools. A large quantity of literature, 7,658 pages, besides Testaments, is distributed and jail and hospital work faithfully attended to. Thirty subscriptions were obtained for the Woman's Journal and two other papers were subscribed for and sent to the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. of the city.

Total receipts for the year $19045; sent to provincial treasurer affiliated dues, $15; world's missionary fund, $2.50; Provincial Refuge Home, Victoria, $20; other expenditure, $132.60; balance, $19.35. New members received, 36; lost by death, 1.

New Westminster Union.—Reports 45 active members, two new members received. Affiliation dues, $11.25. For world's missionary work, collected on Dominion Memorial Day, $4; for Labrador hospital, $2.05; total money raised during the year, $36.84. One member was lost by death, Mrs. Keith, but we are assured by her consistent Christian life that she is translated to a better home. At Christmas a treat was provided for the prisoners and greatly appreciated. On January 23rd a special prayer meeting was held on behalf of World's W. C. T. U.

Richmond Union.—Reports 10 active and one honorary member. They meet once a month in private houses. Total receipts for the year $10.50. Sent to provincial treasurer for affiliated dues, $2.50; for world's missionary work, $2; new members received during year, five.

Ladner Union.—Reports 10 active and six honorary members. They meet the first Tuesday of each month in the Methodist church. They have received two new members during the year. They suffered the loss of one member by death, Mrs. Sarah Benson, their first president, and a very earnest worker was suddenly called home. Another member, their recording secretary, removed to Washington State. Total money raised, $25.10; sent to provincial treasurer affiliated dues, $2; world's missionary work, $2.

Nanaimo Union.—Reports 16 active members and one honorary. They meet first and third Tuesday of each month in the I. O. G. T. hall. They have a Loyal Legion with a membership of 60; average attendance 40. Temperance is taught in the Sunday schools, but not in the public schools. About 10,000 pages of temperance literature has been distributed. The jail is regularly visited and services held; the hospital also is visited. Four new members have been received during the year. Members on municipal voters' list 5. Total receipts of union for year $56.90; affiliated dues to provincial treasurer, $4; world's missionary work, $10.

Chilliwack Union.—Reports 22 active members and eight honorary members. Has received two new members during year. They meet every first and third Friday. They get and appreciate the printed programmes. Population of the town about 1,000. Total money raised, $73.05; sent to provincial treasurer affiliation dues, $5.50; for world's missionary work, $3, and for Provincial Refuge Home, $10. Subscribers to Woman's Journal, 15; members on voters' list, 10. The Y. W. C. T. Union has disbanded and are joining the W. C. T. U., and will all work together as one family.

Comox Union.—Reports six active and one honorary member. Sent to provincial treasurer for affiliated dues, $1.25.

Vernon Union.—Reports 14 active members; affiliated dues, $4. They meet on the last Thursday of each month at the homes of the members. Temperance is taught in both public and Sunday schools.

Rossland Union.—Reports 20 active and four honorary members. A number of members have left the city and three have been removed by death, viz.: Mrs. Hungerford, Mrs. Sharp and Mrs. Corran. Total receipts of the union, $60.12; affiliated dues, $5; subscribers to Woman's Journal eight. This union has done grand work during the year.

Agassiz Union.—Reports six active and four honorary members. New members received during the year nine; lost by death one; by removal five; members on voters' list seven; Woman's Journal subscription two, but only one received; affiliated dues sent to provincial treasurer $1.25. A box of clothing was collected and sent to the Indians of Bella Coola for mission and hospital, and the freight paid on it by the union members. Total money raised, $4.50.

Sloean City Union.—Reports 10 active and 12 honorary members; affiliated dues to provincial treasurer, $2.50; total money raised, $44.70; members lost by removal, five active and five honorary; printed programmes received, five, and found useful; four copies of Woman's Journal subscribed for. A L. T. Legion was kept working part of the year. A reading room was opened for the winter months which was successful and much appreciated by the public at a cost of $157.15.

Greenwood Union.—Reports 11 active and six honorary members; new members received during year, four; members on voters' list, two. Regular meeting night first and third Tuesdays of each month in the Methodist church. Temperance literature is distributed and flowers are taken to the hospital. Total money raised during year, $85.00; sent to provincial treasurer for affiliation dues, $2.75; subscriptions to reading-room, $370.45.

Kaslo Union.—Reports 12 active members. They lost by removal during the year six members. Total receipts of union, $27.20; sent to provincial treasurer for affiliation dues, $3. They have some members' names on voters' list, but cannot give number. They applied to municipal council for a curfew bell by-law, but nothing was done. Mrs. Thompson feels the need of having a rescue home in the interior for fallen women, as she finds it so difficult to get the ones she rescues down to our provincial home, Victoria.

Grand Forks Union.—Sends no report this year, and I fear it has become quite discouraged, but Mrs. (Rev.) J. P. Betts, of the New Westminster Union, has gone to reside there, and it is to be hoped she may be able to put fresh courage in them before very long.

Last year we could claim 427 active and 128 honorary members. This year we have only 338 active and 59 honorary members reported. Seventy-six new members have been secured; 19 members have been lost by removal and eight by death; 78 members are reported to have become qualified municipal voters in our province.

For the comfort of all our members who, during the past year have been passing through trial and sorrow of heart, I will quote a text found in the 13th chap. of Zechariah and the last verse: "And I will bring the third part through the fire and will try them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried. They shall call upon my name, and I will hear them; I will say, it is My people and they shall say the Lord is my God."

The president, Mrs. Gordon Grant, read the following address:

President's Address.

Beloved Workers:—As we gather in this our eighteenth annual convention, coming as we have done from all parts of our province, I have asked myself the question more than once: Why are we gathering here? Is it because we are temperance women? Because you are working for the prohibition of the liquor traffic? Because we are opposed to the influences that are hurting our individual homes? Because we are seeking redress of wrongs done us and are anxious to have unjust laws amended? My heart tells me that it is for a broader, nobler, grander reason than any one of these that we have met to-day. It is because our hearts are burdened with the cares, the temptations, the sorrows of humanity and we want to help others to bear their burdens, to protect them from the temptations of their environments, to comfort them in their sorrows and to bring happiness and peace to their lives. It is because we believe in "a common brotherhood," because the message, "Bear ye one another's burdens" has been burned into our hearts. We have awakened to the fact that the world is throbbing with aching hearts, longing for love, sympathy, appreciation and help. And so you have come to this convention of Christian women from every branch of God's church, hailing from the different regiments of this one grand white ribbon army, bringing with you reports of your successes, your failures, your needs, your plans for future work, so that by consultation and interchange of thought we may devise the most helpful methods of carrying on the work and of making the world a better place to live in. It is a most encouraging fact that the little leaven is leavening the whole lump, while the world is moving with such marvellous rapidity it is growing better all the time. Compare the condition of life to-day with that of even seventy-five years ago, before Queen Victoria came to the throne, drunkenness and vice were in partnership in the houses of the rich and poor, of high and low, when immorality stalked defiantly in public and private. But to-day drunkenness and vice are causing agitation, discussion and legislation, and as a result the church has taken her stand when she says, "The liquor traffic can never be legalized without sin." The state has taken her stand when she says, "The children shall be taught the effect of alcohol and narcotics upon the human system," and as a result 16,000,000 children are being thus warned of the evil effects of alcohol. Society has taken her stand when she substitutes the afternoon tea for the glass of wine and the after-dinner coffee for the glass of intoxicating liquor. The employer is using his influence when he says in his great manufactories, "I will not employ anyone who drinks." The railway magnate is helping on this work when he says "Only teetotalers are employed on this road." The insurance companies are assisting when they say "I will insure the teetotaler at less cost than the drinker, because the risk is not as great." The philanthropist is adding his influence and help when he builds orphanages for the children, homes for the fallen, inebriate hospitals for the drunkard, reading rooms for the public, cheap dining halls and soup-kitchens for the poor, and the Christian societies with which our land is honeycombed who are laboring for the amelioration of mankind are all working toward the one great end—the hastening of the coming of the Kingdom when all its attendant evils shall be slain. We, as individuals, are helping in this work. No effort we have made has been without its influence, but not until we have done our share for the elevating of humanity, for the uprooting of evil, for the purifying of the world will our individual responsibility cease. God is rallying His forces to-day as never before for this conflict. Our opportunities for usefulness are greater than they have ever been. Woman is a recognized factor in the uplifting forces of to-day as she never was in the past, and her energy, love and influence must be equal to her opportunities. Some one has said, when Shakespeare wanted a just judgment in an exceedingly critical case he placed Portia in the judge's chair. When God wanted to emancipate His people from the degrading thraldom of Philistia, He placed Deborah at the head of the army; when He wanted to rule in righteousness the greatest nation of ancient or modern days, He placed Queen Victoria on the throne; when He wanted to arouse the two greatest nations of the world in battle against the drink traffic He put Frances Willard on the platform at the head of the white ribbon host. These leaders have all passed away but the war against sin still is waging and each of us must do our part without flinching; we must be courageous and determined in our efforts, but we must not forget that the secret of our power is found in prayer. Prayer was the foundation of the first crusade, it has been our strength through these years that have followed and day by day, though separated by land and sea, we meet "around one common mercy seat," at the noon-tide hour. It is a most significant fact for God that within the last few years the Christian Endeavor Society, the Young Woman's Christian Associations, the mighty host of the Salvation Army, with other bodies, have agreed to join in this hour of consecration. May I again repeat those beautiful words of Tennyson:

More things are wrought by prayer
Than the world dreams of
For so the whole round earth is every way
Bound by gold chains about the feet of God.

Let us then look forward hopefully into the future as we plan our work for the coming year. To assure success our aims must be specific. The happiest thing in life is to do good according to a plan. Have you not noticed that when we fail and become disheartened it is too often because our work has been haphazard and hurried. If our work is not done by method our time and energy are both wasted. The world is full of good impulses, but they need harnessing. If we can by patient perseverance carry out plans upon which we may decide here, then the coming year will be crowned with success in our various departments. The special work to which I desire to call attention this year is that of the children. Not that I would underrate any of the other departments, but I would more particularly emphasize the several departments that educate the little ones. There are said to be in Canada 100,000 drunkards; every year nearly 5,000 of these die, and still the ranks are filled. By whom? do you ask. By the children of our homes. If you could listen, as I have done, to some of the tales of sorrow and sin from boys and men, some of whom have been reared in Christian homes, but who, chafing under the restraint or through misfortune, have faced the world and been carried away by the tide of pleasure and sin until they became the victim of slavish appetites, you would better understand how important is the education of the children. We have departments of Loyal Legions, of scientific temperance instruction, of savings banks, of narcotics, of Sunday school work, but how few of our unions are taking up this work. With the influence and temptations of the world which, like a network are thrown around our little ones, we need to reach out and counteract these forces. I know the work is a difficult one, but if you cannot take up every branch of it, perhaps you can take up some one branch and carry it out successfully. We have during this past year been studying the cigarette question, and we have been surprised some of us to find that its deadly influence weakening their brain power, blunting their moral sensibilities, poisoning their systems and soon some of us will weep over the wrecks of manhood that before a great while we will be compelled to lay away from our sight forever. Oh, mothers, can I speak too strongly against this vice? I wish that each union could make this a special department this year, and armed with a pledge against the use of the cigarette, visit the public schools in their locality, and with the co-operation of the teachers, secure the signature of every boy and, shall I say, girl, for regretful as I am to say it, they, too, are indulging in this. Perhaps some of you may feel it is impossible to successfully carry on the Loyal Legion in your locality, but you may be able to take up the Sunday school department, and in this way reach many of the children, or you may have influence with the school teachers and secure through them the teaching of temperance in the public schools. Consider well what you can best undertake, throw your whole energy into your work, and you will be surprised at the results. In our "Do everything" policy, with its 32 departments, some one ventured to remark that we were undertaking too much to do our work well. Thoughtfully and carefully I went over each department, weighing their importance and the possibilities of each, and I must confess I felt like the parents I have heard of who were very poor and could not do all for their children that they desired, and when some rich friend offered to adopt one of the number the parents together went from one child to the other after they were asleep, to select which one they would give away, but as they looked at them, thought of their love, their different characters, the influence of their future lives, they felt it was impossible to give one up without great loss, and so having pondered on the possibilities of each department, I feel we should not give one up without loss, even if we do not accomplish all we desire in each line of work.

Before closing I want to refer to that great seed thought which our now sainted leader suggested at one of her grand conventions. It is that a reconciliation week be appointed once a year during which each worker should be bound by the loving suggestion to seek out any and all other workers between whom and herself any differences have arisen and try to have the shadow which has fallen between them changed to sunbeams. Our measuring lines are different, our angles of vision divergent, our temperament so unlike that misunderstandings are easy, but if we take time to explain these differences to each other and try to see things from each other's standpoint, giving to each other credit for sincerity, we will reach a sense of unity that may be surprising to us. As Christians we must forgive as God forgives, who removes our transgressions from us as far as the east is from the west, and He remembers them against us no more for ever.

We have lost priceless jewels from our casket since we last met. Several of our local unions have been robbed by death's cold hand, but perhaps no union has suffered as the Victoria union. The flying angel entered so many homes, taking in some cases the husbands, in others the children or parents, but often our members, to a brighter, happier home on high. They are gone, and our hearts are sad, but the work which they so gladly did must be taken up. New workers are needed, or possibly some of our present workers need developing. To our local presidents may I recommend this thought of development as a most important one. You may find it easier to do the work yourself, but if you can develop others you are doing more for the cause. More workers are needed, 'tis true, but what we need most is love. No matter how near the water in the boiler comes to being steam, it will not move the engine until it is steam, and then its power, although invisible, is irresistible. No matter what our gifts, graces or talents may be, unless we are filled with a tender, sympathetic, out-reaching, disinterested love, our work is lifeless and useless, and we cannot touch the hearts of men and women, we cannot be equal to the tasks of life nor can we work out the reformations we are trying to accomplish. In this battle of life love is the key to the situation.

Let us walk softly, dear friends;
For strange paths lie before us all untrod;
The new year, spotless from the hand of God,
Is thine and mine, friends.

Let us walk lovingly, dear friends;
We cannot tell how long this life shall last,
How soon these precious days be overpast,
Oh then, let love walk with us, friends.

MARIA GRANT.

The reports of the superintendents of hospital and prison work, of health and heredity and literature then came before the meeting, and the remainder of the session was devoted to their consideration.

Evening Reception.

There was a large attendance at the reception to the visiting delegates held at the residence of Mrs. D. Spencer last evening. A large number of the members of the local W. C. T. U. attended to accord the delegates a hearty welcome. Several local clergymen were present, and an address of welcome was read by Miss Perrin, and responded to by Mrs. Brown, of Vancouver. The remainder of the evening was spent in a social manner, vocal solos being rendered by Mr. Clyde and Mrs. Stainland. Refreshments were dispensed, after which the entertainment broke up.

The convention met at 10 o'clock this morning.

This morning's session of the annual convention of the W. C. T. U. opened as usual with devotional exercises by Mrs. Chapman, after which the programme, as published yesterday, was carried out.

The reports of the progress of the different branches of the work of the W. C. T. U. were received and showed the different departments to be making very satisfactory progress. The report of the work done among railway employees was very interesting. The report on press work was also read and caused some considerable discussion among the delegates, the courtesy of the newspapers in inserting notices being acknowledged by all the unions with gratitude.

The report on legislation showed that the Children's Protection Act had been passed and Children's Aid Societies have been formed in Victoria and Vancouver. No further progress has been made towards securing woman's franchise.

Rev. J. G. Hastings, in a brief address, congratulated the union on the success of the work of the W. C. T. U. He then went on to give an address on the subject, "Let us not be weary in well doing." He urged the necessity of temperance work being done among the children at home and at school.

This afternoon the convention opened proceedings as usual at 2 o'clock with devotional exercises, after which the minutes of the previous meetings were read. The reports of the superintendents of flower mission, conference work, influential bodies, narcotics, and world's mission work occupied the attention of the delegates.

At 3 o'clock parliamentary drill was held and the reports on purity, refuge home, and city mission work were received, together with the reports on systematic giving, mothers' meetings, and of the committee on obituary. The proceedings closed with a memorial service.

This evening at 8 o'clock a temperance meeting will be held in the school room of the Metropolitan Methodist church. The meeting will be addressed by the Lord Bishop of Columbia. Mrs. C. E. Cooper and Mrs. Fisher, of Nanaimo, and Mrs. Spofford, of Victoria, will also give addresses.

Addresses at Reception.

Miss Perrin in her address of welcome, delivered at the reception to visiting delegates, last evening, stated that she thought that intemperance was not diminishing. "It may be," she said, "that the evil is more open and apparent nowadays. We live more before the public and home life is not as private as it used to be, but there is surely need of awakening in people's minds a keener sense of the disgrace and sin of drunkenness and of doing all in our power to stop the habit of secret drinking, which slowly and surely is dragging down so many men and women of our country to-day, and sapping the very roots of home life and happiness." And the remedy, she explains, is not in legislation or in agitation, but in the good work of individuals by educating the young people in our midst in the principles of temperance by our own example, by our influence in the circle immediately around and by constant prayer.

Replying to the address of welcome, Mrs. Brown, of Vancouver, said, after referring to the beautiful city where nature and art has done so much to interest and captivate the eye, that the marks of the iniquitous liquor traffic were seen, but that there was cause for encouragement from the fact that two provinces in the Dominion have secured prohibitory liquor laws, and that the highest authority in the land, the Privy Council, has declared the law workable.

FINAL PREPARATIONS MADE LAST EVENING

Meeting of the General Committee of the Labor Day Celebration—Route of Procession Decided Upon.

In the Pioneer hall last evening the general committee of the Labor Day celebration held a well attended meeting, at which the arrangements for Labor Day were finally completed.

The sports and parade committee first made their report, in which it was stated that the entries for floats and places in the parade were coming in rapidly, and everything pointed to a most successful showing. It is requested that all those who intend sending in applications for space in the parade should submit their request to C. W. Potts at Thomas Bros. and Grant, before Saturday. Those failing to do this will have to take their chances as to a place in the parade.

The course of the parade which was outlined in the Times the other evening was adopted after some discussion and a few alterations in the route had been made. The route as amended and adopted is as follows: Starting from city hall at 10 a.m., proceed along Douglas to Johnson, down Johnson to Wharf, along Wharf to Yates, up Yates to Government, along Government to Broughton, up Broughton to Douglas, along Douglas to Yates, up Yates, where a turn will be made and return down Yates to Douglas, along Douglas to Fort, down Fort to Broad, along Broad to Yates, down Yates to Government, along Government to Johnson, up Johnson to Broad, along Broad to Yates, up Yates to Douglas, along Douglas to place of starting.

The recommendation of the committee that the question of position of the different unions be decided according to the seniority by age was discussed, the meeting agreed with the committee and the recommendation was adopted. The marshal, however, has the power to place the unions and floats in the parade to the best advantage.

A sub-committee will appoint the judges on Saturday, the names of whom will not be known on Labor Day by any but the general secretary and president of the council. The judges for the union turnouts will be the presidents of the three trades councils—Nanaimo, Vancouver and Victoria.

A communication was received from the Intermediate Lacrosse Association asking permission to play a game on the Caledonian grounds on Labor Day from 12 to 1.20 p. m., the contesting teams to be the intermediate lacrosse club of Nanaimo and the intermediates of Victoria. The request was granted.

The mass meeting will be held in the A. O. U. W. hall, and in another part of the building, while the speeches are being delivered, dancing may be indulged in.

The question of the city council appearing in the parade as a body caused considerable discussion. Ultimately, however, a motion was passed, the members of the council only voting, to the effect that the city fathers participate in the parade. An invitation will also be extended the city police to take part in the parade as a body, while the mayor, with the consent of the fire wardens, has promised that the fire brigade will also take part.

It was decided that immediately after the parade the delegates from the different cities, the city council, representative labor men and members of parliament would be entertained at a luncheon, which will be provided at the Balmoral hotel. W. H. Collin, who is chairman of the reception committee, was chosen to preside at this function.

An effort is being made to bring down the bands from Nanaimo and Vancouver with the excursions from those places.

Unfortunately word has been received from His Worship the Mayor stating that he will be forced to be out of town on Labor Day, and therefore cannot take part in the celebration. This, combined with the fact that the president of the Nanaimo trades and labor council has signified his inability to given an address will reduce the number of speeches at the mass meeting to Rev. Elliott S. Rowe, Messrs. G. R. Maxwell, M. P., H. D. Helmcken, M. P. P., R. Smith, M. P., R. McPherson and President Chrow, of the Vancouver trades and labor council.

There are 28,894 juvenile societies in the British Isles, with a membership of 2,536,000.

London, Aug. 29.—The Bank of England rate of discount remains unchanged at 3 per cent.

GOOD MEDICINE FOR CHILDREN.

"Through the months of June and July our baby was teething and took a running off of the bowels and sickness of the stomach," says O. P. M. Holliday, of Deming, Ind. "His bowels would move from five to eight times a day. I had a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy in the house and gave him four drops in a teaspoonful of water and he got better at once." Sold by Henderson Bros., Wholesale Agents.

THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEET

ANOTHER DISCUSSION ABOUT BAR PRIVILEGE

Arrangements Were Advanced Several More Stages Toward Completion—Various Reports Submitted.

The board of management of the British Columbia Agricultural and Mineral Association held a meeting last evening, when a considerable quantity of business was transacted. H. D. Helmcken, vice-president of the association, presided, and there were present: W. H. Hayward, M. P. P.; W. Thompson, South Saanich; M. Baker, W. Clarke, J. Peirson, C. C. Revans, W. H. Price, W. Dalby, Dr. Lewis Hall, F. Norris, A. J. Morley, F. Sere, W. J. Pendray, Capt. Royds, N. Shakespeare, Dr. S. J. Tolmie and Beaumont Boggs, secretary.

Reports of the various sub-committees were dealt with first. The finance committee reported the estimated receipts and expenditures as follows:

Estimated Receipts.

Government grant	$ 4,000
City	3,500
Subscriptions	2,500
Members' tickets	500
Privileges	1,000
Grand stand	500
Gate receipts	5,000
Extra fees and floor space	250
	$17,250

Estimate of Expenditure.

Repairs to building	$ 2,500
Grand stand	1,200
Repairs to park	250
New buildings, etc. (yard)	1,750
Printing	750
Advertising	500
Bands	500
Attendants	750
Horse races and sports	2,000
Medals, etc.	350
Decrutions	50
Judges	100
Light and engine power	500
Prizes	7,000
Office expenses, sundries	500
Secretary's salary	300
	$19,030

An appropriation of $150 as salary for Assistant Secretary Healy was also included.

This report evoked considerable discussion, the chairman mentioning incidentally that the object in calling the meeting was principally for the purpose of discussing the important matter of finance.

The discrepancy between the two parts of the statement was a fruitful subject for discussion in which many expedients were proposed to obviate the deficit.

Dr. Lewis Hall felt that the appropriations for some of the departments should be curtailed. Others advised that systematic canvass be carried on.

This drew from the chairman of the West ward canvassing committee the verbal report that many people when approached requested them to call later. In fact there was a large proportion of his ward to be heard from. He anticipated no difficulty later on.

In this connection the secretary observed that he had received $25 from the Hudson's Bay Co., which was not included in the financial statement.

The feeling was also expressed that in consideration of the patronage they would receive many establishments were not contributing a commensurate amount to the funds. It was finally decided that a vigorous united effort should be made in this direction in order to place the finances on a satisfactory basis. The report was received and adopted.

The printing sub-committee reported the publishing of 1,000 posters at a cost of $21. The expense of their distribution was $50. Received and adopted.

The hall committee reported as follows:

To the Board of Management, Provincial Agricultural Exhibition, City Hall Committee:

Gentlemen:—We, your hall committee, beg to report as follows:

We have had great difficulty in allotting space owing to the number and extent of exhibits offered.

It has been decided to set apart the north wing on the first gallery for the Art Departments, and the south wing for the Women's exhibits.

There is no doubt that several new temporary structures will have to be erected for the accommodation of exhibits.

The Albion Iron Works Co., Ltd., have arranged for the erection of a building 60 feet by 30 feet, east of the present implement building for their own machinery.

We appointed Mr. Norris, Mr. Price and the secretary to arrange for the flags, and we would ask that the sum of $200 be set aside for the purchase of the same, and the decorations of the hall and entrance.

We have the honor to be yours, very truly,
W. H. PRICE,
Chairman of Hall Committee.

The report was taken up seriatim.

The reference to floor space in the report again precipitated a discussion touching the financial aspect. W. H. Hayward recommended seriously the advisability of increasing the charge for floor space, as one way of filling in the financial uncertainty. The question must be faced at once, and it meant either an increase in the charge, or cutting down the appropriations.

The committee having this matter in charge will take the suggestion into consideration.

The item in the report referring to flags was referred to the finance committee. The report as a whole was adopted.

The sports committee reported as follows:

To the Board of Management, Provincial Exhibition, City:

Racing and Sports Committee.

Gentlemen:—Your committee on racing and sports recommend that a challenge cup be offered for a baseball match, and that it be left in the hands of the chairman and secretary to arrange.

Also that a lacrosse match be arranged for, and that a silver challenge cup be offered, and that a further sum of $100 be set aside for the expenses thereof.

The following is an estimate of the expenditure:

Horse races	$1,100
Lumbermen's contest	150
Miners' contest	100
Baseball	75
Lacrosse	150
Attractions	250
Sundries	175
	$2,000

We have added to our number Mr. L. Tait, head master of the Victoria West school.

We have instructed the secretary to call for tenders for bar and other privileges.

Yours very truly,
WM. DALBY,
Chairman.

In this connection the secretary observed that from what a prominent baseball official had told him, there would be necessity for a challenge cup for the baseball match.

Mr. Hayward could not refrain from again drawing attention to the question of finance. He disapproved entering into contracts until the money was on hand. The expenditure should be kept within the estimates, and he advised that a conference be held between the finance committee, the mayor and the chairman of the canvassing committee.

Messrs. Shakespeare and Hall spoke along similar lines. Fred Norris wanted the appropriation for sports cut down to $1,700.

Mr. Dalby, on behalf of the sports committee, reminded the meeting that they had kept within the amount appropriated for them—$2,000. Ultimately, after a protracted discussion, it was decided to recommend that the committee cut down their estimate to $1,800.

The bar matter was another topic of prolific debate. Dr. Lewis Hall entered a vigorous protest and asked that the communications on the subject be read. He deemed it an insult to the royal visitors to have a bar on the grounds.

Mr. Shakespeare endorsed the previous speaker's remarks. He felt that the bar would be injurious to the show. Besides, even on other grounds, it would be unfair to the man who already sold liquor in the neighborhood. W. J. Pendray also deprecated the granting of a bar privilege.

On the other hand, Mr. Norris contended that the financial consideration made this necessary. Others expressed similar opinions. Finally a vote was taken on Dr. Hall's motion, and lost. The report was then adopted as amended.

The medal committee reported having ordered from Challoner & Mitchell one gold medal, six silver and two bronze medals. No diplomas had been ordered.

Mr. Shakespeare wanted to know why one firm was favored in this particular. Tenders should have been invited from the others.

The secretary explained that the die was the property of Challoner & Mitchell, and no other firm could strike a medal from it until the association purchased it. Mr. Norris also pointed out that this firm was the only one which could quote a price at once.

The poultry committee recommended that 300 coops be purchased, and that more light be furnished the poultry house. Adopted.

The secretary announced that the band committee had entered into an arrangement with the Fifth Regiment band for music during the exhibition, the stipulation being $450. Adopted.

The secretary also reported that the lowest tender for the grand stand was $1,249.50. This matter was left in the hands of the committee to ascertain if the work could not be done by day under the superintendence of Building Inspector Northcott.

R. A. Hardie wrote for the exclusive right to exhibit moving pictures in the grounds. Referred to secretary, with power to act.

A. J. Dallain, the former secretary, requested the payment of the balance of salary due him since last exhibition. Referred to special committee consisting of Messrs. Norris, Clark and Baker.

Protests against the sale of liquor on the grounds were read from the following: B. P. U. of Calvary Baptist church, E. L. of the Metropolitan Methodist church, I. O. G. T., R. T. of T., the Ministerial Association, Financial District of the Methodist church of Nanaimo, and the Victoria W. C. T. U. Received and filed.

After the disposal of some minor matters the meeting adjourned.

PARK NOTES.

Addition to the Aviary—Chinese Lanterns Carried Away—Labor Day Preparations.

The park committee beg to thank Mrs. Healey for the present of a hen pheasant, which has been added to the zoo.

The last of the Friday night series of band concerts takes place to-morrow night at 8 o'clock; the Saturday afternoon concert left will be changed to Friday night, as the evening ones