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The Horror At Frank

King Edward's Message of Sympathy to Grief Stricken People.

Experts Declare that Top of Turtle Mountain is Toppling to Second Fall.

Signal Station Established to Give Timely Warning to People Below.

"His Majesty the King is most grieved to hear of the terrible disaster at Frank, and he commands me to convey to the bereaved relatives his deep sympathy and condolence with the other sufferers."
(Telegram from the Governor-General to the citizens of Frank.

Frank, Alberta, May 2.—The following despatch has been sent to the Minister of the Interior, Ottawa, by Wm. Pearce: "Chief Engineer McHenry, from observations taken today, fears a further rock slide from Turtle mountain, which may overwhelm many buildings in Frank.

"Premier Haultain at a public meeting tonight announced Mr. McHenry's views and arranged for a special train to take those who wish to leave for towns where there might be accommodation. Many will leave tonight and remain for a few days awaiting developments. Everything is going on quietly. There is no excitement worth mentioning and not much drunkenness."

Today's developments in connection with the Turtle mountain disaster have added to the death roll several names. They are:

O. Williams Robles and brother John, John Lourn, John Clarke, George Lemoske and R. Wilson, all miners.

In addition, two brothers named Wooster are missing and are believed to have been killed. B. Sumis and Jacob Sorri, who had been reported dead, were today found to have escaped. The total of the list of dead and unaccounted for now numbers sixty-six. Three bodies have been recovered today. They are those of John and Allen Leitch, sons of Alexander Leitch, and an unknown, whose remains were picked up in fragments. The number of bodies recovered is now twelve. All have been identified but two.

An inquest was held yesterday afternoon over the bodies thus far recovered. As there were no eye witnesses, the evidence adduced shed no light on the affair relative to the cause of the slide.

F. W. G. Haultain, premier of the Northwest government, [illegible] here yesterday to give personal attention to the matter of re-opening roads, raising obstructions to the river to avoid a flood and relieving distress. He appeared before the Board of Trade and pledged the citizens the assistance of his government.

The meeting of the board was important. Telegrams were read from the Governor-General conveying condolences of King Edward, the Prince and Princess of Wales and Joseph Chamberlain. King Edward's message reads:

"His Majesty the King is most grieved to hear of the terrible disaster at Frank, and he commands me to convey to the bereaved relatives his deep sympathy and condolence with the other sufferers."

The messages of the Prince and Princess of Wales and Mr. Chamberlain are in a similar strain. Messages of condolence were also received from the Lieutenant-Governor and Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

The board took steps to have a geological examination made of Turtle mountain to ascertain if there was any possibility of further danger of a repetition of the slide and to establish a signal service to give warning to the townspeople in the event there is ground for fearing further trouble.

A corps will be stationed on the mountain, members of which will stand watches, and should evidence of a further slide be discovered, signals by lights at night and a flag by day will be sent to a station in the town, the hope being that should warning become necessary it may be in time to enable the people to get out of range of danger.

The board received the welcome announcement at the meeting that the Canadian-American Coal & Coke Co. will immediately begin the work of re-opening the mine, and that in all probability shipments would be resumed inside of thirty days. The announcement was made that former Lieut.-Governor A. E. Spriggs, of Montana, would reach here this morning to represent H. L. Frank, the majority stockholder of the company.

Mr. Frank and General Manager S. W. Gebo are en route here by special train, and are expected to arrive in the morning. The telegraph company has succeeded in getting a temporary wire over the slide and a permanent line is now being run.

Shortly after the emergency meeting yesterday a special train arrived and took away a large number, including the crews and plant of the C. P. R. and Breckenridge and Lund railroad outfits. Those who decided to remain in the town did not try to influence others to do so, as it was the general feeling that each should use his own judgment in the matter.

At about 11:30 o'clock the police, according to instructions, notified everyone in town that it was deemed unsafe to remain, and that a train was waiting to convey all those wishing to go to points of safety. A great many took advantage of this, and after the special left, in addition to all the dwellings being vacant, the Frank hotel was found to have been deserted and every room locked. The other two hotels were pretty well filled, and besides this the hospital was lighted up as usual.

Of those who remained were Premier Haultain, Governor Spriggs, of Montana; Lou Frank, of Butte, Mine Manager McCarthy, Inspector of Mines F. B. Smith, and several others, besides a few women and children.

At an early hour this morning a party consisting of Manager McCarthy, Inspector of Mines F. B. Smith, Expert Byron and Electrician Wilkinson, started for the top of the mountain to make an examination. Needless to say, their report, which will be given tonight, is awaited with a great deal of anxiety. If the mountain is found to be in danger of another slide, the town will be vacated, and it is the intention to use dynamite and blow off the portion of rock showing any signs of creeping. In the meantime a signal station will be established on the top of the mountain to warn the citizens of any impending danger, so that all will have a chance to get out.

FRANK ORDERED DESERTED.

Overhanging Danger Renders Town Uninhabitable For the Present.

Frank, N. W. T., May 2.—10:30 p. m.—The town of Frank is deserted tonight, as a consequence of the Turtle mountain examination by a committee sent out by Premier Haultain to ascertain whether there was danger of another slip. Peremptory orders were issued by the authorities for the complete evacuation of the town which was carried out this afternoon and evening, the police taking with them all their household effects, cars for this purpose being furnished by the C. P. R. Only a few of the business men have moved their stocks. The town is guarded by police, and no one is allowed inside the danger line. The committee was composed of F. L. Byron, F. B. Smith, the latter acting for the Northwest government, and J. C. McCarthy, acting manager of the Canadian-American Coal & Coke Company. The ascent being made this morning on their return, a lengthy report was prepared and submitted to the government and Board of Trade. It states that the gravest danger exists, and that an immense rock may break at any time and cause a slide equally as serious as that of Wednesday, which may be expected to wipe out at least a part of that town, if not the whole of it. In conclusion the reports reads: "Our recommendation is that the town be immediately vacated as a temporary precaution, and that some competent person or persons be employed at once to remove the danger so that the industry of the village may be proceeded with as soon as all danger is removed, which should not take long." It is understood that steps will be taken to rid the town of the danger, and blasting is suggested, but nothing definite has been decided on yet, although it is expected that this means will be used. In this case it is believed that business can be resumed in Frank in a few days. Arrangements were made by the government officials to pass the people to the neighboring towns, but the majority of them are remaining in Blairmore, or are in tents in the neighborhood.

RUSSIANS CROSS YALU.

Prospect of a Speedy Encounter With the Japanese.

Shanghai, May 2.—With reference to the reports of trouble between Russia and Japan regarding the ownership of property along the banks of the Yalu river, it is authoritatively stated that Russian troops have crossed Yalu river.

Doukhobors Break Loose

Freak Immigrants of the Northwest Again Start a Spirit Pilgrimage.

Without Trousers and Barefooted They Set Forth Singing Hymns.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Winnipeg, May 2.—Reports are published to the effect that the Doukhobors are again showing signs of uneasiness in the West. A Saskatoon despatch reads: "Doukhobors near Redberry and Salt Lake on the north branch of the Saskachewan, are reported by William R. Woods, a settler, to be on another "spirit pilgrimage." The word came in from the Elbow of the river tonight. He says that 50 half-naked Doukhobors are on the march for Saskatoon. The first of the detachment was reported at Elbow Village, 22 miles from home, last night, when the headman "Fred" was trying to persuade them to go home. They say they are searching for Jesus, and will not stop until they find him. Woods says that there are no women in the party, that the men have discarded their trousers and are marching in their boots and coats, shouting and singing. These villagers did not take part in the Yorkton pilgrimage, but were very restless.

At the council meeting of the Winnipeg Board of Trade, the commission on railways and rates reported that owing to the great delays to freight shipped out of Winnipeg by wholesale houses, they had taken the matter up with the C. P. R. officials here, and had been pushing the matter for some time, but now had to report that the situation has become very serious to the whole business interests of Winnipeg. After full consideration of the report and data laid before them at the meeting, the council decided to send a deputation to Montreal to take up the whole matter with the President of the C. P. R.

A freight train and a light engine collided on the C. P. R. at Oak Lake this morning, where a carload of horses was ditched, and a number of animals killed.

GENEROUS VOTE FOR EDUCATION

Terminal City Grants Hundred and Twenty-Five Thousand for Schools.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, May 2.—Vancouver showed great apathy in voting on the big money bylaws today, there were but 285 votes cast on bylaws to borrow $135,000. Both bylaws carried. The bylaw to raise $125,000 for school purposes carried by four-fifths majority; three-fifths majority being required. The other bylaw was to acquire more lots near the crematory.

PUTS AND CALLS ILLEGAL.

Springfield, Ills., May 2.—The house today killed the bill introduced to legalize trading in puts and calls on the Chicago Board of Trade.

DEEPLY GRATIFIED.

British Press Deem King's Reception in Paris Most Significant.

London, May 2.—King Edward's visit to Paris is chronicled in the daily papers this morning with unusual elaboration. In the editorial articles on the subject, is seen a tone of deepest gratification over the occurrence, which is characterized as a political event of the first importance, and as showing that the estrangement between Great Britain and France has at last come to an end. The spontaneousness of the welcome accorded the King is held to prove that the bitterness engendered by the Fashoda and other incidents have given place to the best of feeling and friendly relations.

Royal City News Budget

Progress Made Tunnelling the Mountains at Coquitlam Lake.

Laborer's Pick Strikes Stick of Dynamite With Serious Results.

Prospects of Good Passenger Traffic By New Sydney Ferry.

From Our Own Correspondent.

New Westminster, May 2.—Considerable local interest was manifested in the outcome of the application of the Vancouver Power Co. for 10,000 inches of water from Lake Coquitlam, in addition to the 5,000 inches granted them last year. As the granting of records for 15,000 inches practically corrals the whole lake, it becomes a case of protecting the interests of New Westminster, this lake being the source of the city water works system. Accordingly Mayor Keary and the city solicitor appeared to oppose the application before the water commissioner, D. Robson, and Local Manager Glover, of the B. C. Electric Railway Company, and Mr. Herman, C.E., appeared on behalf of the power company. At the outset, however, the applicants admitted the city had a right to expropriate the water should it become necessary, and this having cleared the way, the city's representatives contented themselves with insisting that certain conditions be endorsed in the company's record.

It is from Coquitlam Lake to Lake Beautiful that the Vancouver Power Company is constructing a tunnel through the mountain. This will insure the latter lake always being full and supplying water for the big power plant to be erected at the shore of the north arm of Burrard inlet, several hundred feet below Lake Beautiful. To ensure a sufficient head of water at the Lake Coquitlam end of this tunnel, it became necessary, apparently, to erect a huge dam across the foot of the lake.

Incidental to the evidence, the company's engineer said the lake's capacity had been severely tested this year, more so than for fifteen years, or was likely for many years to come. For six weeks there had not been a drop of rain, and though there had been plenty of snow, there had been no thaw for over a month.

The Vancouver Power Company is investing a million and a quarter in establishing its big plant, and a third of this at least will be spent on making the tunnel under the mountain separating the lakes, Beautiful and Coquitlam. A large force of men have been steadily engaged for month at each end of this tunnel, and good progress has been made. Still it will be several months before the big hole will be finished.

Comparatively few accidents have occurred, but yesterday there was one rather serious, William Brownlee, a nephew of Mr. Marshall of Westminster Junction, being the victim. The gang had just discharged some blasts when Brownlee, as a mucker, started clearing away the debris. This engaged, his pick struck an unexploded portion of a stick of gelignite, and it went off, seriously battering his face with rock. He was brought here and admitted to the Royal Columbian Hospital.

The power company will have to string a new telephone wire soon. The one erected in the fall to connect the camps at each end of the tunnel, passed over the mountain. Though raised 14 feet above the ground, it is now buried under 25 feet of snow and is useless. The new wire is to be insulated in rubber, so that it way be buried.

The new car ferry Victorian has been visited by hundreds of curious citizens, many of whom have promised themselves trips across the Gulf on her, from Port Guichon to Sidney. Indeed, it will not be surprising to see quite a large passenger traffic even before the Westminster bridge is finished, for Vancouverites will be able to come over here and connect with the Victorian and still get to Victoria quicker than as at present.

A fire destroyed the dwelling and contents belonging to W. N. Draper, P.L.S., yesterday evening. Owing to the distance to the fire alarm box and to a single branch hydrant, the firemen had not a fair show by the time they could get a stream on, and the building was gutted.

Indian Agent Frank Devlin is very low with typhoid-pneumonia at St. Mary's hospital, and Charlie Bryson, a member of the West End lacrosse team, is in a similar state from a similar cause. In each case recovery is doubtful.

Thomas Rintz was brought in from Westminster Junction this morning suffering from three broken ribs and severe head wounds, the result of kicks from a horse about 10 o'clock last night.

The V. T. R. Co.'s new car ferry Victorian, pulled out of here at 1 p. m. yesterday and headed for Port Guichon. She was provided here with a movable ford works, to prevent seas washing the decks in rough weather.

The annual inspection of A and B companies of Sixth Duke of Connaught's Own Rifles, was held yesterday on Moody Square, by Col. Holmes, D. O. C., in the presence of quite a large number of citizens. But for once, the Royal City volunteers, who have held a place at the top for many years, fell down. Number of the state showed a poor turnout, and the manoeuvres showed those present were not up in their drill. The inspecting officer did not forget to tell them what he thought. On the other hand, he had nothing but words of praise for the Bugle Band, and requested Major Whyte to permit them to head the Vancouver companies of the battalion at their inspection this (Saturday) afternoon. He also expressed his pleasure and satisfaction of the creditable turnout (50 strong) of the St. Barnabas' Co. of the Boys' Brigade, whose efficiency in the drill was in pleasing contrast to the professionals.

The recently organized Woodworkers' Union, embracing all branches, have now a membership of over 120. A score of new members were added Thursday night. After the meeting addressed by Organizer Estes of the U. B. R. E. The Japanese mill hands here have also organized a union here, but they have no connection with the Woodworkers Union.

C. P. R. CHANGES.

Robert Ker Reported to Be About to Retire.

Montreal, May 2.—A St. John despatch says Robert Ker will retire from the position of passenger traffic manager of the C. P. R. and that C. E. McPherson of Winnipeg will succeed him. Vice-President Bosworth says there is probably no truth in the report

WITNESS DECLARED INSANE.

Doblin, of Submarine Boat Notoriety, Ordered to Asylum.

New York, April 29.—Philip Doblin, who achieved notoriety through his testimony in the submarine boat inquiry, was today declared insane. He will be removed to a state hospital on Long Island.

SHAMROCK'S NEW MAST.

Glasgow, April 29.—The new mast intended for Shamrock III. has been completed, and will be stepped Friday. It is hoped the cup challenger will be rigged and ready for a trial spin on May 9.

BRITISH ARTISANS FOR CANADA

Montreal, May 1.—The Star's London cable says: Referring to the Toronto Labor Council's protest against the immigration of British mechanics, Mr. Preston, the Canadian immigration commissioner explains in today's papers that he has himself taken no steps regarding manufacturers' applications, for the sufficient reason that the manufacturers themselves guaranteed them immediate employment on arrival from England. There is evidently no difficulty in supplying any reasonable needs of Canadian manufacturers in the way of British labor.

TELEPHONE CO. APOLOGIZE.

Had no Intention to Take Possession of Ottawa Streets.

Ottawa, May 2.—The Bell Telephone Company crawled down from its untenable position. President Sise today sent an apologetic letter to Mayor Cook stating that the company had no intention to take possession of the streets without the consent of the municipal authorities.

Government says Hon. Mr. Fisher sailed for Victoria yesterday.

Subscriptions for South African memorials are coming in slowly, $6,000 still being required.

MINERS IN COUNCIL.

Meetings Yesterday at Nanaimo, Ladysmith and Cumberland.

Nanaimo, May 2.—Meetings of miners is going on today at Cumberland, Nanaimo and Ladysmith. A report from the first-mentioned place indicate that the men there are considering the question of striking. At Ladysmith, however, there is a growing disposition to take Mr. Dunsmuir at his word and break away from the Western Federation and send him a committee to make terms. Action, however, will probably be deferred at both places until the commission develops its operations.

FISHERMEN'S UNION CONSIDER WAGES

Offer of Canners Not Thought Liberal Enough no Action Taken.

From Our Own Correspondent.

New Westminster, May 2.—The B.C. Fishermen's Union met here today and was fairly well attended. The chief business was the consideration of the canners' offer of a flat rate of 12 cents a fish or a sliding scale; 20 cents for a pack of 2,400,000; 18 cents to 3,000,000; 16½ cents for 3,600,000; 15 cents for 4,200,000; 13½ cents for 4,800,000; 12½ cents for 5,400,000; 11½ cents for 6,000,000; 11 cents for 6,600,000. Each price to hold till the number of salmon for the next above that for which it is quoted, is reached. The meeting felt better than either of these offers could be secured, and left the matter to the same committee which recently met the canners' committee, and these hope to have the matter settled by Tuesday next. The sliding scale above offered is equivalent to last year; 12 salmon being allowed per case, only gill netted fish to count.

Manager Woods has announced the first trip of the Victorian from Port Guichon to Sidney next Thursday.

EARLY BUSH FIRE.

Wilton, N. H., May 2.—The most destructive forest fire ever known in this section has swept over Lyndeborough mountain and one hundred acres of fine pine and spruce timber has been devoured.

LICENSED VICTUALLERS.

Annual Convention Postponed Until Next Month.

Grand Forks, May 2.—The date for holding the convention of the Provincial Licensed Victualers' Association has been postponed till June 16 at Vancouver. Indications point to a large attendance. The provincial president is A. W. Von Rhein, of Victoria, and the secretary, Chas. C. Tilley, of Grand Forks.

"BIG MITT" MAYOR AGAIN ON TRIAL

Minneapolis Boodler Connects Ames With Protection Schemes and Grafters.

Minneapolis, May 2.—When the trial of former Mayor Ames for bribery was resumed today, Irwin A. Gardener, who swears he collected money for the Mayor from unfortunate women, was recalled for re-direct examination. He declared that he had given his evidence without promise of immunity or reward of any kind from the state. He admitted collecting from a patient of Dr. Ames for medical services, but swore that the "protection" payments were entirely distinct from these transactions. Thomas M. Brown, who was the Mayor's secretary, produced a list of "roomers" he had found in the Mayor's desk while cleaning it out. This was after the Mayor had left town. It was in the handwriting of Chas. R. Hill, the Mayor's captain of police, and presumably was the list of women who were paying for protection.

SUPPOSED SUICIDE.

Harper's Daughter Disappears and Circumstances Point to Self-Destruction.

New York, May 2.—It has been learned that Mrs. Harper Lynde, a wealthy widow, who disappeared from her home on Tuesday, left letters in which she intimated that she intended to take her life; she also left instructions as to the disposal of certain jewels. A reward of $500 has been offered for the recovery of her body. She is 68 years old. Joseph W. Harper, one of the founders of Harper & Bros., was her father.

FRANCE WELCOMES GREAT BRITAIN'S KING

His Majesty Greeted by Applauding People of Paris---Gorgeous Spectacle Presented by Streets and Buildings---President Loubet and Cabinet Receive Their August Visitor.

WALLS OF SOLDIERY IN BOULEVARD

Paris, May 1.—King Edward arrived here at 3 o'clock this afternoon and was accorded a hearty reception by Republican France. His Majesty's welcome at the Dauphine Railroad station by President Loubet and the chief officers of state, and his drive through the avenues, the Bois de Boulogne and the Champs Elysees, presented a continuous succession of brilliant spectacles. Everywhere the populace gave the King an enthusiastic greeting, the demonstration at the Place Del Etoile and the Place De la Concorde becoming tumultuous, King Edward saluting and bowing to the people. Vast crowds filled the boulevards from the early hours, people struggling to gain the vantage points along the route to be occupied by the Royal procession.

On the square fronting the railroad station was a surging mass of humanity. A detachment of the First Cuirasseurs in showy uniforms, with glittering breastplates and helmets, and waving plumes, held back the crowd. The front of the station was elaborately decorated with crimson and gold hangings, and the interior was transformed into a superb reception room, hung with Gobelin tapestry, having crimson and gold furnishings, and decorated with flowers and plants. On the balcony was stationed the band of the Republican Guards.

President Loubet, surrounded by his cabinet ministers, the presidents of the senate and the Chamber of Deputies, the Grand Commander of the Legion of Honor, the military and naval dignitaries presented an imposing appearance. As the train entered the station the trumpets sounded a royal salute and the band played "God Save the King."

King Edward descended from his car and advanced slowly and alone, smiling and saluting. He wore the scarlet uniform of a British Field Marshal. President Loubet stepped forward and grasped the King's hand. The meeting between the Sovereign and the President was cordial, almost demonstrative. M. Loubet welcomed the King to France, and His Majesty smiling replied in French, expressing his thanks for the splendid manifestation in his honor. King Edward and the members of his party entered the state carriages with gorgeously clad postillions and outriders, and escorted by a regiment of cuirassiers drove to the British embassy.

The route for the procession was through the beautiful avenue Bois de Boulogne and the Avenue Des Champs Elysees, arched with chestnut trees in full bloom. The lowering clouds which marked the earlier part of the day had broken up, and the sun came forth to add to the splendor of the spectacle. The avenues were lined with solid ranks of dragoons, cuirassiers, horse artillery, field batteries, and infantry, guns, helmets, and other trappings gleaming in the sun light. Behind these martial walls the people were banked in solid masses, and all the trees, windows, and balconies, house tops, were crowded with spectators. It was estimated that half a million people gathered along the lines.

At the Arch De Triomph the scene was majestic, long lines of soldiers, a forest of waving banners, blaring bugles and rolling drums, and succeeding bands taking up "God Save the King." The President and King were continually acclaimed as they passed through the living walls of soldiery. Among the populace occasionally discordant shouts were heard, but the prevailing sentiment was strongly friendly. When the line reached the Place De La Concorde a battery of great guns crashed forth in a Royal salute.

King Edward alighted at the British embassy on the Rue Du Faubourg, where sumptuous apartments had been prepared for him, including a throne room, furnished in the art treasures of Borghes Palace, above the embassy the Royal standard of Great Britain was raised. The Rue Du Faubourg was densely packed and the crowds continuously acclaimed His Majesty.

After a brief rest King Edward proceeded with an escort of cuirassiers to the Elysees Palace, where he was received by President Loubet. They remained together for some time. When the King was on his way to the Elysees the crowds continued their friendly manifestations. Paris today was given up to elaborate festivities, the government encouraging fetes similar to those of the 14th of July. The boulevards were ablaze with color, floral arches, and artistic devices symbolical of royalty. Street parades and dances were going on everywhere. Some of the kiosks displayed caricatures of King Edward and anti-British badges were seen, but in the main the sentiment of the people was most friendly, and no notable manifestation of hostility was recorded.

The Disaster at Frank

Slight Falls of Rock Continue to Alarm Stricken Community.

All Danger of a Flood From Choked River Now Averted.

Pack Train Road Being Constructed Around the Miles of Debris.

Special to Colonist.

Frank, N. W. T., May 1.—Now and then a noise of a quantity of loose rock rumbling down the sides of Turtle mountain disturbs the people left in Frank, and the numbers who have been brought there as a result of the disaster, but no further slide is anticipated. During Thursday night there were two loud noises from the mountain, probably of falling rock, but otherwise all was quiet. William Pearce of Calgary, Dominion Superintendent of Mines, and a geologist of some standing, made an examination of the scene of the slide, and he has reported that no earthquake or volcanic action was responsible for the great avalanche which enveloped Frank and brought death to 62—for that is the revised number of the roll of the dead, including eight women and 20 children. Mr. Pearce says the rock slide extends across the valley, and on the opposite side of the bank for the distance of a mile from Turtle mountain, and is spread out fan-like, so that the extreme end is nearly two miles wide

The danger or nood as a result of the damming of Old Man's river and Gold creek by the tremendous mounds of rock which hurtled down the mountain side, has now been averted. Both streams are piled high with rock for a considerable distance, but it is anticipated that there is no immediate danger from flood, although if rains set in, the problem might be a serious one. Old Man's river and Gold creek were both emptying below the lower tunnel, and the water is rising slowly.

At a meeting, held this morning, Mr. McCarthy, general manager of the coal company, and Inspector of Mines Frank B. Smith, of Calgary, were requested to make an inspection of the mountain as soon as possible in conjunction with W. W. Leach, geologist of the Crow's Nest Coal Company. This inspection will take place this morning, when the party will climb the mountain and ascertain if possible if there is any likelihood of a second slide.

A resolution was passed at this morning's meeting endorsing the course of the police if they deemed it necessary at any time to be more stringent in the handling of the liquor traffic. A great number of sixty-rounders and the rougher element are in town. There are also a great number of visitors who have come for the purpose of sightseeing and all the hotels are crowded. The general business is at a standstill.

A pack train road is being constructed from here to the terminus of the C. P. R. on the eastern side of this slide, and Supt. Taylor, of the C. P. R., who is in charge, is rushing matters with all possible speed. All mails for the time being are to be brought in from the East on pack horses, and Inspector Davidson, of the N. W. M. P., who is here in company with Inspector Douglas and a detachment of 16 men from McLeod, states every possible assistance will be given to facilitate a regular pack train service on the road.

In an interview with the Colonist correspondent, Manager McCarthy, who donated $100 to the relief work, stated that while he was not prepared to speak officially for the immediate future of the company, he could state officially that the mine could be put in good working order for about $500. This refers, of course, only to the interior of the mine. The damage outside to plant and property will total up to about $100,000.

One more body, supposed to be that of T. de Lapp, was taken from the ruins late this afternoon, making a total of nine so far recovered.

Several loud thunder-like reports are heard at intervals from the top of the mountain, and it gives a feeling of uneasiness to the townspeople.

NEWS AT OTTAWA.

Official Reports of the Dominion Superintendent of Mines.

Wm. Pearce, Dominion superintendent of mines, has wired to the Premier from Frank as follows:

"Eighty-three killed, of whom fifteen were women and fifteen children. There will be no trouble by the damming of the river. A rock slide, about four thousand feet long and extending from the top of Turtle mountain westerly, extends across the valley and on the opposite bank for one and one-quarter of a mile from the front of Turtle mountain, and is spread out fan-like so that at the extreme end it is nearly two miles wide. There is no trace of the river for one mile, but the water is now going through the rock as fast as it came down. It is thought there will not be any further slide. There was no earthquake or volcano. All working in the mine except two escaped."

A later despatch received by the Premier from Mr. Pearce said:

"The following is probably nearer the correct estimate of the loss than any yet: Thirty-four men, eight women and twenty children killed, eleven injured, probably only two or three dangerously. Only two were killed near the mine.

"Ten bodies have been recovered. The remainder are nearly all buried under many feet of rock, but possibly a few near the edge of the slide may be recovered.

"The killed includes twenty-one miners, and among others are ranchers, merchants, liverymen, engineers, railway contractors and laborers. Six cottages were totally destroyed by rock."

BOUNDARY SHIPMENTS.

Results of the Week's Work Among Mines in the District.

Phoenix, B. C., May 1.—Boundary ore shipments for the past week are as follows: Granby mines to Granby smelter, 7,566 tons; Mother Lode mine to the Greenwood smelter, 2,100 tons; Emma mine to Trail smelter, 350 tons; total for the week, 10,166 tons; total for the year to date, 162,770 tons. The Granby smelter treated 7,727 tons of ore this past week, making a total of 107,329 tons for the year 1903.

PREFONTAINE TO INVESTIGATE

Government Will Take No Action Re Fish Traps in Meantime.

From Our Own Correspondent.

New Westminster, May 1.—Aulay Morrison, M. P., who returned from Ottawa lately, says there is no fear of the government sanctioning the use of salmon traps, or at least for the present, no action will be taken until Hon. Mr. Prefontaine has posted himself personally on the situation, to do which he will come here after the session.

WIRINGS FROM THE CAPITAL

Dr. Bell to Receive Merited Honors From Cambridge University.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, May 1.—Dr. Bell, acting director of the Geological Survey, sails for England today to receive the degree of D. Sc. from Cambridge University.

The subsidy contract with the Australian-Canadian steamer line sailed today. Australia is interested in improvement in the service and negotiations are not yet concluded, but the service will be continued as at present.

The Kootenay Central Railway Company bill passed the Senate Railway committee today.

Hon. J. W. Carmichael, who resigned his Senatorship a few days ago, died suddenly at his home at New Glasgow this morning.

Mainland Briefly Told

Arrival of Lumber Workers From the South Relieves Situation.

Well Known Provincial Miner Makes His Mark in California.

nhanced Price of Copper Again Directs Attention to Island Claims.

Vancouver, May 1.—Labor plentiful in the woods. Sawyers, fallers and shingle hands are coming in from the Sound, in twos and trees, and have been coming in, in that way, since announcement was made of the closing of the mills on the Sound. Mill men say that should they continue to come as they are now, that there will be enough hands for everybody. In fact at the present time the situation has been greatly relieved.

It is believed that the wide publicity given to the fact that labor was scarce in the woods of British Columbia and wages were high, through the medium of the Seattle Times and Victoria Colonist, is partly responsible for the influx of labor from the Sound.

ELIXIR OF LIFE.

J. F. Bledsoe, M. I. Mach, the well known mining and newspaper man, who was associated with several of the most prominent newspapers in British Columbia a few years ago, and who spent two years in striving to compound a drug which would stay the wasting process of the tissues of the body, and prolong life, claims to have found the secret, and is now located in San Francisco advertising his drug for sale, which he calls Bioforos. Incredible as this alleged discovery may seem, those who know Mr. Bledsoe and their name is legion will give him credit for possessing unusual erudition and great sincerity.

MINING MAN RETURNS.

W. G. Tanner, the mining man, who has spent several months in Seattle, has returned to Vancouver. Mr. Tanner says changed conditions have brought him back to the province. Copper is 17 cents a pound, and the low grade surface mines of Vancouver island can be worked to advantage at those figures. The establishment of the Ladysmith and Crofton smelters means that mine owners can get their ore treated at a living rates, and that the transportation facilities were greatly improved. McKenzie scheme in buying the big tug in Portland, and fitting her up to carry ore, was but one of many ore carrying propositions now on foot. He was sure there would soon be a number of new mines, and he knew of one in the district and its mines convinced him that it should be here on the spot. He had not come empty handed, having ample capital at his command for work and improvements. He was convinced there was good prospects in the Coast mines, and he was convinced several surface mines that he was perhaps better to have one of them than any one else. Mr. Tanner said the country was one illustration of what could be done, and he was more than ever sure of the country. He was one of the people who had confidence in the country, and he was not the man to be scared by a few men who had lost their money in Mexico and Colorado.

Thirty insurance men of Vancouver took their annual outing at Agassiz today. It is probable that a company manufacturing a line of leading insurance policies will be introduced in the high school here.

ANOTHER STRIKE.

Omaha, May 1.—Eighteen hundred men, including teamsters, hotel and restaurant employees and members of the building trades, struck today. Sympathetic strikes are anticipated which will bring the number on strike to 3,000.