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NEWS OF THE PROVINCE

Arrival of Mormon Missionaries—The Evidence in the Mowers Strathnevis Salvage Case.

Vancouver School Trustees Think It Unadvisable to Cut Salaries of the Teachers.

(Special to the Colonist.)

VANCOUVER, Feb. 27.—The revision of the voters' list will, when complete, show a reduction, due to temporary depression of about 12 1/2 per cent. on the total figures of 1895. Tax arrears are coming in slowly.

The Mormons have favored the Canadian-Australian line since its construction. They represent a large proportion of the party of Mormon missionaries arrived from Australia yesterday and proceeded to Portland.

The evidence of the Captain of the Mowers was taken before A. C. Bowman, U. S. marine commissioner, and J. M. Ashton, representing the Strathnevis, at the Hotel Vancouver yesterday regarding the demand for salvage from the assisted steamer Strathnevis. The Strathnevis people claim that they were not saved by the Mowers as they were under sail for Victoria when spoken by the Canadian-Australian steamer, who supplied them with two boat loads of provisions, but did not render aid as alleged entitling them to salvage. To-day the evidence of the first and second officers was taken. It is probable the case will be heard before Her Majesty's Admiralty court here.

H.M.S.S. Royal Arthur and Pheasant are in port.

Mr. R. P. McLennan has been elected president of the Vancouver Poultry Society, and G. Campbell secretary.

Messrs. Robert Ward & Co. are to occupy premises on the corner of Hastings and Homer streets as a branch of their Victoria establishment.

At a special meeting of the school trustees yesterday it was decided that it was inadvisable to carry out the proposed cutting of teachers' salaries, the average salary for teachers in the rural districts of the province who were paid by the provincial government being \$54.48 per month, while that of the Vancouver teachers was some twenty-six cents per month less.

VANCOUVER, Feb. 28.—The wind blew violently on Burrard Inlet last night, and the warships in port were compelled to put out an extra anchor.

Successful singing by the returning children from Agassiz returned report.

Mrs. Tapley, widow of the late J. Tapley, has returned to the city with her two children.

The American schooner W. H. Talbot is in port, and will load lumber at Moodyville.

Theatre-goers are talking of the coming performance of the Savary Opera Company at the city, making it about the four performances. Westminster will be largely represented.

The board of revision to-day decided on a reduction of a million dollars in the assessment of the city, making it about \$14,000,000. Block 264 A has been reduced 20 per cent., and 648, 25 per cent.

WESTMINSTER.

WESTMINSTER, Feb. 28.—Henry Bowe, who became insane in Cariboo recently, has been brought to Westminster and lodged in the provincial jail awaiting examination.

A joint meeting of a committee from the council and board of trade was held last night to consider the smelter proposition. It was decided to ask the council for \$500 cash to enable the committee to secure valuable, desirable and necessary information. There are four companies desirous of erecting a smelter here.

A special important meeting of the senate was held last night with closed doors.

The quo warrant proceedings against Ald. Holmes have been withdrawn.

NANAIMO.

NANAIMO, Feb. 27.—A meeting of the Nanaimo Angling Club will be held in the Windsor on Saturday.

H.M.S. Royal Arthur and Pheasant called on Tuesday evening and sailed yesterday.

The city council estimate the receipts for the year at \$77,000, and this on a reduced assessment roll. They call for tenders for a new bridge to connect with Newcastle townsite.

A number of miners are awaiting the arrival of the Willapa, when they will leave for the Yukon.

During the week business has been remarkably quiet, but the outlook is now more satisfactory. The shipments of coal have been larger.

KAMLOOPS.

(From the Inland Sentinel.)

At an adjourned meeting of the board of trade, held on February 24, under the presidency of Mr. James Macintosh, a motion was adopted: "Whereas in the opinion of this board it is unjust to merchants, traders and farmers in said territory that the C.P.R. Company should continue to practice the practice of distributing supplies by means of a store car, Be it resolved, that this board regard the distributing of supplies by a store car a grievance, and that the company should through R. Marpole, superintendent, to remove its store car from the said territory."

Some experiments have been made recently by a local company with a view of testing the quality of some clay near the town for brick-making and pottery purposes. If the experiment proves a success, several brick buildings in the near future will be the result.

The consolation last month turned

out \$800, and the staff will be increased. A dam will be built to prevent damage by high water.

ROSSLAND.

ROSSLAND, Feb. 27.—Colonel W. W. D. Turner, president of the Le Roi company, says that that mine will pay another dividend of \$35,000 on the 1st of March, and continue to do so monthly.

The ore body struck in the east drift of the Nickel Plate at a depth of 100 feet is holding its own, while a two-foot streak of ore is shown on the crosscut about 85 feet to the north of the main shaft.

A few of the prospectors who started for the Colville reservation have returned, some declaring that they had located what they were after, while others say that there is so much snow on the hills that practical prospecting is simply out of the question before the 1st of April.

WANETA.

(From the Trail Creek News.)

Mr. Goodhue says that the prospects of the Hornpipe are growing brighter, every foot, and that the tunnels in over 110 feet in a good-looking quartz ledge.

D. J. Jackson, of the Lost Creek camp, reports that the Montreal tunnel is now in 70 feet, and work on the Waneta is progressing satisfactorily.

It is rumored that orders have been given to enlarge the ferryboat at Trail so that it will carry two cars of ore per trip, and that the track of the Rossland & Trail railroad will be extended down to connect with the Nelson & Fort Sheppard railroad at or near Old Sawyard.

Mrs. Maria Davies gave an informal reception on Saturday evening last, at the Hotel Waneta, in honor of Miss Mabel Grace Bunting, of Victoria, who arrived here on Thursday to take charge of the Waneta school.

A THOUSAND DOLLARS REWARD

Is Offered for the Recovery of Mrs. Arthur B. Cody, Who Disappeared From Tacoma in January.

In spite of every effort, not the slightest trace has been found of Mrs. Arthur B. Cody, who disappeared from Tacoma on January 31. Mr. Cody and his father-in-law, Mr. Goodrich, were in Victoria yesterday making inquiries, and are sparing neither time nor money in trying to find the missing woman.

The police of every city on the continent have been notified and cards with portrait and description of Mrs. Cody and offering a reward of \$1,000 have been distributed broadcast. Mr. Cody lives in Chicago, and his wife having suffered from nervous prostration went on a visit to her parents at Tacoma. On the day she disappeared Mrs. Cody left the residence for the purpose, she said, of bringing home one of her children from school. She did not return, and all that could be learned was that she had bought a revolver from a gunsmith in Tacoma. She had an idea that she was a useless burden on her family. Her husband does not think that she has committed suicide, but inclines to the belief that in her delusion she had made up her mind to earn her own living and has simply endeavored to hide away from all who knew her. Several supposed clues have been followed up without avail.

The description of the missing woman is as follows: Mrs. Arthur B. Cody (maiden name Grace Helen Goodrich) is five feet three inches tall, 30 years old, weighs 110 pounds, brown hair, pale face, gray blue eyes, wears rough brown serge dress, with reddish tinge, large sleeves, Astrachan cape, black felt fedora hat turned up on both sides, trimmed with black braid and cord. Carried or wore shawl under cape and carried small package. Wears plain band wedding ring on third finger of left hand. She was missed from Tacoma, Washington, Friday, January 31, 1896. She was acting under delusion, resulting from nervous prostration, but mental trouble would probably not be noticeable. Any information should be sent to D. G. Smith, chief of police, Tacoma, Washington.

DUNRAVEN'S EXPELSION.

New York, Feb. 27.—Lord Dunraven's letter to Secretary Oddie, N.Y.C., resigning his honorary membership in that organization was made public to-day. It is dated the 19th, and states that this course was taken in view of the motion made by Captain Leydard at the recent meeting of the club, and that Lord Dunraven was expelled because of the allegations he had made, but which he had not substantiated.

At the adjourned annual meeting of the New York Yacht Club to-night with forty yacht owners present and about 600 members crowding the house, Lord Dunraven was expelled from membership in the club by a vote of 39 to 1, the same being the steep yacht Oriva, owned by Chester Munroe.

Ex-Commodore James F. Smith says: "It is the most just and satisfactory decision that was ever arrived at by any yacht club in the world against a man who has violated the honorable rules of sport, honor and integrity of men his peers."

H. A. MASSEY'S WILL.

Tosonto, Feb. 26.—(Special)—The will of H. A. Massey, the agricultural implement manufacturer, was probated to-day. It contains twenty-nine bequests to charitable and religious institutions throughout the Dominion. The bequests with the sums given by Mr. Massey shortly before his death amount to \$2,200,000. Among the bequests is one to the American University, Washington, D.C., to erect a building to represent Canadian Methodism in that university. Six thousand dollars are left to D. L. Moody's schools in Northfield, Mass.

Impoverished blood causes that tired feeling, Hood's Serravallo's Purifier, enriches and vitalizes the blood and gives vigor and vitality.

THE STEAMER QADRA.

Duration of Her Service—A Larger and Faster Vessel to Be Commissioned.

B. C. Cases in Supreme Court—Explanations—A Jockey Club for Canada.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Feb. 27.—Senator McInnes called the attention of the Senate to-day to the fact that the steamer Quadra had only been in commission about eight months in each year, and inquired if the government intended to keep her continually in commission in future with a view to promote the fishing and shipping interests in British Columbia. Mr. McInnes said the vessel might be usefully employed in addition to her present duties in perfecting surveys of the provincial coast line, locating new fishing banks, collecting fishing licenses and preventing American poachers from fishing in Canadian waters. The whole additional cost would not exceed \$6,000 a year.

Sir Mackenzie Bowell said the representatives of British Columbia in the House of Commons had already brought the matter to the attention of the government. The growing importance of the fisheries of that province and the increasing demands for further protection to the customs revenue were strong arguments in favor of complying with the demands made along the lines suggested by Mr. McInnes, and he hoped that soon the government would be in a position to place a larger and faster vessel in commission on the Pacific coast.

The Supreme court had yesterday and to-day two British Columbia appeals under consideration, those of the William Hamilton Manufacturing Co., and the Victoria Lumber and Manufacturing Co. Mr. Drysdale appeared for the appellant; Mr. Christopher Robinson, Q.C., for the respondent. In Scoullar v. McColl judgment was reserved.

In the House of Commons to-day Dr. Weldon called attention to a statement in the Mail that there had been a long standing quarrel between Sir Charles Tupper and himself. "I wish to say," said Dr. Weldon, "that if there is a long standing personal quarrel I don't know of it."

Sir Charles Tupper—"I am equally ignorant of it, Mr. Speaker."

Mr. Mills—"Where ignorance is bliss 'tis folly to be wise." (Laughter.)

The budget debate was continued by Messrs. Stairs, Fraser, Campbell and Edwards.

A contingent of sporting men are here to promote the jockey club bill which comes up to-morrow. The object of the measure is to establish a jockey club for Canada, make rules and regulations governing racing in this country and legalizing betting on the tracks.

Mr. Mulock's bill to fix the legal rate of interest at 4 per cent. provoked strong opposition in the banking committee to-day. The Canadian Bankers' Association had a formidable deputation present. Mr. Mara represented the British Columbia bankers. An amendment of Mr. Wallace to make the legal rate 5 per cent. was defeated by 31 to 18. The bill was then thrown out.

In view of the Montreal Herald's apologetic to-day for publishing the McConnell letter, Sir Charles Tupper will drop the action for criminal libel against that paper.

The Minister of Militia has consented to grant free ammunition for the rifle league competitions this year.

From present appearances, there will be no Conservative caucus to-morrow. The French members see no good reason for holding the meeting.

The Dominion rifle matches this year will be held on the Rideau ranges. This will be the last time.

TRADE IN CANADA.

NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—Bradstreet's report on the state of trade says: "There is a moderate improvement in trade in the provinces of Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. At Toronto the jobbers report that improved roadways have resulted in increased orders. At Montreal the quiet is broken by more activity in the distribution of drygoods. At the city of Quebec trade remains dull in all lines, except with the shoe manufacturers. In Halifax trade reports business unsatisfactory. In New Brunswick lumbering is active, and shipments of lumber to the United States are small. The outlook for the spring trade is favorable. There are 31 business failures reported from the Dominion this week against 58 last week. The total bank clearings at Winnipeg, Toronto, Hamilton, Montreal and Halifax amount to nearly \$18,000,000 this week."

CUBAN BELLIGERENCY.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—A somewhat exciting currency debate in the senate kept the Cuban question from coming up till 3:30 o'clock this afternoon. At that hour Mr. White (Democrat, California), while expressing his sympathy for the struggle, urged the need of an orderly procedure. The Senator gave much attention to the legal phases involved in the recognition of belligerency. He argued that it was not for the senate to presume that the President would not recognize the belligerency should circumstances warrant.

The World's Fair Tests showed no baking powder so pure or so great in leavening power as the Royal.

NEWS FROM LONDON.

Tim Healy's Preference for Crown Colonial System—More Armenian Massacres.

Gen. Wolsley Advocates Increasing Britain's Navy—Russia Building Docks at Sevastopol.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

LONDON, Feb. 27.—Timothy Healy in addressing the Irish National Federation at Dublin to-day, accused John Dillon of getting himself elected to the chairmanship of the party by intrigue and in disregard of the feelings of the country. Mr. Healy would rather see Ireland governed as a crown colony, he said, than as now governed. "If when the Liberals are returned to power," he said, "nothing is done for home rule, the Irish members should move our expulsion from parliament."

General Lord Wolsley, speaking in London yesterday, advocated increasing the navy as Great Britain's first and best defense. He expressed the opinion that in the event of war, it would be impossible to sever our food supply.

A dispatch from Odessa to the Times says that the Russian government has commenced the building of docks at Sevastopol which will be large enough to construct ironclads.

The Anglo-American Association has received a telegram from Constantinople which says that 3,000 Armenians have been massacred at Araklik, and that the widows and orphans of those killed are in terrible distress from cold and hunger.

The dispatch also says the Armenians of Siviz and Cesarea are in daily fear of massacres. Forced conversions to Islamism are general throughout the Asiatic provinces.

A Rome despatch to the Daily News says: "The King of Belgians has decreed to make war on the dervishes throughout the Congo state."

General Baldissera has been appointed to replace General Baratieri in the chief command of the Italian troops in Abyssinia.

A Madrid despatch from Havana says that Captain-General Weyler has ordered the confiscation of the property of all persons absent from their homes without reasonable excuse. Those returning within a fortnight of the issuance of the order will be pardoned.

The Daily Telegraph says in its financial article that French, German and American syndicates are completing the Chinese loan.

Rt. Hon. A. J. Balfour, replying to a question on the subject, said it was not proposed to ask the approval of the signers of the Berlin treaty for a Russian occupation of Anatolia.

A dispatch from Capetown to the Times says: "The Premier of Cape Colony, Sir J. Gordon Sprigg, speaking at Worcester, said that no member of the late ministry, save Cecil Rhodes the premier, knew anything of the circumstances antecedent to the Transvaal crisis. In face of the negotiations between England and the Transvaal Sir Gordon said he was unable to go further into the question."

The Times in an editorial contends that the official denials (referring to the case of Hon. George Curzon in the House of Commons yesterday) are aimed to disprove its Constantinople correspondent's statement that the Sultan had invited Lord Salisbury to discontinue the Egyptian question. The Times is inclined to believe, however, that the idea of his invitation must be attributed to the Sultan alone and had nothing to do with the Turkish government.

The Pall Mall Gazette says: "If the tentative negotiations now in progress make any headway, France will feel to abandon her interests in Newfoundland in exchange for concessions in Egypt."

LONDON, Feb. 28.—The under secretary of the foreign office, Rt. Hon. George N. Curzon, replying to Mr. W. Coddington, Conservative member for Blackburn, in the House of Commons to-day confirmed a statement made in the German Reichstag on February 22, by the German minister of foreign affairs, Baron Marschall von Bieberstein, regarding the re-opening of the Indian mints. Upon that occasion Baron von Bieberstein said that the German ambassador at London, Count von Hatzfeldt, had been directed to inform Great Britain that the chancellor was about to announce the opening of the mints as a necessary precedent to international negotiations regarding bimetallism and that it understood that the reopening of the mints was not anticipated within a measurable period.

Continuing Baron Marschall von Bieberstein added that the government of Great Britain responded by acquiescing in this statement. Mr. Curzon, however, explained that the Marquis of Salisbury's reply to Count von Hatzfeldt was confined to a statement of the facts then existing, and was not intended to apply to possible intentions in the future. The statement made by the First Lord of the Treasury, Mr. A. J. Balfour, in the House of Commons on February 20, was, Mr. Curzon added, an expression of the views of the government on the subject of the mints.

Mr. Balfour then said that Germany had approached Great Britain with a view to the conclusion of a monetary agreement. The British government, he added, was willing to consider the matter respecting the Indian mints, if such action could be made part of a satisfactory scheme of currency reform.

A company is being formed in Berlin to represent a number of local firms in Johannesburg, including a general mining and finance corporation, Krupp and Curson works, Magdeburg; the Saxon machine works, Chemnitz; the

IMMIGRATION MEETING.

Resolutions Adopted at Winnipeg—Methods of the New Organization Defined.

Interests of the Northwest and British Columbia—An Outlet for Their Products.

(Special to the Colonist.)

WINNIPEG, Feb. 28.—At the immigration convention this afternoon the following resolutions were adopted:

1. That the name of the permanent organization formed by the convention be the "Western Canada Immigration Association."
2. That for the future carrying out of the objects of the association, the executive committee be instructed to endeavor to secure grants of money from the Dominion and local governments, and the municipalities, corporations and companies to be benefited by immigration work undertaken by the association.
3. That in view of the fact that the thriving and contented farmer makes by far the most effective immigration agent, the convention would strongly impress upon the Dominion and local governments, railways and other corporations, and in brief, upon all interested in the future of Western Canada, the advisability of working harmoniously and intelligently to better the conditions of the settler already here by relieving him of needless burdens, and as far as possible, removing all the obstacles which might impede his progress and prosperity.
4. That in the opinion of this convention the strongest efforts should be devoted to securing desirable settlers.
5. That government and land corporations be requested to furnish every facility for the formation of co-operative and commercial colonies; and that, with this object, the "hamlet" clause of the Dominion Lands act be more prominently brought to the attention of settlers.
6. That cheap excursions both in winter and in summer be instituted by railway and steamship companies to Eastern Canada and to Europe as one of the best means of securing desirable immigrants to these Western provinces and territories.
7. In view of the fact before the convention by the hon. the Minister of the Interior, that only 5 per cent. of the settlers arriving in the Canadian territories come as "prepaid" settlers, while 60 to 70 per cent. of those reaching the United States are such: be it resolved that this convention would wish to affirm its sense of the importance of the prepayment of settlers' passage money as an aid to immigration; and its desire that a permanent organization should formulate some scheme by which this principle shall be carried into operation.
8. That in the opinion of this convention no scheme for promoting immigration will be broad enough to touch the interests of all sections of Manitoba, the Northwest Territories and British Columbia that does not provide for an outlet for the products of the whole country, and place the various provinces and territories in the North in favorable positions in respect to the markets of the world.
9. Whereas the question of cheap freight and from Europe is vital to the success of immigration work, be it resolved, that this convention request the Hon. Minister of the Interior to use his influence to secure the placing of a sum in the estimates during the present session of parliament for the purpose of improving Red river navigation within the Province of Manitoba as the first step towards a waterway outlet by Hudson Bay for Manitoba and the Northwest Territories, as well as the Northwestern United States.
10. Whereas the influx of Mongolian labor into British Columbia is rapidly bringing about a condition of things calculated to deprive white workmen of opportunities of earning their livelihood in that province, and whereas the Dominion government has already given proof of its realization of the detrimental effects of the unlimited immigration of Chinese labor by the passage of legislation imposing a \$50 per capita tax upon all such immigrants, thus emphasizing to some extent the principle of securing to white people the possibility of living within that province; therefore be it resolved that this convention earnestly impress upon the Dominion government the necessity of introducing further legislation to remedy this evil.

It was also decided to ask for the cooperation and aid of the Imperial government in immigration matters.

Half a Loaf Better Than None.

At a dinner party the other night a handsome young physician had been particularly bright and entertaining. As the ladies left the table cigars were passed and accepted by all of the gentlemen but the doctor. The host looked at him in astonishment. "What, no smoke?" said he; "why my dear fellow, you look half gone." "Lose, I know I do," replied the doctor, "if I should smoke I would lose the whole of it."

BRANTFORD, Feb. 26.—Robert McGregor, aged 80, a resident of the country for forty-six years, is dead. He was one of the "Guards of Honor."

MONTREAL, Feb. 26.—Judge Archibald has pronounced a decree of separation between Mr. and Mrs. John Smith Allan, awarding the latter the custody of her children and an alimony allowance of \$600 a month.

WINNIPEG, Feb. 26.—At a convention of Liberals in Portage la Prairie to-night Dr. Rutherford, M.P.E., was chosen as the Liberal candidate for the Commons for the Macdonald constituency.

OUR OTTAWA SPECIAL.

Sir Donald A. Smith Hopeful of Compromise on the School Question.

Fisheries Report Speaks Favorably of the Year's Results in British Columbia.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Feb. 28.—The caucus of private members of the Conservative party was fairly well attended. It is not unlikely that important results will flow from it. The greatest good-feeling was manifested. Sir John Carling occupied the chair. Sir Donald Smith was present, his speech being the important one of the gathering. He remarked that the time for compromise on the school question had not gone by. Incidentally he observed that had negotiations with Mr. Greenway been gone about in a different manner, some months ago, the remedial bill might have been before parliament to-day.

The principal discussion centred round the motion of Dr. Weldon for the appointment of a committee to interview the government with a view to securing some modification in the remedial bill so that the measure might be acceptable to all parties. The motion was discussed at some length and eventually the professor carried his point. Sir Donald Smith, Mr. Laurier, and the hon. member appointed a sub-committee to arrange for a deputation to wait on the government. A general caucus of the party will be held on Tuesday, when the members of the government will be present.

The Canadian Jockey Club secured incorporation to-day. The jurisdiction of the club extends only to affiliated bodies.

Mr. Devlin, Grit member for Ottawa county, announces that he will support the remedial bill.

Mr. McCarthy will ask if Sir Donald Smith was authorized to proceed to Manitoba on behalf of the government.

The report of the department of Fisheries shows a falling off last year in every province save British Columbia. The report contains an interesting resume of the Behring Sea question.

The budget debate closed to-night, the discussion having lasted since January 31. There was no division, the Liberals not moving any amendment.

SAULT STE. MARIE, Feb. 26.—David Healy, a Pickford merchant, left the Soo at 3.45 this morning with a load of general merchandise for his store. The sleigh upset fourteen miles from here and he was buried under the goods. He was dead when extricated.

WINNIPEG, Feb. 26.—Hon. Mr. Daly, Dominion minister of the interior, arrived here to-day to attend the Canadian Northwest immigration convention, which opens to-morrow. There is a large attendance of delegates here and a successful gathering is assured.