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for a special timber license over  
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encing at a post planted about  
west of the northwest corner of  
License 16,135, on or about the  
st corner of Section No. 23, Town-  
thence south 80 chains, thence  
chains, thence north 80 chains,  
east 80 chains to the point of  
commencement, and containing 60 acres  
or less.

December 21st, 1907.  
IKE M. FOSTER,  
BYRON WELLS, Agent.

DISTRICT OF Rupert,  
notice that Arthur E. Peat, of  
Montana, merchant, intends to  
for a special timber license over  
wing described lands  
encing at a post planted about  
west and one mile north of  
License No. 16,136, on or about  
theast corner of Section No. 6,  
ip No. 33, thence east 80 chains,  
outh 80 chains, thence east 80  
thence north 80 chains to the  
point of commencement, and containing 60 acres  
or less.

December 20th, 1907.  
ARTHUR E. PEAT,  
BYRON WELLS, Agent.

DISTRICT OF Rupert,  
notice that Maurice N. Bedel, of  
Montana, merchant, intends to  
for a special timber license over  
wing described lands  
encing at a post planted about  
the northwest corner of  
License No. 16,138, on or about  
theast corner of Section 4, Town-  
ip No. 33, thence east 80 chains,  
thence east 80 chains, thence  
north 80 chains to the point of  
commencement, and containing 60 acres  
or less.

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MAURICE N. BEDEL,  
BYRON WELLS, Agent.

DISTRICT OF Rupert,  
notice that Cuthbert Peat, of  
Montana, merchant, intends to  
for a special timber license over  
wing described lands  
encing at a post planted about  
the northwest corner of  
License No. 16,139, on or about  
theast corner of Section No. 5, Town-  
ip No. 33, thence east 80 chains,  
thence east 80 chains, thence  
north 80 chains to the point of  
commencement, and containing 60 acres  
or less.

December 20th, 1907.  
CUTHBERT PEAT,  
BYRON WELLS, Agent.

DISTRICT OF Rupert,  
notice that John Wourms, of  
Washington, attorney, intends to  
for a special timber license over  
wing described lands  
encing at a post planted about  
the north of the northwest corner  
License No. 16,140, on or about  
theast corner of Section No. 2,  
ip No. 33, thence east 80 chains,  
thence north 80 chains to the point  
of commencement, and containing 60 acres  
or less.

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JOHN WOURMS,  
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INION HOTEL, Victoria, B. C.  
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NOTICE  
is hereby given that, 30 days  
date, I intend to apply to the Hon-  
ble Commissioner of Lands and  
for a license in prospect for coal  
on following described lands, situated  
in the division of Yale District: Com-  
encing at a post planted alongside  
the northeast corner of Lot 27, and  
of Mr. W. Boothroy, thence north 80  
thence west 80 chains, south 80  
thence north 80 chains to the point  
of commencement.

M. W. FITZGERALD,  
BARCLAY BONTHRONE, Agent.

COAST LAND DISTRICT.  
I hereby notice that A. Hammer, of Bella  
Island, intends to apply for per-  
mission to purchase the following de-  
scribed lands: Commencing at a post  
planted 20 chains south of the north-  
west corner of Lot 24, Range 5, Coast District,  
thence west 20 chains to shore of Abundant  
Lake, thence in a southeasterly direc-  
tion along shore line to the west bound-  
ary of Lot 24, thence north five chains,  
east or less, to point of commencement,  
containing 24 acres, more or less.

November 28th, 1907.  
ALBERT HAMMER,

### RESPONSIBILITY FOR JAP INFLUX

#### COMMISSIONER KING MADE HIS REPORT

#### Told of C. P. R. Contract With Nippon Supply Co.—Hawaiian Horde.

(From Monday's Daily.)  
On Tuesday of last week the report of W. Mackenzie King, C. M. G., the commissioner appointed to inquire into the methods by which Oriental laborers have been induced to come to Canada, was laid upon the table of the House of Commons. It is an exceedingly luminous document, and is of particular interest to the people of British Columbia, because the questions at issue affect this province more vitally than any of the other units in the Canadian confederation. While discovering many facts and conditions not known before the inquiry, it also explains some theories hitherto entertained. Mr. King's conclusions will first be given in full and followed by a synopsis of other portions of his report. These conclusions are as follows:  
"If the narrative of the inquiry, in so far as it relates to the immigration of Japanese into the province of British Columbia has helped to reveal anything of the true inner workings of the situation, it must be apparent that through the absence of statistical data, the public has lacked an amount of information a knowledge of which might have materially assisted in removing erroneous impressions as to numbers, an all-important factor in discussions on a question of this kind. How many of the Japanese who have come to Canada during the past year were former residents of this country can only be approximately estimated by a process of deduction; no inquiries of immigrants on the score have been made, and no records kept. How many have held passports for Canada, how many for the United States and how many for Hawaii, could not have been told without some such inquiry as the present. It is only within the last few months that a record of this kind has been commenced at one of the ports, and none was being kept at the other. In drawing attention to these facts there is no reflection upon the immigration officers at Victoria and Vancouver. They appear to have performed their duties faithfully and well, and are to be commended in addition to those with which they are already charged, who have made their task impossible of performance. I would respectfully submit attention to the advisability of giving up the work of the immigration officers on the Pacific if the significance that his hitherto been accorded or possibly been necessary, and would suggest that a staff adequate to all the duties should be maintained.  
"The practice of treating diseased immigrants might, it would seem, be discontinued on a large scale, as the furtherance of friendly relations between this country and Japan demands that there should be an effective restriction of the number of Japanese who shall be admitted to Canada each year. It is not fitting, however, that in providing for this restriction, account should be taken of the methods by which the immigration of the past year has been induced and that the responsibility for the large influx that has taken place should be placed where it properly belongs.  
"If the present inquiry has revealed anything, it is that the Japanese government has permitted to come to Canada during the past year, only the following classes:  
"1. Japanese officers, students and travelers to the number of about 100 as described.  
"2. Japanese formerly resident in Canada, and who have returned to their homes in Japan, and who are permitted to come to Canada upon their arrival they would be subject to immediate employment or a home. This number has been approximately 100.  
"3. Contract laborers for work under a bona fide contract with a Canadian company or corporation, the bona fides of which contract has been certified to by the resident consul, and a duplicate of which has been produced at and approved by the foreign office of Japan—a class of immigration which has

been allowed only since April of the present year.  
"With the immigration from Hawaii the Japanese government has had nothing to do.  
"Were the immigration of Japanese from Hawaii and all other points beyond the jurisdiction of Japan absolutely prohibited, and a stop put to the immigration of contract labor, at the instance of individuals and companies in this country and immigration companies in Japan, and a like reserve passport to all other classes of persons as appears to have been practised in respect to these classes during the past year, the Japanese immigration to this country would not be such as, having regard for numbers, would be likely to cause any serious embarrassment to this country or as to which exception could reasonably be taken. On the other hand, unless methods are adopted sufficiently effective to prohibit absolutely all immigration from Hawaii and the importation of contract labor from Japan, there are strong grounds for believing that the numbers of Japanese likely to enter Canada from the former islands will greatly exceed, within a few months, the numbers of the past year, and that the Canadian Nippon Supply Company and other like concerns will carry on a traffic in Japanese labor, the like of which has not been equalled in the importation of this class of coolie labor that has ever been brought to our shores."  
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### FIREMEN INJURED IN CHICAGO BLAZE

#### Seven Story Building Destroyed With Loss of Half Million.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 27.—More than a score of firemen were injured and as many more escaped injuries or death and one is missing, after their experiences in a fire which destroyed the Mayer building, a seven story brick building, and the hotel Florence, 163 Adams street, early to-day.  
The loss, it is believed will amount to half a million dollars.

### DECLARE FOR OPEN SHOP AT GOLDFIELD

#### Mine Operators Will Employ Men Regardless of Union Membership.

Goldfield, Nev., Jan. 27.—The Goldfield Mine Operators' Association met last night and the card system which required all employees to sign an agreement renouncing the Western Federation of Miners and declared an open shop policy.  
The resolution adopted stated that hereafter applicants for employment "shall only be required to satisfy the secretary of the association and the employer of their competency and reliability." This action was determined upon, it is said, because the agreement which the men were required to sign was in conflict with the statutes of Nevada.  
"We shall operate on the open plan," said Secretary Erb, of the Mine Owners' Association, "and employ men regardless of their membership in any union." It is believed that there are fully 1,000 Federation men in the camp who will return to work under the new ruling.

### ROYAL TOURISTS

King Edward to Cruise in Mediterranean in the Spring.

### POLICEMAN KILLED MAN IN STRUGGLE

#### Pistol Duel, and Desperate Hand to Hand Fight in Seattle.

Seattle, Jan. 27.—In a duel with pistols and a desperate hand-to-hand struggle, Chas. Negabon was shot and killed at an early hour this morning by Policeman William Donbon.  
Negabon was caught in the act of entering a store in a suburb. He immediately drew out a pistol and began pulling the trigger but the cartridges failed to explode. Policeman Donbon emptied his revolver at the robber, two bullets taking effect, one in the abdomen and the other in the leg. Negabon fought like a demon after he had been shot in the stomach and the policeman had to beat him over the head with a revolver several times before he would subdue him.

### SUMMONED AID FROM TEN CITIES

#### ANOTHER GREAT BLAZE IN PORTLAND, ME.

#### Threatened Entire Business District—Damage Is \$900,000.

Portland, Me., Jan. 27.—A fire which several times threatened to wipe out the business district of this city, and which caused a damage estimated at over \$900,000, before it was finally controlled, was kept confined to the block in which it started this morning, after almost ten hours' fighting by Portland's almost exhausted firemen, assisted by men and apparatus from several outside cities.  
The fire started from an unknown cause in the wholesale dry goods house of Milliken, Cousins & Co., which is a branch of the large New York wholesale house of Deering, Milliken & Co., and it was in their half of the building that the greater part of the loss was sustained. Later when the fire was thought to be under control, the other half of the building occupied by A. F. Cox & Sons, was invaded by the flames which had made their way through the roof and a wall simultaneously, and a \$250,000 stock of boots and shoes was ruined.  
The fire burned within a block of the scene of Friday's great conflagration, when the city hall and police buildings were destroyed. The remarkable feature of the fire was the entire absence of casualties. It assumed a serious character after it broke away and caught on to the opposite side of the block in which it started, that Mayor Leighton called for help from ten cities in Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Maine. The fire's origin has not been discovered, and as there is no known cause it is regarded as suspicious. The building in which it started, that of Milliken, Cousins & Co., is heated by steam from an outside plant and the power is turned off each night.

### HOMESTEADER'S SUICIDE

#### Norwegian Hanged Himself in Stable in Saskatchewan.

Lanigan, Sask., Jan. 27.—M. Braderen, a Norwegian homesteader, living about three miles south of Viscount, hanged himself in his stable sometime during last night. His wife, Mrs. M. Braderen, was sitting up late last night and not seeing him this morning, went in search and found him dead. Deceased leaves a wife and large family.

### INCENDIARY AT WORK

Boisevan, Man., Jan. 27.—Three attempts have been made to burn the stable of Edith Neeson. The last was successful. Two horses and a quantity of poultry were burned. The loss is \$1,000.

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Lord Strathcona qualifies his intention with the terms "health and other considerations permitting," but from other paragraphs in his letter it is evident that his mind is fully made up to make the trip to the Pacific Coast.  
A suggestion has been thrown out that the Simon Fraser centennial be held in this city at the same time as the provincial exhibition.

### 10,000 FIRE

General Store in Arden, Man., Was Guttered.

Arden, Man., Jan. 27.—Early yesterday morning fire broke out and destroyed the general store of McCann and Boughton.  
The loss is \$10,000 and the insurance \$6,000.

### KILLED BECAUSE HE CHIKED

Gadalajara, Mex., Jan. 27.—Because his baby brother, 10 months old, perished in trying to catch a 10 year old mouse, set fire to the bed on which the toy was lying. The baby was incinerated.

### AUSTRALIA MAY GIVE PREFERENCE

#### Will Consider Canada's Proposition for Reciprocal Trade Arrangement.

Ottawa, Jan. 27.—Canada's trade commissioner at Australia, D. H. Ross, writing to the department here, says that as soon as the customs tariff passes the senate the proposition of Canada for a preferential trade arrangement will be considered by parliament.  
He adds that the indications are that a reciprocal arrangement will be reached at no distant day.

### TO OVERTHROW PORTUGUESE THRONE

#### Woman Arrested on Charge of Conspiracy—Probing Political Unrest.

Lisbon, Jan. 27.—The police arrested last night, on the charge of conspiracy, a woman friend of the merchant, Souza, who was imprisoned recently on account of the discovery of a stock of revolvers in his house.  
After being detained several hours in the palace, an examining magistrate and police officers departed to take up a rigid inquiry into existing political conditions and the scores of rumors concerning plots and conspiracy that are flying through the city.

### GRAIN GROWERS' CONVENTION

Delegates Will Gather at Saskatoon on February 12th and 13th.

Regina, Sask., Jan. 27.—The date of the Annual Grain Growers' Convention has been set. Saskatoon will be the place of meeting. The delegates meet there on February 12th and 13th.  
This is the seventh annual convention and the most important in view of the fact that the report of royal grain commission is to be considered. On the Saturday following February 15th, delegates of the Grain Growers' Association of Manitoba, Alberta and Saskatchewan meet at Saskatoon in a joint conference to discuss the matter of legislation which it is proposed to initiate for the furthering of the farming interests in the three provinces.

### HIGHWAYMEN LOOT U. S. MAIL WAGON

#### Outlaws Held Up Railway Clerk and Driver—Secured \$5,000.

New Orleans, Jan. 27.—A United States mail wagon loaded with incoming mail which had just arrived from Cincinnati and other northern points over the Queen and Crescent route, was robbed last night. The thieves are reported to have secured about \$5,000.

The wagon which was heavily screened and on which rode Barney Climmans, a railway mail clerk, and S. J. Smith, a negro driver, was attacked near some freight cars in the down-town section of the city. Simmons and Smith, who are held by the police, say that two men armed with revolvers stopped the horses and jumped into the wagon which they drove to a dark spot about a hundred yards from a postal station. There the robbers examined the wagon and after forcing the mail employees into a box car, returned to ride the mail.

### INTERMENT OF BOWSER ROORBACK

#### KING'S INVESTIGATION PROVES ITS FALSITY

#### Charge Groundless That G. T. R. Was Importing Japanese.

(From Monday's Daily.)  
One chapter of the report of Mr. King deals very fully with the investigation into the alleged connection of the G. T. P. with this Oriental influx—a charge which was employed to the limit by Mr. Bowser and his colleagues in the last provincial election. A searching examination in which Mr. King was assisted by Chas. Wilson, K. C., who believed the charge to be true resulted in it being absolutely disproven.  
"On this point Mr. King says: "When I entered upon the duties of the commission, I was informed from many sides that the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company had been responsible for the large influx of immigrants from Japan. I was informed that the connection of this company with the alleged influx could not be too fully investigated. In justice to the feeling in the province and to all parties concerned, I took particular pains therefore, to ascertain what connection, if any, the company had with the matter. With the exception of a letter to the Globe, December 10th, above quoted, from the late Mr. E. G. Russell and which I found among the papers of the Nippon Company, I was unable to secure anything which indicated that the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company or any of its officials had disclosed an intention of entering into any agreement with any concern for the supply of Japanese labor."  
"Mr. G. A. McNichol, the purchasing agent of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, who succeeded Mr. Russell, testified that he had been with the Grand Trunk Pacific since its inception and that the Grand Trunk Railway Company before that, about 17 years altogether with the two companies. Before his appointment as purchasing agent on March 1st, he had been secretary to Mr. Morse, vice-president and general manager of the Grand Trunk Pacific. He was prepared to swear by his own knowledge and on Mr. Morse's authority that the Grand Trunk Pacific had no contract with any one to supply Oriental labor. The Grand Trunk Pacific office have never made arrangements or entered into a contract with any person to supply them with Oriental labor." He had been approached by Mr. Boulbee, the treasurer of the Nippon Supply Company, to find out if the company could supply the Grand Trunk Pacific with Japanese labor, but had told him none was wanted. Mr. Russell, he said, had no authority to make arrangements with any company for labor.  
Chas. Wilson, K. C., who represented the local government at the investigation, made a request that Messrs. Hays and Bacon be subpoenaed from Prince Rupert. After hearing Mr. McNichol's evidence, Mr. Wilson withdrew the request, but to remove all doubt Mr. King sent a solicitor to Prince Rupert to take the affidavit of these gentlemen.  
These affidavits showed that H. Hays to be secretary and treasurer of the B. C. Tie and Lumber Company, Limited and whose shareholders were British iness men of Vancouver and capitalists of Dundee, Scotland, and in no way a subsidiary company to the G. T. P. In fact no officers, employee or shareholder, of the G. T. P. hold stock in the concern. Mr. Hays stated he had no contract whatever with Orientals and preferred white labor.  
Mr. Bacon, resident engineer at Prince Rupert for the G. T. P., made a similar statement. At the time he had seventy men employed, of whom sixty were white men, for whom the company had a preference.  
The only document which gave color to the report was the following: "Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, Vancouver, December 10, 1906.  
"Mr. S. Gotoh, Japanese, Vancouver, B. C.  
"Dear Sir,—Making reply to your verbal inquiry of recent date upon the subject of Japanese labor for general and railway work in Northern British Columbia, I would say 5,000 men will undoubtedly be required should they apply in reasonable numbers, and there is no other way of getting such men secured at a remuneration of \$1.50 per day. "There would not be any difficulty in securing 5,000 acres of land in British Columbia for cultivation at not to exceed \$12 per acre and upon reasonable terms, but not for speculation.  
"There could not be any objection to giving an exclusive right to supply Japanese labor required, so far as was legal, as soon as a company demonstrated its ability to perform such an undertaking, and so long as good labor and acceptable citizens in numbers required were furnished, and that you could control their actions as law-abiding citizens."  
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### STRATHCONA COMING

#### Canada's High Commissioner in Old Land Will Visit Pacific Coast.

New Westminster, Jan. 27.—Lord Strathcona, Canadian High Commissioner in England, has written a letter to Mayor W. H. Keary expressing his intention of visiting this city next September when the provincial exhibition will be opened.  
Lord Strathcona qualifies his intention with the terms "health and other considerations permitting," but from other paragraphs in his letter it is evident that his mind is fully made up to make the trip to the Pacific Coast.  
A suggestion has been thrown out that the Simon Fraser centennial be held in this city at the same time as the provincial exhibition.