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INDUSTRIAL ARMY.

The Various Divisions in Pretty Bad Straits—Difficulties of Getting to Washington.

Coxey's Trial Begun—'Charity Failing to Provide and Something Must Be Done.'

TACOMA, May 4.—The programme of the local Coxeyites was to get on trains in small parties along the Northern Pacific railway, but as they climbed on in large bodies the train between Meeker Junction and Buckley was sidetracked, the engine and coaches returning. Marcellus was at once sent out to protect the company's property. Governor McGraw being asked what steps he proposed to take, said the Northern Pacific being in the hands of the United States courts, he should take no action. Plans have been formulated to put the 3,000 Coxeyites in his state at work upon irrigation ditches in Eastern Washington at \$2 per day, each man to be supplied with the necessities of life and to be paid the balance due in cash when the bonds of the irrigation system are placed. The plans contemplate three irrigating systems, comprising 135 miles of ditches and covering 50,000 to 100,000 acres of irrigable lands. A part of the scheme is to sell ten-acre tracts of the land at a reduced rate to the men employed in constructing the ditches, and to encourage the building by them of homes and tilling the land.

SEATTLE, May 4.—General Sheppard, of the local army, has returned from Tacoma, stating that the men having become discontented he had resigned the command. There are now 800 men at Puyallup out of 1,000 who went there.

PUYALLUP, May 4.—Exceptionally warm times have been experienced here. General Sheppard was called upon to resign his command, his financial administration not being considered satisfactory, the army subsequently disbanding, to reorganize at Spokane, the members individually to make their way to Washington as best they can. An endeavor is, however, making to secure a Great Northern train.

SACRAMENTO, May 4.—The city is full of deserters from the industrial armies, and it looks as if the policy of leaving the army alone will result in their desertion. Twenty men from one camp have gone to work for the street railway contractors at \$1.75 per day. A dozen idlers arrested for sleeping in box cars were driven out of the city.

DES MOINES, May 4.—Kelley's army is in desperate straits. Starvation starts the men in the ranks, and the demonstration of laboring people as a last resort was not a success. General Weaver told Governor Jackson that his delegation wanted to know if there was any power in the executive to secure a train. All were anxious to prevent the disbandment in Des Moines of the industrial army. The governor refused to carry the men for less than full fare. The only hope is to secure sufficient funds to carry these men to the Mississippi river. Kelley agreed to accept transportation to the Mississippi with a view to going down stream and up the Ohio. Gov. Jackson spent the day in endeavoring to secure a train to the Mississippi, but now despaired of success, and it is thought the army will disband.

GRETTEN, Neb., May 4.—Capt. W. A. Duff's Commonwealers from Lincoln arrived here yesterday on their way to join Kelley's army at Des Moines. Their reception was very cool. Capt. Duff ordered a halt for refreshments, after which they marched to Portal, reaching Omaha at noon to-day.

MURRAY, Utah, May 4.—Carter and his band of unemployed have moved south. No terms have been made with the railroad to move them east.

CHAMPLAIN, N.Y., May 4.—The Coxeyites, numbering 150 men, under command of J. S. Sanders, started for Washington City yesterday afternoon. They marched seven miles and went into camp, where they were joined by fifty more men. Every man in the army had a big roll of blankets.

INDIANAPOLIS, May 4.—General Eyre with his army hopes to move towards Washington to-morrow.

HARBORSPURG, Ky., May 4.—C. Peter Springer, a Mexican war veteran, with half a dozen companions, left here last evening for Washington in a balloon. Springer says he will contribute \$1,000 to Coxey on his arrival in Washington.

NEW YORK, May 4.—Fitzgerald and Swift, leaders of the New England Commonwealers, are to hold a mass meeting to-night. Fitzgerald says they will leave the city for Newark to-morrow.

WASHINGTON CITY, May 4.—Gen. Coxey was conspicuous by his absence from the camp yesterday. He meting to the National hotel to attend to the proposed removal of the army's camping ground to a more healthy place. He hoped to secure the Ivy City road track for a camping ground. "We have 525 men in our camp to-day," said Marshal Brown. "We have weeded out all the bad elements."

Coxey, Brown and Jones were placed on trial in court to-day for unlawfully displaying a banner or device on the Capitol grounds and breaking shrubs and plants there. The lawyers for the defendants moved to quash the information on the ground that the law was void, because it prohibited the constitutional right of religious freedom. The motion quashed the information was denied. Senator Pence of Colorado said he appeared for Coxey. A motion for the severance of the cases of the defendants was over-ruled. The health officers say if Coxey does not get another site legal proceedings will be commenced to expel him from the present unhealthy camp.

A report from Kansas City says that Mrs. Mary Lease, of Kansas, being asked her opinion of Coxey and his movement said: "This spontaneous uprising of the people from every part of the country is not the work of one man, and is not accidental. It was bad enough for American people to take their cornmeal and soup from the hands of charity, but now charity fails to provide and something must be done. Had I been in Coxey's place," the words came quick and were spoken almost through her teeth. "I would have gone up those steps and into the Capitol, or I would never have tried it. I would not have turned back, but I would not have tried to go into the Capitol building until I had a force behind me that could easily overcome all the police in Washington City."

HAWAIIAN ADVICES.

PORT TOWNSEND, May 3.—The following news was brought over by the U.S.S. Adams from Honolulu April 13:

In accordance with the provisions of section 2 of act 69 of the Provisional Government of the Hawaiian Islands, being an act entitled "An Act to provide for a Constitutional Convention," notice is given that an election for delegates to the Constitutional Convention will be held throughout the islands, between the hours of 8 o'clock a.m. and 5 o'clock p.m. on Wednesday, the 2nd day of May.

Park plan for Maui is closed down. One hundred Japanese on strike. They claim that Manager Caldwell fined them without warrant of law.

Makawao has 120 Japs on trial for deserting labor. There was trouble between a lina and two field hands on Pala plantation.

Two lepers lately ran away from the settlement. They were found and brought back. Opium is being smuggled to Molekai.

A cablegram from General Lewis on his mission to secure 1,200 Japs for the planters was received by the Mariposa. He wired that nothing was settled yet. A fuller report is expected from Mr. Irwin by the China.

MR. BROWN'S RETIREMENT.

The Alternative Presented to Him by Postmaster-General Sir Adolphe Caron.

No Interference Directly or Indirectly by Hon. Mr. Davis or His Friends.

OTTAWA, May 4.—Subjoined is certain correspondence which has passed between Mr. F. S. Barnard, M.P., and Sir Adolphe Caron, Postmaster-General. Mr. Barnard's letter bears the date of May 1:

"MY DEAR SIR.—I observe that the Opposition press in British Columbia is commenting on the determination of Mr. J. C. Brown, postmaster at New Westminster, not to become a candidate at the forthcoming Provincial elections, intimate that such determination on the part of Mr. Brown was not voluntary, but was the result of influence exercised by Hon. Mr. Davis or his friends in the Dominion House, with a view to induce Mr. Brown to become a candidate. Will you kindly place me in possession of the facts, as I can hardly realize that either Mr. Davis or any member of Parliament attaches sufficient importance to Mr. Brown's candidature to have used the means suggested to prevent it."

"I am, your truly,
"F. S. BARNARD."
Sir Adolphe replied to Mr. Barnard as follows:

"MY DEAR MR. BARNARD: I have to acknowledge yours of yesterday's date, in which you refer to the determination of Mr. J. C. Brown, in commenting on the determination of Mr. J. C. Brown, postmaster at New Westminster, not to become a candidate at the forthcoming Provincial elections, intimate that such determination on the part of Mr. Brown was not voluntary, but was the result of influence exercised by Hon. Mr. Davis or his friends in the Dominion House to induce me to prevent Mr. Brown from becoming a candidate."

"In answer, I have to say that Mr. Davis, directly or indirectly, never communicated with me in reference to this matter, nor did any of his friends here. The sole reason why I interfered in the matter is as follows: It is found in the department very inconvenient that the principal permanent officers, such as postmasters of New Westminster, should take from the work of their office a portion of their time to give to another calling, the more especially in the case of Mr. Brown, who for several years was not interfered with in his political pursuits, and I thought the sitting of Parliament and the work incident upon the elections must take much more of his time than I considered right and proper should be taken from the post office work. We claim that the whole of the time of postmasters in such centres as Westminster city should be devoted to the public service."

Under these circumstances, I felt constrained, in order to avoid making other arrangements for the postmaster of New Westminster, to ask Mr. Brown if he intended to devote the whole of his time to the post office, and this is the only reason which induced me to write as I did to Mr. Brown; but the letter I wrote, a copy of which I enclose, was a very kind and friendly letter, rather giving advice than commanding, as I think you will agree after reading it. The way I came to hear of his being in public life, which I ignored up to that time, was by reading a paragraph in the Daily Columbian, giving a programme, I think, of political meetings to be addressed by him. These are the circumstances which dictated my action in relation to the matter referred to in your letter.

"Believe me, yours truly,
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The following is a copy of the Postmaster-General's letter to Mr. Brown:

"MY DEAR SIR.—I hope you will not consider this in the light of an official letter from the Postmaster-General. I enclose you a cutting from the Daily Columbian, in that cutting it appears that it is your intention to seek Parliamentary honors. I personally do not know whether this is true or not, and my writing you is more to give you friendly advice than to command. I find it departmentally very inconvenient that principal permanent officers such as yourself should take from the work of the office a portion of their time to give to any other pursuit."

In your case especially the sitting of Parliament and the work incident upon the elections, as we both know, must take much more of your time than I consider it right or proper should be taken from post office work. We claim that the whole of the time of postmasters in such centres as New Westminster should be devoted to the public service. Under these circumstances I would feel obliged to you if you would convey to me an intimation of what you intend to do, as I fear that in the case of your wishing to remain in public life I would have to make other arrangements for the postmaster of New Westminster. I hope you will take my letter in the spirit which has dictated it, and believe me, yours truly,
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NEWS OF THE PROVINCE.

A Government Candidate Chosen in Westminister—The Opposition in South Nanaimo.

Activity in the Mining Country—Importation of Japanese Coolies to Cease.

(Special to the Colonist.)

VANCOUVER.

VANCOUVER, May 3.—It is pointed out that those who are going to investigate the seventeen serious charges touching City Engineer Tracy's capability know little about engineering, not one of them, even the president officer, Magistrate Jordan, being at any time in their lives professional engineers. This circumstance is considered by many citizens to be unfair to Colonel Tracy. Popular feeling is very strong in favor of the city engineer. To illustrate this, when the vote on the investigation was taken it stood, yeas 1, nays 0; but the bowed heads of the aldermen gave tacit consent.

There is an effort on foot to join the Independent, Opposition and Nationalist parties against the Government. The thing is absurd, as more than half of the Independent party are Government sympathizers, as well as many of the Nationalist party. In fact many of the Oppositionists themselves have declared to the friends that they will give two votes to the Independent and one to the Government. So it is ridiculous to talk of forming an alliance against the Government.

A meeting of the Nationalist party will be held at the Labor hall on Friday evening. The platform, which is at present not suited to any candidates in the field, will be modified and a standard-bearer chosen. H. C. Shaw and C. E. Cowan have received their commission at the hands of Mr. Justice Drake for taking affidavits for use in the Supreme court of the province.

The firmers have all signed the document referred to in the Colonist a few days ago, which binds them to relinquish all claims for injury sustained in the service of the city. The firmers claim that they were obliged to sign owing to the hints of some of the aldermen that their places would be promptly filled if they did not, as numerous applications were on file.

The Provincial C.E. convention starts here to-morrow. Already the names of sixty delegates have been received from different parts of the Province. Japanese Consul Shimizu conveys the impression in an interview that no more Japanese coolies will be sent to this country from Japan for some time to come, as the demand for Japanese labor has stopped owing to the large number of Japanese in the country.

VANCOUVER, May 3.—(Special)—Premier Davis this evening addressed a large number of electors at the general committee rooms of the Government at the port. He was enthusiastically received, and at the conclusion of his remarks, which were principally answers to questions bearing upon the welfare of Vancouver and the Mainland was given three vigors cheers. The Premier said he was very agreeably surprised at the large gathering present so early in the campaign and it presaged success at the polls for the Government in the city of Vancouver.

VANCOUVER, May 4.—Dick Tibbitt, an apprentice on board the Zantippe, yesterday saved from drowning Mrs. McCrae, wife of Captain McCrae of the barkentine Katie Filokinger. The Captain's little son was playing on the Filokinger when he stumbled and fell overboard; the mother who was close by sprang in after the child, and after her sprang Dick Tibbitt, who kept mother and son afloat until help arrived. Since the rescue Captain McCrae has presented this brave youth with a ring bearing the inscription, "R. J. Tibbitt, for gallantry." Mrs. McCrae is still prostrated from the shock, and the sailing of the barkentine has been delayed.

Yesterday morning the first boom of the recent large purchase of logs from Paget Sound for the Hastings mill was towed into port, part of a sale by Mr. Lesch, of Seattle, to the logging company of 5,000,000 feet. It is said that \$5 a thousand was paid.

A letter received by the Empress of India from Japan states that Consul Kito is most dangerously ill with inflammation of the lungs and is not expected to live. A copy of which I enclose, was a very kind and friendly letter, rather giving advice than commanding, as I think you will agree after reading it. The way I came to hear of his being in public life, which I ignored up to that time, was by reading a paragraph in the Daily Columbian, giving a programme, I think, of political meetings to be addressed by him. These are the circumstances which dictated my action in relation to the matter referred to in your letter.

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WESTMINSTER, May 3.—Er-Mayor Curtis received the unanimous nomination of the Government party last night to contest West Westminster in the Government interest. The meeting was large and much

enthusiasm prevailed. Premier Davis made a speech lasting nearly an hour, covering the whole political situation. He was heartily applauded time after time. The Government ranks are united as one man and all will pull strongly together for Mr. Curtis's election. Mr. Curtis has served several terms as alderman and once as mayor, and is popular with all classes.

Meers, Trethewey and Chamberlin have sold their lighting labelling machines, which will label 60,000 cans daily, to Robert Ward & Co., Victoria. The patentees get a minimum royalty of \$100 on each machine sold, the balance of which is to be pushed in all countries where earning is carried on.

The fishing boats and nets of two Japs have been confiscated for infringing the regulations.

NEW WESTMINSTER, May 4.—Premier Davis will address a meeting at Lader's Landing to-morrow night.

The building occupied by the Mission City News was totally destroyed by fire early yesterday morning. The paper is being covered by insurance. The paper will be published again in a week or two.

Collector of Voters Townsend expects to have 1,400 votes on the Westminster city list when it is fully made up. Seven hundred and thirty-five names have been either dropped or transferred to other districts.

KAMLOO, (From the Times.)

At the adjourned meeting to promote the erection of a smelter and reduction works it was resolved that it is desirable to use the most strenuous efforts to form a smelting company to operate in Kamlo, that steps at once be taken to float sufficient stock to commence operations forthwith, that W. O. Clyne, D. C. McGregor, Byron N. White, J. L. Retallack, and G. O. Buchanan be the original incorporators of the company. The establishment is to be known as the Kamlo Smelting and Reduction Works, Limited.

Fifty-six tons of ore were shipped from the Washington mine on Monday over the Nelson & Fort Sheppard railway. Forty tons of Blue Bird ore, and about eight tons from the Lucky Boy still remain on the mine.

J. E. Jackson, general western agent of the Consolidated Kansas City Smelting & Refining Company, has been in Kamlo looking out for ore purchases, and the possible acquisition of desirable mining properties. A small party has gone out to begin work upon the First Chance, situated in Jackson valley, on which there are said to be good showings.

Messrs. Burnett, Millington and Taitson are experimenting with a view to the manufacture of brick. They have found suitable clay and secured the privilege of using it. The Mountain Chief has developed forty inches of ore in the lower level.

William Hennessy, of the Noble Five, left Tuesday morning for the Big Bend country, where he will work placer ground should the conditions prove favorable.

W. E. Mann, of the Washington mine, reports matters quiet in mining circles. He says he visited the Okanagan country with a view of inspecting some gold properties there, and has in connection with others made investments.

TROUT LAKE, (From the Nelson Miner.)

Under the genial spring sunshine the snow is fast sinking, and already a few bare patches of ground are to be seen on the hill sides.

Oliver D. Hoar yesterday staked out a mile and a half of the river on behalf of the Cariboo and Kootenay Prospecting and Mining Company, Limited. The claim extends from the mouth of the river to a point about 100 yards above the mouth of the canyon. It is proposed to build a dam and flume to make the river bed accessible.

Nine hundred and fifty-nine tons of gold ore were shipped from Trail Creek during the first fortnight of April for treatment by the cyanide process. The bulk went to Ratte and a smaller quantity to Tacoma.

NELESON, (From the Tribune.)

The washout on the Columbia & Kootenay railway has been repaired.

The concentrating mill erected at the Number One mine, in Ainsworth district, has been started up on a trial run, and found to work satisfactorily.

It is possible that the towns in Southern Kootenay will be given four miles a week from Victoria; by two ways of Revelstoke, and two by way of Spokane. It is just possible, also, that there will be a daily mail service between Nelson and points on Kootenay Lake as soon as the steamer Nelson is put on that run. For all of which let thanks be rendered to Post Office Inspector Tibbitt.

On the 16th of April the highest cash payment yet made in the Slooan country became due and payable and was met. This was the third instalment of the purchase price of the Alpha mine. Twenty thousand dollars were paid over, with two more payments of the same size to follow.

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of hundreds of thousands of dollars in opening up ground in Southern Kootenay. The company has made no profits, but in four months has expended over \$10,000 in plant. Water is conveyed to the ground through 1,500 feet of ditch, 2,600 feet of flume and 1,100 feet of steel pipe ranging in size from 10 inches to 11 inches. Five hundred and three plants purchased.

This week mine owner "Bill" Hennessy, assayer Hubbard and prospector Andy Whelan passed through Nelson, bound for the Big Bend country, north of Revelstoke, where Mr. Whelan has placer ground that he believes is rich enough to work. Mr. Hennessy is one of the owners of the Noble Five group in Slooan district, a property that is supposed to be worth a good many dollars, but he, like all old-time prospectors, is restless when rich discoveries are reported in out-of-the-way countries.

CHEMAINUS.

CHEMAINUS, May 3.—Mr. L. G. Hill, of Victoria, has taken charge of the Company's general store here. Mr. Robert Mitchell, of Vancouver, was in town last week visiting Mr. Robertson. Mr. C. Smith arrived home from Port Townsend last week, where he has been working for the past year. Mrs. R. Pitt, of Shawanigan Lake, was a guest of Mrs. Pottinger last Sunday and Saturday.

Miss A. Wilson, of Alberni, who is seeking election as a supporter of the present government, was in town last Saturday looking up his interests. The electors here would like very much to hear from the three aspiring gentlemen. They have favored two places in the district by their presence, but as yet Chemainus has been overlooked.

Mr. Arthur Howe, who has been living with his uncle for the last year, left for London, England, last week. Miss Smith and Miss Blythe, of Victoria, are guests of Mrs. E. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Pottinger left this morning by way of Victoria, for Kamloops. Mr. Pottinger has been manager of the Company's store here for the past three years and has received a similar position in Kamloops. He is a shrewd business man and a good storekeeper, and it is with sincere regret Chemainus parts with him.

The Daisy left here last week, after being engaged two weeks in hauling stones to build a wall around the saw mill to prevent the gravel being washed out by the river. A rather unimportant debate for a temperance society was held by the I.O.G.T. lodge here at its last meeting, the subject being "Resolved that Prohibition would benefit Canada. Two of the members personated a couple of hotel keepers and fought bravely for the anti-prohibitionists, but were completely snowed under. At last Friday night's meeting the following officers were elected for the ensuing quarter: C.T. Bro. R. Telford; V.T. Sister Palmer; P.C.T. Sister Conway; C. Bro. Kirkland; Sec. Sister E. Porter; Treas. Bro. Conway; F.S. Bro. B. Porter; M. Bro. Pearson; Sen. Bro. B. Porter; and G. Bro. J. Wilson.

ROSEBERRY AND SALISBURY.

The Two Leaders on the Issues of the Day—'Imperial Greatness.'

Irish Independence Would Give Britain's Enemies Control of Her Trade Routes.

LONDON, May 3.—Lord Rosebery spoke at a luncheon in Manchester to-day. As the Liberals wished to maintain a real hold on the masses of the country he said they must, while laboring for the good of all classes at home, study most zealously and persistently the best means of maintaining the greatness of the Empire abroad. By the greatness of the Empire, he explained he meant, besides the glory of power, commercial and other practical advantages.

Lord Salisbury spoke in Trowbridge this evening on the government's attitude to the House of Lords and Irish Home Rule. As far as he could see, Lord Salisbury said, the country regarded the House of Lords as a very good institution for checking the errors of the House of Commons. The upper house did not exist for the purpose of opposing the national will, but to ascertain that will and to insist upon an appeal to the people whenever a temporary and unequal advantage had been secured by the lower house with a view to altering the constitution. On the main issue of Home Rule the Government had shirked repeatedly; they apparently shrink from asking the electors to pass on their declared policy. Lord Rosebery had given recently as a reason for granting Home Rule that it would reconcile the Irish in America.

"Are we ready to give up our Ulster brethren to slavery in order to please the triangle in Chicago or the Tammany bosses in New York?" continued Lord Salisbury. "Are we to sink as low as that?" (Shouts of "no!" and "never!") "To my mind this is a reason rather for resisting Home Rule than for granting it. These men to whom Lord Rosebery appeals, whose are the most bitter and permanent enemies of everything British that can be found in America. There is no alibi that he will begin work early in May. Mr. Finch is a mining man who does what he says he will do.

The owners of the Noble Five group, in Slooan district, have let a contract to extend the Slooan King No. 2 tunnel 50 feet. The tunnel is now 540 feet. "Jack" Hennessy was awarded the contract at \$11.50 a foot. No. 3 tunnel on the same mine is 110 feet, the face showing seven feet of vein matter, from which assays as high as 440 ounces silver have been obtained.

Shipments will fall off during the next two months, but by July 1 the roads will be in fairly good condition, and the output of the mines in Trail Creek, Slooan, Ainsworth and Nelson districts will be greater than ever before. By that time Slooan district will have an output by the Nakrup & Slooan railway from the head of Slooan lake and the Trout Creek district will have regular means of communication with the Nelson & Fort Sheppard at Waneta.

If the Nelson Hydraulic Mining Company makes a success of its venture on Forty-nine creek, an impetus will be given hydraulic mining that can only result in the expenditure

of hundreds of thousands of dollars in opening up ground in Southern Kootenay. The company has made no profits, but in four months has expended over \$10,000 in plant. Water is conveyed to the ground through 1,500 feet of ditch, 2,600 feet of flume and 1,100 feet of steel pipe ranging in size from 10 inches to 11 inches. Five hundred and three plants purchased.

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CAPITAL NOTES.

Australasian Delegates to the Coming Conference—Ascension Day a Parliamentary Holiday.

The Title of "Honorable" Does Not Apply to Speakers of Provincial Parliaments.

(From our own Correspondents.)

OTTAWA, May 3.—Hon. Mackenzie Bowell received a cable message to-day from Sir George Dibbs, Premier of New South Wales, stating that Hon. J. B. Sutter, Minister of Education, has been appointed to represent that colony at Ottawa on June 1. The Government had asked Hon. Richard G. O'Connor, late Minister of Justice, who is at present in Europe, to act as a delegate, there being at that time some difficulty in the way of a member of the ministry being sent on account of the coming elections. Hon. William Forrest, M.L.C., and Hon. A. J. Thynne, M.L.C., have been appointed to represent the colony of Queensland.

To-day being Ascension Day, parliamentarians thoroughly enjoyed their holiday, the weather being superb.

A mistake was made in the announcement respecting the grant of the title of honorable to speakers of legislative councils or assemblies. It appears the concession only applies to the central bodies. Acting on this view the government has recommended the Queen to grant the title to speakers of the Senate or Commons.

Professor Robertson will not be able to visit British Columbia until the fall.

Minister Reed, of Victoria, Australia, arrived from Montreal to-day and addresses the Ottawa Board of Trade to-morrow.

WINNIPEG WIRINGS.

WINNIPEG, May 3.—(Special)—President Van Horn informed the representatives of the Board of Trade and Grain Exchange that the C.P.R. Company, after the fullest consideration of the question, was unable to promise any reduction of freight rates on grain, as the handling at Fort Arthur and Eastern seaboard was now done at bare cost. J. B. Wilson, English master of the college institute in this city, died after short illness. He was a graduate of Toronto university.

It is proposed to expend over \$150,000 in macadamizing and graveling the streets of Winnipeg.

In the illicit still case at Neepawa, Irving was found guilty of illicitly making liquor and was sentenced to one month in jail with a fine of \$100.

It is reported that Master Mechanic Cross, of the C.P.R., will shortly be transferred to an eastern port.

Carew's works are to be established by the C.P.R. at Fort William. A Fort William dispatch says the steamer Brazil, loaded with coal from Ashcroft, arrived up at 3:30. Navigation is now open.

WINNIPEG, May 4.—(Special)—It is estimated that there are 1,000 unemployed men in Winnipeg now, and the number is being constantly swelled by recruits from outlying towns and train arrivals.

Matthew Neelon, a Virden farmer, has succumbed to injuries received in a runaway accident.

Albert and Frank Robinson and Walter Daniels, of Stonewall, had their faces bruised and disfigured by an explosion of gunpowder with which they were playing.

President Van Horn and party came in this afternoon from their inspecting tour over the C.P.R. branch lines, and after a short stay proposed West.

A servant girl in the Grand Union hotel had a narrow escape from death by a fire last night. She was found unconscious, but revived.

TORONTO TOPICS.

TORONTO, May 3.—(Special)—In the Assize court the grand jury brought in a true bill against Mrs. Lottie Evans, George Osman and Charles Pegg, for administering poison with intent to commit murder and for conspiracy with intent to murder. The case is known as the celebrated Sharon poisoning case, and has excited great interest. The prisoners are charged with having entered into a conspiracy to poison Walter Evans, hotel keeper, of Sharon, Ont., the husband of the woman.

A meeting of the Ontario Board of Health was held here to-day to consider how the introduction of smallpox from the United States into this province can be prevented.

TORONTO, May 4.—(Special)—Lieut. Col. John Stewart, of Ottawa, well known as a public works contractor, who has been engaged in the erection of the new armory here, died suddenly yesterday afternoon.

The grand jury has returned "no bill" in the charge of one preferred against Dr. McCully by Mrs. Wilpender, a patient who had come for treatment, and who alleged that he assaulted her.

A considerable amount of paper came due at the local banks to-day. So far as could be learned the payments were rather less than those for the same time a year ago, and the chances are, the wholesalers say, that a good deal of paper will have to be renewed.

INGERSOLL ON COXEY.

INGERSOLL, N. Y., May 3.—Col. Robert G. Ingersoll, who lectured here last night, being asked what he thought of the "commonwealers," said: "I think that a great mistake was made in Washington in arresting Coxey, dubbing Brown and knocking the rank and file right and left. Of course the idea of Coxey was simple insanity, but to have allowed him to address his followers from the Capitol steps would have done no harm. To arrest him and find his followers will fill the hearts of many thousands with hatred and a desire for revenge. The authorities at Washington acted foolishly and badly. Coxey and his followers think they have the right to speak about what they call their wrongs in Washington, and if they had gone to Washington in peace and said their say, I am afraid that blunder of arresting the leaders and preventing speaking will do great harm."