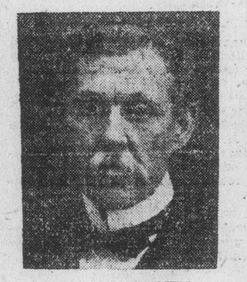
CANDIDATES THANK VOTERS

MAYOR HALL, A. J. MORLEY AND ALDERMEN SPEAK

Large Gathering in City Hall at Declaration of Vote.

Speeches were in order at the city hall Thursday night after the count of the mayoralty vote was completed. A large crowd had gathered to hear the victors and the vanquished tell how it happened. It was at first intended to have the speaking in the police court room, which was well-lighted, but as the crowd had tramped upstairs, following out long-time custom, the mayor decided to follow up. As soon as the count was over and the result was known from the tally his worship had run over to his committee room with the news.

The council chamber was filled when the speech-making began. Outside the mayoralty candidates there were only about half a dozen of the aldermanic nominees in evidence, and although



ANGUS M'KEOWN,
Re-elected Alderman for Ward IV.

some of those who had been in the school board contest were present, it was not thought fitting to call on any of them while the vote was still in part uncounted.

The mayor got a splendid reception, testifying to his popularity and the satisfaction of all classes at his re-election. He promised the people a continuance of the same faithful service he has given them for twelve years past, and announced his retirement at the end of the term.

A. J. Morley took his defeat very hard. An elderly citizen, leaving the hall, remarked: "I never saw a man die so hard." Mr. Morley informed the electors that in defeating himself and Aldermen Meston and Gleason they had turned down the only really moral men in the council, and insinuated that the new council was poor material.

Ex-Ald. F. A. Pauline was called on to act as chairman, if the term is applicable where everyone had to stand.

Mayor Hall Cheered.

When the mayor came forward to address the ratepayers he was received with three cheers and a tiger of the heartiest kind. When quite was restored he said:

W. M. RUSSELL HUMBER,
Elected Alderman in Ward II.

"Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen, I believe that this is one of the proudest moments of my life—(You bet you)—and I sincerely thank all those who came out to-day through the inclement weather to support me and return me at the head of the poll with such a handsome majority.

"When I have finished this term it will make thirteen years without a defeat in the service of the city. (Cheers.) And I wish to say now that I do not intend, upon any consideration, to seek the position of mayor for another term. (You will have to; you made Morley sit up.) I believe, and have fought for the principle, that the mayor should have two years in office. As I stated at one of my meetings the government will probably amend the municipal law so that you can elect your mayor for two years and your aldermen for the same term, with half retiring each year. I do not believe in any man monopolizing the position and when my term is up I shall step down and give someone else a chance."

"You will do nothing of the kind," was the emphatic comment of a ratepayer.

"I want to thank one and all for the majority given me and to say further that your work should not finish here. I desire every citizen with the interests of the city at heart to watch things and if he sees or knows of anything going on that is not right to report it to the mayor, so that the council and myself may have an opportunity to put matters right. Do not let it be left until two or three days before election day to make complaints.

"I ask you, if you know of anything wrong, to come to me. I will listen to every complaint, investigate it if it appears to be worth investigating, and if anything is found which needs a remedy then rectify it to the best of my power. (Hear, hear.)

"While there are quite a number who have not supported me I am elected as their mayor as well as mayor of those who did support me; I am mayor for the city and citizens of Victoria. (Cheers.) I will continue to use my very greatest endeavors to advance the city physically, morally and in every other way. (You are all right, Hall.) I believe it is the duty of every citizen to make his city better; to make it easier to earn a living in, to make it better for mankind."

Another round of cheering greeted his worship as he concluded.

A. J. Morley Speaks.

A. J. Morley got a varied sort of reception. He expressed considerable pleasure at hearing Mayor Hall speak

W. J. MABLE,
Re-elected Alderman of Ward I.

in the cheerful manner he had and congratulated him on winning the victory by a large majority. For himself he did not feel sorry. When he started in on the campaign he did not care whether he won or lost, but saw a principle in danger and stood for it.

"If the people are satisfied with the victory of to-day then it is time they went home and did some tight thinking," Mr. Morley went on.

Whether the choice of the adjective qualifying the thinking was deliberate or not it proved an unfortunate reminder of the ex-mayor's reference earlier in the week to "tight" Victoria, and was greeted with a chorus of boos, groans, hisses, cries of "Shame," "It is too late now," and "He's looking for the dead wagon now."

"You can shout but you know Morley can take a licking as well as a victory. The city had been working along progressive lines but what have you won now? You have turned down the only three men who have stood absolutely and conscientiously for what is right and moral in this city. (Cut that out.) You have to-day got a liquor victory with a temperance mayor. (No.) Take it to the end of the year and you will see for yourselves. The principles of right and moral reform and efficient civic administration have been defeated at this election. (No, and shame.) I am sorry for the principles; I am not sorry for myself. If I had been elected I would have had one of the most unpleasant years in doing what is before a reform mayor to straighten out affairs. Fortunately for myself I have escaped that work. (Fortunately for us, and cheers.) I am very thankful to be relieved of the duty.

"All I can say, Mr. Mayor, is that my heartiest good wishes are with the mayor and council, regardless of the material of which they are made. (Prolonged groans and hisses.) I hope that the results at the end of the year will be satisfactory to you all. I am losing, but you are losing more than I am."

ANTON HENDERSON,
Re-elected Alderman for Ward V.

The Aldermen Heard.

Ald. Henderson thanked the electors for having re-elected him for a third term. His opponent was a better man than himself. Ward five had elected two good men—(hear, hear)—and for himself he was gratified that without soliciting any votes the electors had been kind enough to send him back to the council and he would do his duty as always.

"I am sorry to hear that the truly moral men have not been sent back to council," he continued. "That is a hard knock on the rest of us. While not claiming to be perfection I think my life will stand against serious faultfinding. (Cheers.) I don't think I should be classed as an immoral person."

"Don't you mind Morley's knocking," advised one of the audience.

Ald. Turner thanked the 496 electors of ward five who had put him in and to all the electors of his ward he gave the assurance that he would carry out his promises.

Ald. Fullerton felt proud of his election for the fifth time for ward three, which made him senior alderman. He was the only working man member and would do his best for the welfare of Victoria as a whole. From the complexion of the new council he expected as successful a year as last.

Ex-Ald. Gleason said he had consistently and conscientiously done his best and while defeated would not lose his interest in the city.

W. C. Stewart thought he had not done badly for a new-comer against three old-timers. He blamed his Liberal friends and the Times for his defeat. Said he: "I have to thank the

ALEX. STEWART,
Elected Alderman in Ward III.

Liberals of Victoria for my defeat. I know why the Victoria Times has defeated me. I backed Bill Templeman for five weeks and this is all the thanks I get. They defeated me because I backed a better man than Bill Templeman ever was and a smarter man than the Victoria Times ever had on its staff."

Ex-Ald. Meston offered any help he could to the new aldermen from his ward. Perhaps some future year he would run again, for he was not discouraged.

Mr. Morley repaired an oversight by coming forward to thank his supporters, and was going on to make a second speech had the audience not objected.

T. N. Hibben thanked his supporters and congratulated ward five on having chosen two such good aldermen. He would personally continue to work for the welfare of the ward and the city.

Returning Officer Northcott.

The official declaration of the result of the council vote was made by W. W. Northcott, the returning officer, whose appearance was the signal for an outburst of applause.

Mayor Hall, in proposing a vote of thanks to Mr. Northcott, said: "Our returning officer is one of the best in the Dominion of Canada. He always has his work right up to date, with no mistakes and no delays."

Ald. Henderson seconded the vote and added his testimony to Mr. Northcott's excellence as a returning officer and an official of the city.

A cheer as hearty as that given for the mayor was the answer when the motion was put, and Mr. Northcott acknowledged the vote as including himself and the election officials who had worked with him.

Mayor Hall afterwards went to his committee rooms and addressed a gathering of his workers there.

ILL-STARRED RUSSIAN ADMIRAL IS DEAD

Rojestvensky Led Czar's Navy to Overwhelming Defeat at Tsushima.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 15.—The death is announced of Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky, who was in command of the Russian fleet in May, 1905, when it was practically annihilated by the Japanese in the battle of the Sea of Japan. The cause of death was neuralgia of the heart.

Sinovi Petrovitch Rojestvensy, who was about 60 years old, had been in the Russian naval service the greater part of his life. Graduating from St. Michael's Artillery academy, Rojestvensky rose steadily until he became chief of the naval headquarters staff, and the head of the intelligence department of the Russian navy.

JOHN A. TURNER,
Elected Alderman for Ward V.

In 1904, after the repeated disasters which befell the Russian warships in their conflicts with the Japanese fleet, Rojestvensky was given personal command of the Russian Baltic fleet with orders to take it to Vladivostok. The fleet sailed from Libau, October 16, 1904. Owing to persistent rumors that the Japanese would attack it en route, a careful lookout was kept by the Russians, and when the fleet was off the Dogger bank, in the North sea, it came upon the British North Sea fishing fleet. The lights of the trawlers caused the Russians to fire on the fishermen. The steam trawler Crane was sunk and two others of the fishing fleet were injured, while two men of the trawlers were killed and a number were seriously injured.

This action resulted in strained relations between Great Britain and Russia, but an international commission at Paris practically excused Rojestvensky, though it condemned the firing upon the trawlers. The Russian government was assessed $320,000 as damages.

Rojestvensky, meanwhile, with the main division of his fleet, sailed around the cape of Good Hope and was met off Madagascar by the other vessels, which had proceeded through the Mediterranean and the Red sea. During the voyage the Japanese captured Port Arthur and sank or captured most of the Russian warships which had been bottled up there, and this caused a change in Rojestvensky's plans to take his fleet northward to Vladivostok. Advancing into the China sea, where coal and provisions were taken on board by his fleet, Rojestvensky, in May, 1905, was joined by Admiral Nebogatoff's division, and the combined fleets started through the straits of Korea on the way to Vladivostok.

Between Korea and Japan, in the straits of Tsushima, on May 27th, the Russians ran into Vice-Admiral Togo's naval ambuscade, and in this conflict, Togo captured or destroyed eight battleships, nine cruisers, three coast defence ships, nine destroyers, one auxiliary cruiser, six special service steamers and two hospital ships. The Russians lost 4,000 men killed and 7,300 taken prisoners. Japan lost three torpedo boats and 116 men killed and 538 wounded.

The battleship Kniaz Souvaroff, Rojestvinsky's flagship, was blown up during the battle, and the vice-admiral sustained several wounds. He was then conveyed to the destroyer Biedovy, which surrendered to a Japanese battleship. Rojestvensky and the officers were taken ashore and the admiral was placed in the hospital. He was held a prisoner until the war ended. Returning to Russia after his release, Rojestvensky applied for retirement, saying his health was shattered. An indictment was found against him and the officers of the Biedovy, charging the admiral with surrendering to an enemy and the officers with cowardice and demoralization. Rojestvensky pleaded guilty to save his brother officers, but he was declared not guilty. The officers were condemned to death, but their sentences were afterwards commuted.

CANNON BURSTS WHEN SALUTE IS FIRED

Skidegate Man Sustains Slight Injuries—Developing Mining Property.

Skidegate, Jan. 9.—The bursting of an old Hudson Bay cannon, which was used to salute the New Year, resulted in injuries to Fred Wilson. A piece of metal struck a log, the bark from which cut Wilson's face and arm. His injuries are not serious. A number of young people were standing nearby, but all escaped uninjured.

A McLennan, owner of the Gold Harbor free milling property, and his superintendent, Mr. VanWick, were in Skidegate recently on business. They had some beautiful specimens of ore with gold visible all over the surface, with them. Mr. McLennan stated that their tunnel was now in sixty feet and was being pushed ahead as rapidly as possible.

The basket social and benefit concert on December 28th, for the Skidegate Concert Band, netted $150. The proceeds go toward paying an instructor for a two months' special course.

The Haidas gave the last of the holiday feasts in New Year's eve. All of the whites were invited and a few attended out of curiosity, and were agreeably surprised to find a special table set for them with snowy linen and a variety of good things that would delight the heart of an epicure. After dinner speeches were made by several of the leading natives, which were translated by an interpreter. The difference between the present and olden times was spoken of and credit given to the white people for the beneficial changes.

On New Year's night the chieftains' dance of olden time was given by the Haidas, accompanied by amateur theatricals and juggling. Later the hall was cleared and Swiler's orchestra struck up and the younger natives showed that they were experts at dancing. The programme opened with lancers and dancing continued until the strains of the Home waltz died away in the small hours of the morning.

On New Year's day a banquet was given by the Moresby Island Lumber Company to all the residents of Queen Charlotte at the company's boarding house.

A TERRIBLE COAST.

"The Cold Land of Fire," to which C. W. Furlong introduces readers of Harper's Magazine, is Terra del Fuego. He describes a voyage into the South Atlantic ocean, and through the Straits of Magellan to the Pacific. The neighborhood of these Straits is one of the most lonely and desolate in the world. The land on either hand is inhabited by a few degraded savages, and only one ship now and then passes through the wastes of water outside. "We were shut in by barren, forbidding walls of granite, slate and greenstone, down whose dark sides wriggled white cascades like frayed silken strands. We were closed within a great chasm, in a passage-way, as it were, to some nether world. I believe nowhere can Nature be found more supreme in lonely, cheerless grandeur, or does she seem to resent more the intrusion of mankind. Perhaps nowhere has the mariner greater horror of shipwreck than on these impassable shores. Even as one views them from the deck of a staunch vessel, Fate seems perched on every point of rock. Gales of sleet, hail, and snow follow one another in rapid succession, frequently totally obscuring the near-by shores and rendering the navigation extremely hazardous.

BRITISH FIRMS NOT AFFECTED

BUT STATUS OF FOREIGN COMPANIES CONCERNED

Full Court Reserves Judgment as to Right to Sue in Province.

(From Friday's Daily.)

A case of great interest to the commercial world, as touching the right of unregistered foreign corporations to sue in our courts, has been before the Full court—Chief Justice Hunter, Mr. Justice Irving and Mr. Justice Morrison on the bench—since yesterday afternoon. Judgment was reserved on the main point, but there seems little reason to doubt that their Lordships will adhere to the opinion they expressed in Vancouver, that such companies cannot sue or be sued in the courts of British Columiba.

It should be distinctly understood that the point only applies to foreign companies. Extra-provincial British companies, by which is understood those incorporated in other provinces as well as in the old country, or in other British dominions, must take out a license to do business in this province, but failure to do so does not affect their right to sue in the courts.

Lilly & Co., of Seattle, purchased a cargo of 1,100 tons of dog salmon for shipment to Japan from the Johnston Fishery Company, of Nanaimo. A shortage of 600 tons was alleged on arrival in Japan, and in an action tried in Seattle in October, 1907, the company was awarded $12,000 against A. R. Johnston and the Johnston Fishery Co. An action to affirm this foreign judgment was tried in Vancouver, and Mr. Justice Martin upheld it against both defendants. The appeal came on before the Full court in Vancouver last month, when their Lordships declared that the company was not capable of suing or of being sued here, not being registered as a foreign company doing business in British Columbia. They allowed the case to be reopened for further argument here.

W. J. Taylor, K. C., for A. R. Johnston, was desirous of resting his case on the merits, but the court declined to hear him until argument on the other point had been heard.

J. A. Russell, Vancouver, representing Lilly & Co., repeated his arguments in support of the proposition that they had a right to sue in the British Columbia courts. By the comity of nations, he contended, they possessed that right. The Companies' Act, which was quoted by the court, he did not think took away that right, as it did not say so.

"It seems to me," said the Chief Justice, "that section 143 puts you absolutely out of court. On close reading it appears to us to be intended to prohibit, and does prohibit, extra-provincial companies which are not British from doing anything until they are registered. British companies must take out a license, but in any case can sue, while in the case of a foreign corporation they can do nothing until they are registered. The idea, I presume, is that companies regarding which we are in the dark, such as those which operate under New Jersey and Nebraska incorporations, and with powers of which we do not know the limits, have to be recreated, as it were, by registration. It strikes me that this section is wide enough to cover any and every action of an unregistered extra-provincial corporation. It was not intended to deny right of access to our courts to unlicensed British companies, but it was intended to deny that right to unregistered foreign companies."

Mr. Russell did not see it this way, and considered that the section only had to do with rights and property within the province, and did not preclude a foreign company from bringing suit here to obtain other rights.

"A plain interpretation of section 143," Mr. Justice Irving said, "is that no act permissible under your original corporate powers, which expression would include the right to sue and be sued, shall be exercised or shall be enforceable by action in any court of this province unless such act is within the rights granted to you by this act."

Mr. Russell also raised the argument that suing was not doing business in the province, but the court was against him here also.

C. J. Prior and H. D. Twigg, for the Johnston Fishery Company, asked that the proceedings be set aside as against their clients on the ground that the company was in liquidation at the time suit was brought and leave to sue had not first been sought from the court.

Mr. Justice Irving thought their relief should have been sought in an order from a judge-in-chambers instead of prosecuting an appeal.

Mr. Taylor was allowed to go into the merits of the case, and was still arguing on them at luncheon time. He stated that Mr. Johnston had never known of the suit against himself, and that although Ira Campbell, a Seattle attorney acting for the Johnston Co., filed an appearance for him, it was without Mr. Johnston's instructions or knowledge, as Campbell himself admitted.

The case is still in progress.

CANADIAN NORTHERN PLANS.

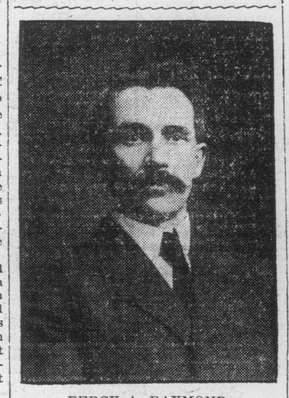
Will Construct Line Along North Shore of Lake Superior.

Montreal, Que., Jan 15.—President Wm. Mackenzie, of the C. N. R., was in the city yesterday and announced that it was the intention of his company to proceed with the construction of a line along the north shore of Lake Superior, connecting the company's western lines, which now reach Port Arthur, with the company's Ontario lines at Parry Sound. As to whether or not a start would be made this year he said it would depend on circumstances. As to the absorption of the Intercolonial by his company he had nothing to say, except that he would like to obtain possession of the government railway.

MOUNTAINEERS WILL BUILD CLUB HOUSE

Dominion Government Has Donated Site at Banff.

Revelstoke, Jan. 14.—At a meeting of the Revelstoke members of the Alpine Club of Canada, held in the city hall, it was decided to form a local club to



PERCY A. RAYMOND,
Elected Alderman for Ward IV.

be known as the Revelstoke Mountaineering Club. The following officers were appointed for the current year: Hon. president, A. O. Wheeler, F.R.G.S.; president, Rev. J. R. Robertson; vice-president, Miss Hobbs; secretary-treasurer, J. P. Forde; executive committee, E. A. Haggen, W. W. Foster, C. R. Macdonald, C. A. Procunier, W. A. Aldritt.

The executive received instructions from the meeting to draw up a constitution and set of by-laws for adoption by the club, and when this work has been done applications will be received from all persons wishing to join.

This organization will not endeavor to enter into competition in any way with the Alpine Club of Canada, but instead it will probably be a recruiting ground for the Alpine Club.

The local members of the Canadian Alpine Club and their friends gave a banquet at the Y. M. C. A. in honor of Mr. Wheeler, president of the Alpine Club. Mr. Wheeler reviewed the history of the Alpine Club and its gradual growth from a membership of 67 to 400 in three years. He dwelt on the success of the first camp and the strides that have been made, pointing out that a permanent secretary was now employed, and that the Dominion government had given a site at Banff for a club house. Many English climbers would be present at the camp this year at Lake O'Hara, which was an ideal spot for mountaineering. He said that funds were being collected for the erection of the club house, over 115 members having subscribed. The club was here to stay and Canada was proud of it.

Mr. Wheeler referred briefly to the accident at the camp last year, urging all Alpinists the great necessity of obedience to the guides, the accident in question being caused by an utter disregard of a guide's warning. He then made a strong appeal to all to help the club work, since the club must be run on a business basis, and explained how the explorations in the mountains would afford valuable scientific data.

BARQUE ALICE ASHORE AT NORTH BEACH, WASH.

Crew Got Safely Ashore Through Breakers in Small Boats.

(Special to the Times.)

Portland, Ore., Jan. 15.—The three-masted French barque Alice, from London, to Balfour, Guthrie & Co., of Portland, with cement, went ashore on North Beach, near Ocean Park, Wash., at seven this morning. She is in the breakers. The crew got ashore in small boats.

North Beach is known as the marine graveyard of the Pacific Northwest coast.

H. F. BISHOP,
Elected Alderman of Ward II.

—At the regular meeting of Victoria Lodge No. 1, A. O. U. W., held on Wednesday evening, the following officers were installed by D. D. Shakespeare for the current year: P.M. W., Jas. Mallet; M.W., George Gawley; Foreman, George Myers; Overseer, D. J. Miller; Secretary, R. Dunn; Fin.-Sec., F. Duvey, M. P. P.; Treasurer, C. T. Wrigglesworth; L. W., Jas. Andrews; Trustees, Jas. Mallet, George Myers, Jas. Andrews.

AORANGI IN FROM ANTIPODES

P. P. P. OF NEW ZEALAND ON WAY TO ENGLAND

Number of Theatrical Passengers Aboard—Cargo Was a Light One.

(From Friday's Daily.)

Steamer Aorangi, which pulled into port this morning, last evening ran into a snowstorm when she was well into the straits and found some difficulty in making her way to a safe anchorage. She was expected to land her passengers here about 6 o'clock last night, but had to come slowly, and when she reached the Royal Roads she dropped her anchor, and Capt. Phillips decided to remain for the night. Fine weather was experienced all the way from Honolulu, with now and then confused swells and occasional banks of fog and mist.

The steamer brought about one hundred passengers, among them being D. Robertson, postmaster-general of New Zealand, and Mrs. Robertson, who are on their way to London, England, on a holiday, and Capt. Lyon, aide-de-camp to Lord Plunkett, the governor of New Zealand, en route to England. Other passengers included P. P. Borne, of New York, a commercial man making his seventh trip from the antipodes, where he represents the bridge builders, Ullman & Co.; Mr. and Mrs. Chapin, of Calgary, the former being connected with a large machinery establishment at that place, who is returning from a trip to Honolulu; H. Sargeant, a caterer from Sidney; D. McIntyre, going to the university at Cornell, and R. B. Legg who debarked here.

There were a number of actors and actresses abroad, among them being L. Nethersole, a brother to Olga Nethersole. He has been managing the Margaret Anglin Company. Miss Anglin has spent six months in Australia, and has had a very successful tour, netting something like $50,000. She is a Canadian girl well known here. She was asked to extend her engagement for another six months, but refused, and is now returning, via Egypt, intending to winter in Cairo with her sister. She will play again in Boston next September under the same management. Seven members of "The Prince Chap" company were returning to this continent, among them being Miss Wayne, Miss Keogh and F. Lamb. M. Duncan, an operatic singer, connected with the Hammerstein company, is returning to New York, and also Miss Hodgson, of the same company. Magistrate Williams, of Vancouver, was returning from a long holiday to Honolulu.

The cargo of the steamer was slightly over a thousand tons, there being cocoanut oil, preserved meats, coffee, bananas and pineapples for this port. For Vancouver there was a large quantity of timber, mutton, hides, wool, hemp, fruits and spices. The steamer left for Vancouver about 11 o'clock this morning.

TRAMPS 100 MILES ON ICE DOWN SKEENA

Lumberman Has Several Narrow Escapes While on Journey.

(Special Correspondence.)

Prince Rupert, Jan. 14. — After a lonely tramp on foot of over 100 miles on the frozen surface of the Skeena river, with the thermometer 20 below zero, and the cold north wind at times taking him off his feet, C. A. Lillesburg, a Kitsumkalum lumberman, finished a long and tiresome journey from that place when he hobbled into town on Sunday night, foot-sore and weary. The trip was the hardest he had ever made, and under no circumstances would he undertake it again. Until he reached tidewater the going was good and the ice a foot thick except at the many riffles where, owing to the strong currents there was but a thin covering. At such places he was forced to climb around the banks, which are nearly perpendicular.

While rounding one of these points he was blown from his footing by a sudden gust of wind and swept out upon the thin ice which bent and cracked beneath him. Lying prostrate so as to distribute his weight and prevent the ice from breaking, he was swept across the thinly-covered surface and reached the other side in safety.

Mr. Lillesburg owns a saw-mill at Kitsumkalum and reports doing a good business. The railway camps along the Skeena have created a demand for lumber and his mill has been kept running steadily until last week, when the Skeena froze over and he was forced to shut down the plant. The men are now all engaged in logging and in the spring the mill will be started up again.

While two large rafts of lumber for the railway camps were being floated down stream they were caught by the cold snap and frozen in the ice. The rafts aggregate many thousand feet of lumber, all of which will be a total loss.

'FRISCO BRIBERY TRIAL.

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 15.—Walter L. Baskette, a bookkeeper, the first venireman examined at this morning's session of the Patrick Calhoun bribery trial, was passed temporarily by both sides. He makes the third juror so far accepted, all being subject to peremptory challenge.

—The funeral of the late Raphael David Davis took place this afternoon from the family residence, Johnson street. Dr. Hartman officiated. The remains were interred in the Jewish cemetery.

G. A. MacNicholl, purchasing agent of the G. T. P., after spending a couple of days in Victoria, left last night for his home in Vancouver.

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