

A BIG RAILWAY SYSTEM OUTLINED

Comprehensive Transportation Scheme Indicated in Application to be Made at the Forthcoming Session.

This week's Provincial Gazette contains a series of notices confirmatory of the news published by the Times last Saturday relative to contemplated railway construction in this province.

Robertson & Robertson, the solicitors for A. A. Arthur, of New York, and those associated with him give notice of application to the legislature at the next sitting for amendments to various railway charters contained in the system, which is proposed to be organized.

A notice showing what is to constitute the system and what application will be made to incorporate a company with power to acquire the following charters and operate the undertakings: The Vancouver & Coast Kootenay Railway Company, the Alberni & Cowichan Railway Company, the Kamloops & Atlin Railway Company, and the Midway & Vernon Railway Company.

Accompanying notices show how these are to be connected up into a system. The first one, that of the Vancouver & Coast Kootenay, is a charter held by McLean Bros., the route being from the Kootenays to Vancouver city along much the same route as the V. & E. is now in course of construction. It is sought to extend the time for the completion of that line and to authorize the building of a branch to Kamloops.

The Midway & Vernon charter is sought to be amended so as to permit of building to Kamloops also, and permission is asked to build a branch to Penton.

The Kamloops & Atlin act is sought to be revised, ratified and confirmed. The time for constructing the line is asked to be extended, and an alteration in the line is asked to be permitted so that it may run from Kamloops, where it will meet the Coast Kootenay and the Midway & Vernon, up the North Thompson river to Yellow Head Pass. Permission to build a branch to Quesnel lake will also be asked.

In connection with the Vancouver Island branch an application is to be made to revive, and confirm the Cowichan-Alberni and Fort Rupert Railway Act by extending the time for

construction and permitting of the extension of the line to Victoria or Esquimalt harbor.

The whole system will be known as the B. C. Central Railway Company, and A. A. Arthur is the executive head. He is also identified permanently with the railway, recently incorporated to build from Port Angeles to Olympia with a ferry from Port Angeles to Victoria or Esquimalt harbor.

It is reported that connection is to be given by ferry with Victoria from the line of the Coast Kootenay also so that in the system Victoria seems to be destined to play an important part, being the outlet for the trans-Pacific trade.

There is still a mystery surrounding the scheme with respect to what great corporation is back of it. It was suggested in Saturday's Times that possibly the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Company was behind Mr. Arthur in his scheme. Many well-informed on transportation subjects hold the opinion that this is the corporation which is entering the field in a fight against J. J. Hill. Additional color is lent to this by the fact that the Coast Kootenay project, which practically parallels the V. & E. is included in the system.

Those intimately associated with the scheme will not give any clue to the interests which are back of it other than assurances that it is to be part of a magnificent system of railways with ramifications in many directions.

The present trustees of the Cowichan, Alberni & Fort Rupert railway is at Mill Bay, in Cowichan district, to reach this city the new line would have to parallel the E. & N. railway or by an alternative route via Cowichan and Sooke.

D. H. McDowell, of Victoria, and John Cane, of Port Angeles, are responsible in a large measure for bringing the plan to the attention of capitalists, and their success is indicated by the promptness with which the Midway, Vernon section is being built. It is claimed that European capital is behind the venture, which is even more comprehensive than the British Columbia portions of it indicate.

SPECIAL SITTING OF FULL COURT

APPEAL ARGUED IN NELSON POWER CASE

Preliminary Objections Taken on Motion to Submit Supplementary Evidence For City.

The full court is holding a special sitting in this city today to hear argument in an appeal in West Kootenay Power & Light Company vs. Nelson city. The court is constituted as follows: Mr. Justice Martin, Mr. Justice Duff and Mr. Justice Morrison. The appeal is taken from a judgment given by Mr. Justice Irving in a trial which was heard after an application had been made for an injunction to restrain the city from blasting and depositing rock along the Kootenay river, where works were being built by the city. The ground taken was that the blasting was done in violation of the city charter and that the depositing of rock was a nuisance.

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BOARD OF TRADE'S MESSAGE TO VICE-PRESIDENT OF CANADA NORTHERN.

T. W. PATERSON, PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF TRADE, HAS AVAILLED HIMSELF OF THE COMPLETION OF THE CANADIAN NORTHERN RAILWAY.

The Board of Trade, Victoria, has congratulated D. D. Mann, vice-president of the Canadian Northern Railway, on the completion of the railway. T. W. Paterson, president of the board of trade, has availed himself of the completion of the railway by writing a letter of congratulation to Mr. Mann. The letter expresses the board's appreciation of the railway's contribution to the development of the province and its hope that the railway will continue to be a source of benefit to the province.

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A CONFERENCE

OF THE VICTORIA AND VANCOUVER GAME CLUBS BEING ARRANGED FOR NEXT WEEK.

An effort will be made to arrange for a joint meeting of members of the Victoria and Vancouver Game Clubs next week. It will be remembered that at the last general gathering of the local organization Secretary Mungrove was entrusted with the task of bringing about a joint conference at an early date for the consideration of two very important matters, namely, the imposition of a gun license upon all British Columbia hunters and the amendment of the Game Act in such a manner that certain districts now unorganized, and throughout which those holding miners' licenses whether bona fide or not, may destroy game indiscriminately, may be made organized according to act of parliament. These are only two of the questions to be discussed. Other matters in connection with the protection of game in British Columbia, and which many sportsmen believe should be brought to the attention of the legislature, will be the form of amendments to the act, will come up for debate on this occasion.

During the past two months the question of a gun license has become a live issue in sporting circles, and among the farmers of the Mainland and Vancouver Island. It is understood that residents of the latter island are almost unanimously in favor of the proposal believing that it will tend to reduce the number of irresponsible sportsmen who are a menace, not only to the farmers by the destruction of their property, but because of their comparative lack of knowledge of the use of firearms and the danger to other hunters. But the Vancouver Island settlers seem to take a contrary view. Therefore, it is doubtful whether the proposal can be carried through by a sufficiently large majority to allow a strong recommendation to be laid before the provincial authorities. It is unlikely that there will be any dissension upon the other matters on the tapis.

Up to the present it is undecided whether the conference mentioned will be held at the Capital or Terminal City.

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FAREWELL TO THE OLD CLIFF HOUSE

FIRE DESTROYED IT EARLY ON FRIDAY

Ashes New Mark Site of Well-Known Land Mark—Once Old-Timers' Rendezvous

The Cliff House is no more. Like its celebrated prototype outside the Golden Gate that preceded the palatial structure which now commands the majestic Pacific, the well-known hostel at Clover Point has been resolved into ashes. The fire first got in on Friday. It is presumed that the flames started in the kitchen, as it was in the rear of the house that the fire raged most furiously. The department was notified by telephone and hose carts and chemical engine hurried to the scene.

But the building was doomed. Fire took the best it proved a fine top for the flames, which licked it up with glees, as if gloating over the insult they were casting at the sea waves that rolled towards the shore a hundred feet away, pretense to interfere. The firemen, despairing of saving anything of the historical old inn concentrated their attention upon the outhouses and succeeded in saving them intact.

The Cliff house was one of the landmarks of the place. It occupied a commanding position at Clover Point, about two miles from the city, and was a popular resort for old-timers and eagerly marked by passengers on the various steamers approaching their homes. To these the old wayside inn appealed with all the force of a palace. It was erected by the late J. H. Suter, and for years was held under lease by E. H. Henley, after whom it was named. When Mr. Henley died, the property was sold to the late J. H. Suter, who was a noted rendezvous of pioneers and seafaring men, who swapped many a yarn, fact and fiction, that such men as Bullen and W. Clark Russell would have had no objection upon it. It was owned by the Douglas estate. The house was insured for \$1,000, upon its furniture an insurance of \$700 was carried.

WAS DISBANDED.

Ymir Rifle Association Collapses Owing to Lack of Interest.

A meeting of the Ymir Rifle Association was called for a couple of weeks ago, but as none of the members took enough interest in it to attend the committee decided to disband the organization. On Wednesday last the rifles and the unused ammunition were packed up and returned to the department. The Ymir Rifle Association was organized early in 1904, chiefly through the influence of the late J. W. Ross, who was its first captain. A range was cleared, but was raised, and during the summer practice at the range was carried on regularly. After the death of Mr. Ross interest in the association fell, and the weekly competitions began to wane, and during the present season only a few were turned out to practice and these were held very irregularly.

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Sand Heads' Lightship Carried Onto Spit—Will Be Brought Here For Repairs.

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THE DRUG MERGER.

T. M. Henderson Will Attend Meeting in Montreal.

(From Friday's Daily.)
T. M. Henderson, of the firm of Henderson Bros., wholesale drug merchants, will leave tonight for Montreal to attend the organization meeting for the big Canadian drug merger, the nature of which has already been fully described in the Times.

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COLLINS DRIVEN TO HIS ULTIMATE DITCH

In His Demurrer Against Perjury Indictment—Still Animated by the Exuberance of His Verboosity.

It cost \$13,000 to bring Collins back from British Columbia, and now he has him here, we would cheerfully pay as much to get rid of him!" In these pathetic words the San Francisco Chronicle gives expression to its pent-up feelings with respect to George D. Collins, who spent an interesting summer in this fair city. After working so hard to get him home, after spending so much money in securing him from Canadian soil, they don't seem to be glad his joyous presence is among them again.

When George had a sad adieu to the shores that had sheltered him for five months it was generally thought that he had pretty well exhausted his stock of loquacity on Judge Lanman and Mr. Justice Duff, and would be easy game for the inexorable Byington in the courts of 'Frisco. But the change of climate and some worked marvels; the delight to be home again; among his own, even though his own received him not, renewed his mental faculties, and he returned with his patriotism and created in him a singular disgust at methods and manners Canadian.

George was still talking when the Chronicle of Tuesday was in course of preparation. Of his rapid campaign of self-defense the paper says:

Driven to his last resort in the argument for the demurrer against the perjury indictment, George D. Collins brought out yesterday the point which he has held in reserve and by which he hopes to escape prosecution. The indictment does not state that the complaint in the maintenance suit was "verified," the ex-fugitive claimed before Judge Lenton yesterday, "consequently there is no ground for the prosecution in this action to urge that the answer was required by law to be verified, and the alleged perjury was not an oath required by law." On this final technicality Collins rested his hopes for a demurrer.

Collins talked on the point for an hour and a half. Starting with the statement that the perjury indictment was faulty in that it did not state that the complaint, in response to which it was alleged that the perjury occurred, was a verified complaint, he ambed easily forth through legal fields, keeping within hailing distance of the point he was urging, with half a hundred reports and textbooks on the table before him. From an Alabama decision he jumped to Michigan, and then on to the sterner atmosphere of New England to refer to a Vermont decision that had been quoted against him by the prosecution, as one which, being in a case under the old chancery procedure, had no bearing on the present case, for that practice required a verified answer, and the judge could take cognizance of the oath was required without its being especially set forth in the pleadings. There was no apparent acrimony in his manner, but an evident conviction that he was playing his trump card, and expected to win.

At the close of his argument there was a discussion in which the court took part, as to whether the words "verified" and "authorized" were synonymous. Collins' claim was that the law never authorized an oath without requiring it. The district attorney, Judge Lenton said, "It is my intention to sustain this complaint. I can find any way to do so. But if the contention of the defence cannot be controverted and the decisions are on that side I shall have to sustain the demurrer, even though the subterfuge is evident to a layman. I shall take time to consider the matter."

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JOURNALIST OF WIDE PROMINENCE

IS SPENDING A FEW DAYS IN VICTORIA

E. W. Thomson Author of "Old Man Savarin" and Other Stories Impressed With British Columbia

(From Saturday's Daily.)
One of Canada's most prominent journalists is visiting the city. When E. W. Thomson, whose name is familiar in newspaper and literary circles from Atlantic to the Pacific, entered the Drilard hotel upon his arrival last evening, it was observed that he carried his trusty typewriter. It is quite safe to assume, therefore, that he is in harness, and will have something to write about Victoria and the Island during his stay.

Mr. Thomson is the Canadian correspondent of the Boston Transcript, a paper which appeals to the most cultured and wealthy element in a city renowned for its intellectual refinement. From Ottawa he sends about twice weekly columns a year on matters Canadian, and although he, himself, would be adverse to saying it, those who follow United States Journalism contend that the Transcript is the best informed paper on Dominion affairs in the great republic south of the line. Moreover, the fact that it commissions one so prominent in the world of newspaperdom as Mr. Thomson to act as its Canadian correspondent shows that the Boston daily appreciates the importance of keeping its readers in rapport with Canada's progress.

Mr. Thomson has had an interesting career, and assuredly an exciting one. He began it as a surgeon and civil engineer in Canada, but evidently developed a taste for journalism and literature when quite young, for he contributed articles to the Globe, Canadian Monthly, Grip and other papers, while pursuing his regular profession. These carried the attention of George Brown, of the Globe, who induced him to give up engineering for journalism. He became chief editorial writer of the Globe, but resigned in 1890, and opposed the Liberal party on unrestricted reciprocity. Subsequently he became revising editor of the Youth's Companion of Boston, a position he held for twelve years. Every youngster who reads the land knows the Youth's Companion, and there must be millions who have eagerly digested the valuable contributions that Mr. Thomson made to the paper during that period.

But this is going ahead of the story. While in his teens he was clerking in Philadelphia, which with every other part of the republic, was stirred to its heart by the terrible civil war then in progress. Carried away by the excitement, young Thomson enlisted in a Pennsylvania cavalry regiment, and saw considerable service. He entered "Petersonburg" on the morning of its capture and was in the famous enveloping

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