

ITEM AT GOLDFIELDS CAMP

ARRIVAL OF TROOPS

ment McKinnon, Brother-in-Law W. D. Haywood, in Charge of Strikers.

Fields, Nev., Dec. 7.—There was a duel between himself and Sheriff Bucknight and nearly a country officers have signed a protest against troops coming to Goldfields and sent it to the governor.

\$100,000 IN DRUGS.

Late Winnipeg Merchant Is Fined for Probalie.

Winnipeg, Dec. 7.—The will of the late James Mitchell, former wholesaler, has just been filed for probate and disposes of \$102,277.99.

EDEN'S KING SINKING RAPIDLY

tion Distinctly Worse This Morning—Gravest Fears Entertained for Outcome

Winnipeg, Dec. 7.—King Oscar's condition this morning is distinctly worse.

periods of unconsciousness and mental and rapidly increasing delirium such that the gravest fears are entertained as to the outcome of his illness.

morning's bulletin emphasizes the gravity of his condition. It says: "The King's strength has been constantly decreasing during the last twenty-four hours, and especially during the night. The action of the heart is feeble, the pulse is 88 and irregular, breathing is difficult."

King Oscar's periods of unconsciousness are becoming more prolonged. During the short intervals of consciousness he seems to recognize his Majesty's name and to kiss the persons at his bedside.

BANDITS RAID. From Monastery After Fleece Fight With Cossacks.

Petersburg, Dec. 6.—Bandits who had been recruited here at an attempt to twenty Kethonian bandits upon a monastery near Pskov. The fighting was fierce and determined. The bandits finally driven off by the Cossacks.

ALL KINDS OF COUGHS ARE HELPED BY Doan's Bronchial Balsam

DRUGS CHEMIST. GOVERNMENT ST. NEAR YATES STREET.

G. T. P. HELD ANNUAL MEETING

PROGRESS ON ROAD DURING PAST YEAR

Montreal, Dec. 5.—The adjourned annual meeting of the directors and shareholders of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company was held to-day, when the following directors were elected: Sir Charles Rivers-Wilson, G. C. M. G., C. E., Alfred W. Smithers, Rt. Hon. Lord Welby, G. C. E.; Sir Wm. Lawrence Young, Bart.; Charles M. Hays, Frank W. Morse, Wm. Wainwright, E. H. Fitzgugh, W. H. Biggar, Hugh Allan, E. G. Greenhalgh, Hon. Geo. Cox, E. R. Wood, J. R. Booth.

The officers of the company were elected as follows: Chas. M. Hays, president; Frank W. Morse, vice-president and general manager; Wm. Wainwright, second vice-president; Henry Phillips, secretary.

The president submitted a report of the progress during the year, showing the authorized mileage of the company for the main line and branches consists of 7,500 miles. The mileage under contract, the construction of which is in charge of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company, consists of 588 miles from Winnipeg westward to Edmonton, and including the Lake Superior branch.

On account of the severe winter in the Northwest and during the season, the contractors were very much delayed in getting on with the work, but the line has been covered with an increased force of men and machinery, the result that on the prairie section there remains but a small portion of the grading unfinished.

MADMAN SHOTS LABOR LEADERS

Affair Occurred in Boston State House—E. Cohen of American Federation May Die

Boston, Dec. 5.—John A. Steele, an insane man of Everett, walked into the ante-room of the executive chamber of the state house this afternoon. Finding Governor Guild's door closed, he turned on three prominent labor leaders and fired three shots at them, probably fatally wounding Edward Devine, president of the state branch of the American Federation of Labor, seriously wounding Dennis J. Driscoll, of Boston, of the same, and painfully wounding Arthur M. Huddell, of Boston, former president of the Central Labor Union of this city.

Steele was overpowered by Private Secretary Chas. S. Groves, and General J. H. Whitney, chief of the state police. Steele was released on parole last month from the Danvers asylum. He is 37 years old.

Steele was shot through the head and is in a critical condition. The third bullet struck Driscoll a glancing blow on the forehead and rendered him unconscious. He recovered consciousness half an hour later. Huddell's wounds were not serious.

In response to a call for medical assistance, Dr. Owen Copp, of the state board of insanity, was the first to reach the executive department. He immediately recognized Steele, having had him under observation for more than five years in a mental state hospital. The wounded men were taken to the hospital.

Several state officials said after the shooting that Steele was a well known character to the state board of insanity, and he had an illusion that he was not getting his rights in a critical condition of the Governor responsible.

FIRE IN A TUNNEL. Eleven Were Overcome by Blinding Smoke in New York Blaze.

New York, Dec. 5.—Eleven unconvalescent men were recovered from the New Jersey end of the Pennsylvania railway tunnel, following a fire in the tunnel at Homestead, N. J., to-day. There were 150 men in the tunnel when the fire began, and the place was filled with smoke.

All but eleven fled to the surface, but these eleven were overcome by smoke and taken to a hospital as his wife characterized the latter statement as false and claims that if any steps are to be taken against him for wife desertion she, and Albany regarding Sunday entertainments, it is believed, will be living.

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TARIFF ISSUE. Dominion Grange and Farmers' Association to Fight Demands of Manufacturers.

Toronto, Dec. 5.—The agriculturists comprising the Dominion Grange and the Farmers' Association, which have amalgamated, are up in arms on the tariff issue, and will fight what they declare to be the selfish demands of the manufacturers on this question. They want the tariff reduced to a purely revenue basis.

The report of the legislative committee, which was adopted, stated that the issue raised by the Manufacturers' Association must be fairly met by the Grangers, as representing the farmers of Canada. The demand of the manufacturers that practical prohibition of the importation of goods shall be the permanent policy of this country must be met by the counter demand that the protective principle shall be eliminated and the tariff reduced to a purely revenue basis.

CATTLE DRIVING IN IRELAND

Jurymen Insist on Disagreeing Where Their Countrymen Are Brought Up for Trial.

Dublin, Dec. 5.—The jury before which James P. Farrell, Irish Nationalist member of parliament for North Longford, and forty men were being tried on charges of taking part in an unlawful assembly, likely to cause rioting, has disagreed. This has been the result of all but one of the many trials held during the past fortnight through Ireland of men charged with cattle driving and inciting to riot.

Disagreements by the jurors have been general, in spite of the fact that the presiding judges had pointed out that according to the evidence the defendants were clearly guilty.

Mr. Farrell and his companions were tried at the Leitrim assizes. There are still isolated cases of cattle driving in Ireland, but the practice has been largely stopped through the intercession of the bishops, who have taken a strong stand against its continuance.

It is openly understood that Mr. Farrell, who is the editor and proprietor of the Longford Leader, organized several cattle drives in the grazings of County Longford, and encouraged the movement.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE. Record for the Past Month in the Different City Centres.

The records of the city schools in point of attendance for the month of November was well up to the average. The following is the showing:

High School—Number present during the month, 245; average attendance, 226.21; percentage of attendance, 92; number present every day, 122.

Boys' Central—Number present during the month, 57; average attendance, 48.83; percentage of attendance, 91; number present every day, 282.

Girls' Central—Number present during the month, 446; average attendance, 406.85; percentage of attendance, 91; number present every day, 229.

North Ward—Number present during the month, 433; average attendance, 386.85; percentage of attendance, 89; number present every day, 214.

South Ward—Number present during the month, 338; average attendance, 304.85; percentage of attendance, 91; number present every day, 178.

West Ward—Number present during the month, 226; average attendance, 201.44; percentage of attendance, 89.57; number present every day, 80.

Spring Ridge—Number present during the month, 172; average attendance, 158.09; percentage of attendance, 92; number present every day, 86.

Kingston Street—Number present during the month, 175; average attendance, 154.85; percentage of attendance, 88; number present every day, 81.

Hillside—Number present during the month, 128; average attendance, 112.60; percentage of attendance, 87; number present every day, 57.

Rock Bay—Number present during the month, 67; average attendance, 62.85; percentage of attendance, 92; number present every day, 32.

Total—Number present during the month, 2,827; average attendance, 2,582.90; percentage of attendance, 91.6; number present every day, 1,384.

FORM COUNCIL OF COMMERCE

PROVINCE COVERS A WIDE SCOPE

New U. S. Organization Will Deal With Needs and Desires of Business World.

Washington, Dec. 5.—The national council of commerce, with a membership starting with thirty odd organizations of business men in the large cities, and expected to ultimately embrace practically all of the leading commercial bodies in the country, was formally launched at a conference in the office of Secretary of Commerce and Labor Straus to-day.

The meeting was attended by delegates of chambers of commerce, boards of trade and other organizations, called together by Secretary Straus, to promote closer association between the department and the commercial bodies of the United States. Secretary of State Root and Secretary Straus addressed the meeting, and later the conference was formally organized.

Gustav H. Schwab, of New York, was made chairman, and a committee was appointed to arrange a perfect organization. Before adjournment two committees, those on organization and those on rules, made their report, and the scheme suggested by Mr. Straus was adopted.

The scheme declares that the council's functions shall be to keep the department of commerce and labor informed of the needs and desires of the business world, as formulated by responsible commercial and industrial organizations and representative business men on internal trade and foreign commerce, both export and import, and possibly transportation, and also to keep the business community informed regarding the work of the department, its plans, methods and results.

The organization will consist of two closely connected, yet distinct bodies, viz: a national council of commerce, and an advisory committee, each to elect its own officers, and establish its own rules of procedure. The national council will hold meetings to discuss reports of the advisory committee on measures proposed by delegates from the various organizations and formulate suggestions to promote commerce.

The advisory committee will consist of from nine to fifteen members, selected by the council, officers of the department to participate, but to have no vote. The committee is to send out reports and communications from organizations as to commercial needs, receive information from the department of business interest, confer with department officials, furnish the department with data as to different industries whenever commercial treaties are considered, suggest special investigations abroad by department agents, act as an intermediary between the department and commercial and trade bodies in arranging for the representation of American products at international exhibitions, confer with the departments for the protection of the trade interests, and the legislation approved by the national council.

The advisory committee will have its headquarters in this city, and will meet annually, or may hold special meetings. The commercial bodies who join are to pay annual dues of one hundred dollars. Mr. Schwab will be chairman of the advisory committee and will appoint the other members of the committee.

NEW YORK THEATRES BANNED ON SUNDAY

Police Commissioner Says "Lid Will Be on Tight"—A Musicless Metropolis.

New York, Dec. 5.—At a special meeting of the Theatrical Managers' Association to-day it was decided that all theatres would remain closed on Sunday, and no test of Sunday observance would be made. Justice O'Grinn's consent to the Sabbath observance laws would be made. Early in the day the whole police force of New York will be sent free of charge through the mail.

Applications should be addressed to the director of experimental farms, Ottawa, and may be sent in any time before the 15th of February, after which the lists will be closed, so that the samples asked for may be sent out in good time for sowing. Applicants should mention the variety they prefer, with a second sort as an alternative. Applications will be filled in the order in which they are received, so long as the supply of seed lasts. Farmers are advised to apply early to avoid possible disappointment. Those applying for Indian corn, or potatoes should bear in mind that the corn will be sent free of charge through the mail.

NEW CURRENCY BILL. Washington, D. C., Dec. 5.—Chairman Fowler of the committee on banking and currency, to-day announced a sub-committee of five which will frame and submit to the main committee a new legislation at Albany regarding Sunday entertainments. It is believed, will be living.

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The celebration is to take place from July 4th to 10th, 1909, and will be participated in not only by the United States, but by Canada, Great Britain, and France, should the nations respond to the invitations which are being extended. A modest appropriation is to be asked from congress to be used for entertaining foreign guests to the celebration. The date of the celebration has been put back one year so that it may take place in conjunction with a celebration at Quebec.

FIVE YEARS FOR WIFE BEATING. New York, Dec. 5.—Five years in prison and a fine of a thousand dollars is the penalty John Naham must pay for wife-beating.

It appears from the testimony that Naham assaulted his wife after she had refused to give him 25 cents to purchase liquor. She was seriously injured, and was obliged to remain in a hospital nearly a month.

AMENDMENTS TO TIMBER LAWS

CHANGES SOUGHT BY THOSE IN BUSINESS

Newly Organized Association Will Ask for a Reduction in the License Fees.

There was a large attendance at the meeting of the British Columbia Timber and Forestry Chamber of Commerce in Vancouver Wednesday evening, the by-laws being considered clause by clause before being adopted. President Braemar occupied the chair and opened the meeting by reading an address.

The president said he desired to congratulate them on the success which had so far attended their efforts in the general affairs of organization, the large initiatory membership, and above all the widespread approval and enthusiasm which the founding of the B. C. Timber and Forestry Chamber of Commerce had caused amongst those who are interested in the timber industry throughout the province. At present the general outline of executive work would suggest itself as follows:

(1) The securing of the maximum provided by the law, as imposed by Supreme Court Justice Dowling.

(2) The definite fixing of license fees and royalties for some years to come.

(3) The survey of timber lands under conditions which more nearly meet the approval of timber owners and the government than the present unwise permit.

(4) Prevention of forest fires. It had been considered that the license fee of \$10 per square mile had been quite the limit, if not indeed, beyond the limit of what could fairly be expected from the holders of the land, and it was generally believed that it would be in the government's interest to reduce the present license fee, in order to encourage, as much as possible, the conservation of the timber in order to realize on their investment. Any policy, he held, that would tend to the conservation of timber within the province was to the advantage of the government and the people at large, even to a greater extent than to the owner of the timber.

There had also been much complaint respecting unnecessary harshness of the law in the matter of renewals. In that, if the license-holder allowed his license to expire by as much as an hour, he lost all right and title to his claim. It must not be lost sight of that the license-holder paid his license in advance. For this reason it would only seem like a long delayed matter of justice to make some provision for a claim-holder not having to suffer the loss of his property because of the possible blunder of a clerk. A notice at least should be required, and some force allowed before the rights of a claim-holder to his property should lapse.

As a final word he wished again to urge upon the chamber the necessity of taking every opportunity to extend its membership. There was no reason why the chamber should not include at least 1,000 members in a very few weeks.

It was decided to have the president's address published and sent to the various people interested, together with a shorter circular dealing with the objects of the British Columbia Timber and Forestry Chamber of Commerce.

The following figures were submitted to the meeting showing the revenue from timber licenses to date October, 1907:

From timber licenses \$ 23,743.74
From timber royalties \$ 26,534.45
Timber loggers' licenses 2,680.00
Timber transfers 2,852.25
Timber royalties 100,238.33

Mr. Youdale made a statement showing that a timber license at \$10 at 5% per cent., compounded for 21 years, amounted to \$6,314.28. In addition to this expense, say \$100 per section expenses, staking and advertising at 6% per cent., amounts to \$27,000, making a total of \$6,688.58. The holder has to run the cost of fire, and at the end of 21 years his holdings go to the government, and if his license is renewed he loses them altogether. Mr. Youdale was of the opinion that the \$125 license for a license for the lowlands, and \$100 would be fair for the Upper Country, and men want the 21 years renewed for another 21 years. Further discussion was deferred until the next meeting, which will be held next Wednesday in the O'Brien hall.

C. P. R. PLANS. The present plans of the Canadian Pacific railway for the development of its immense system in Canada, include the double tracking of their entire line between Toronto and Montreal, and present prospects are that it will not be very long before the scheme is carried out.

The line between Montreal and Vaudeville has already been double tracked and the work will be carried out for some miles further this year, while next summer it is expected the road will have two tracks all the way to Smith's Falls.

It is stated that although no definite plans have as yet been formulated, the officials are now considering the project of extending this double track line right on to Toronto. In view of the vast amount of work already planned for next summer it is not likely that any active step in this regard will be taken before 1909, but it is probable that year will see the work started.

It has been rumored, too, that the company intend double tracking their system right through to Quebec from Toronto, but officials at the company decline to discuss this at all, except merely to say that the report is premature and that as yet the matter has not even been considered.

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PROVINCIAL GAZETTE. Notices Appearing in This Week's Issue of the Government Organ.

The Provincial Gazette this week contains notice of the following appointments:

Charles Stuart McKillop, of Victoria, to be a clerk in the office of the surveyor of taxes and inspector of revenue, from September 2nd, 1902.

Arthur Richard Babinington, of the City of Trail, to be registrar of voters for the Ymir electoral district.

To be notaries public for the province of British Columbia: Frank L. Wilcox, of Salmon Arm; William Carter, George Alfred Stevens and Harry Allan Bourne, barrister and solicitor, of the City of Vancouver.

Authority is given for the formation of the Cranbrook-Fernie Farmers' Institute.

The following extra-provincial companies have been given licenses to carry on business in British Columbia: "The Manitoba and Western Canadian Land Company, Limited," of Altona, Man., with W. A. Macdonald, of Nelson, attorney for the company.

"New Zealand Insurance Company," of Auckland, N. Z., with J. H. Lawson, Victoria, attorney for the company.

"The Union Assurance Society," of London, Eng., with D. McGregor, Vancouver, attorney for the company.

The following companies have been incorporated: "The National Construction Company," with a capital of \$50,000, carry on a general contracting business.

"The Columbia Agencies, Limited," with a capital of \$50,000, to carry on business as brokers, financiers and insurance agents.

DUPED HOTEL PROPRIETOR. American Pays Flying Visit to Winnipeg and Nets \$20 in Simple Fashion.

Winnipeg, Dec. 5.—An American named Drummond called upon F. W. Sprado, proprietor of the Victoria hotel, for the purpose of carrying on a considerable amount of business as a broker, financier and insurance agent.



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FISH COMPANY FOR THE COAST
CANADIANS INVADING NORTHERN GROUNDS
Corporation Organized With Large Capital to Work Queen Charlotte Island Banks.

The Canadian Fish and Cold Storage Company, in which a number of business men prominent in the financial world are interested, has just been incorporated with a capitalization of \$1,500,000 in 15,000 shares of the par value of \$100 each. The company will operate in the vicinity of the Queen Charlotte Islands, and all kinds of food fish will be handled. It is proposed to erect at Prince Rupert a huge cold storage plant which will have an initial capacity of 6,000,000 pounds of fish with provision to double the capacity later on. The building will be of concrete and structural steel and will cost \$200,000. The G. T. P. railway has granted the company an excellent site on Porpoise Bay at Prince Rupert.

The company expects to begin fishing operations next fall. The equipment will comprise ten large motor boats, each with a capacity of from 50,000 to 60,000 pounds of fish.

The officers of the company elected at the inaugural meeting are: President, Andrew Kelly, president of the Western Flour Mills Company, vice-president, James Carruthers, of Montreal; directors, J. W. Stewart, of the firm of Foley, Brown & Company, managing director, George H. Collins, of Vancouver; director and general manager, Greer Starratt, manager of the New England Fish Company.

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