# RUSH WORK ON WOOD PAVEMENTS

## CITY COUNCIL TO LET BIG CONTRACT

### Will Order Million and Half of Blocks From Michigan Puget Sound Co.

The paving problem again occupied the attention of the streets committee Friday night, and while from the trend of the discussion it appeared for a time that the work of putting down block paving would be delayed seriously this season, it was finally decided to order 1,500,000 blocks at once and proceed with all haste with the undertakings authorized by the last year's council. The committee will recommend that the contract for the blocks be awarded to the Michigan Puget Sound Lumber Company, the lowest tenderer.

G. H. Bryson, acting city engineer, stated that he had arranged for a supply of 60,000 blocks wherewith to complete the several jobs now in hand. On the point of the treatment of the blocks he reported that he had consulted with Mr. Carmichael, the provincial analyist, and had been informed that where creosote of the first quality was used no other ingredient is necessary.

Replying to a question from the Mayor, Mr. Bryson said that personally he believed that with good blocks, which it would be his endeavor to secure, and good creosote, which the city possesses in considerable quantity, he would guarantee that the best results would be obtained. He would stake his reputation as an engineer on this.

Ald. Sargison said that after hearing this statement from Mr. Bryson he thought the council should have no hesitation in going ahead with the work.

Mayor Morley concurred in this view, remarking that while he personally felt that the council should proceed very carefully with its scheme of paving, so as to have a uniform system, yet in view of the fact that much work had been authorized by the old council there was nothing for it but to go ahead with the work. The blocks laid in the past ten years had been of the poorest kind, and he would rather "chuck the whole job" than put down any more of that kind, but in view of the assurance of the acting city engineer he would be in favor of completing the work ordered as soon as possible. He moved that the council recommend that the contract be awarded for the blocks which will be required, and this motion carried.

# LAWYERS HONOR FORMER VICTORIAN

### G. A. Stewart Potts Receives Address and Purse of Gold at Winnipeg

Winnipeg, March 5.—G. A. Stewart Potts, the lawyer who made sensational charges in his examination in his action against the C.P.R. for $30,000 for settling the mechanics' strike a year ago last fall, left yesterday for Victoria to visit his father, Dr. Potts.

Part of the examination of Potts was read in the Legislature yesterday, in which he stated Sir Thomas Shaughnessy told him $150,000 had been paid to the Roblin and Rogers' election campaign fund for their services in settling the strike, and he must look to them for payment. Potts claims $30,000.

The Bar Association presented him with an address and purse of gold before he left.

SEARCH ABANDONED.

All Hope For Safety of Steamer and Fifty-Two Persons Abandoned.

Amsterdam, March 5.—The Dutch cruiser Utrecht reports from the Barbadoes that the search for the missing Dutch merchant steamer Prinz Willem II. has been fruitless and will be discontinued. The steamer left Amsterdam on January 21st for West Indian ports and New York. She carried 14 passengers and a crew of 38, and should have reached Paramaribo, Dutch Guiana, on February 8th.

COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

Toronto, March 4.—Rhoda Higgins and Florence Nickerson were committed for trial in the police court yesterday as employees of Tolman & Co. Five hundred dollars bail was given for each. Edw. Spratt, testifying with relation to charges of usury against them, said that he had sold his monthly wages of $50 in return for $36 advanced, but that instead of getting that he received only 26, so that it cost him $24 to get the $26.

BITTEN BY MAD DOG.

London, Ont., March 4.—Elgin Hayes, a butcher living at Dorchester, ten miles east of here, sustained terrible injuries by being bitten by a mad dog. Hayes was knocked down and the animal bit viciously at him, tearing the skin from his shoulders and all down his arm to his hands. His fingers were fearfully mangled by the teeth of the dog. The dog finally ran away and Hayes was found some time after very weak from loss of blood. He is now on his way to New York.

LANCASTER LAW.

Montreal, March 5.—The vice-president of the C.P.R. stated in an interview here that if the Lancaster law was allowed to continue in force without modification the whole train arrangements of the country would have to be changed, and that trains would have to be run on a slower schedule, and the travelling public would suffer the greatest possible inconvenience.

# CONSERVATIVES ARE PIQUED

## WITHDRAW FROM LUMSDEN COMMITTEE

### Wallace Nesbitt, K.C., Appointed Counsel to Conduct Inquiry

Ottawa, March 5.—At a meeting of the special committee on the Lumsden charges yesterday the opposition members, Messrs. Lennox, Barker and Crothers, announced they would have nothing further to do with the committee unless a majority of the Liberal members agreed to accept any man the opposition should name to conduct the inquiry in the public interest.

E. M. MacDonald, speaking for the Liberal members of the committee, said he could not agree to the proposition that a majority of the committee should have absolutely no say in the choice of lawyer to conduct the inquiry. They were willing to name a man who would command the general confidence of the whole country, and who could be trusted to secure a fair and exhaustive investigation. He moved that Wallace Nesbitt, K.C., ex-judge of the Supreme Court, and a Conservative in politics, be retained by the committee to take general charge of the conduct of the inquiry in the public interest.

Lennox, Crothers and Barker stuck to the original contention, though they raised no objection to Nesbitt being a good man for the position. They declared that the committee were divided on party lines and charged that as the opposition members were prejudiced in favor of the truth of Lumsden's charges, so also were Liberal members prejudiced in favor of bringing out evidence only in favor of the defence. This the Liberal members stoutly denied, pointing out also that action of opposition members in retiring from committee on pretext that they alone should appoint the prosecuting lawyers was most absurd and unprecedented.

On the retirement of Lennox, Barker and Crothers from the room after refusing to listen to further argument, the motion to appoint Nesbitt as counsel to conduct the inquiry was carried and the committee adjourned.

# FLOODS STOP RAILWAY TRAFFIC

## BRIDGES SWEPT AWAY IN WESTERN MONTANA

### Homeless People Take Refuge in School House at Colfax

Helena, Mont., March 4.—The Chicago, Milwaukee & Puget Sound railroad, the Northern Pacific railway and the Butte, Anaconda & Pacific railroad are tied up indefinitely to-day in Western Montana.

Torrent in the Silver Bow canyon carried away bridges and embankments last night. The currents of the mountain stream are so swift that it is impossible to replace bridges to relieve the situation.

Dynamiting of the ice gorge that formed near Garrison saved that town from inundation, and prevented the probable destruction of many miles of the roadway of the Northern Pacific and Milwaukee companies.

Four Hundred Homeless.

Colfax, Wash., March 4.—Rescued from the second floor of a floating house by men in boats, only to slip and fall into the rushing flood, from which she was saved with great difficulty, was the narrow escape from death experienced by Miss Amanda Brown on Thursday morning when the flood which devastated Colfax began to subside.

Miss Brown and her invalid mother were stopping in the Sullivan home, which was carried down stream by the flood Wednesday night. Early Thursday morning rescuers rowed to the house in a small boat and after taking Mrs. Brown from the wrecked building, attempted to save her daughter. Miss Brown, in getting from the front story house to the frail craft, slipped and fell into the water, narrowly escaping drowning.

Mrs. G. P. White, the mother of Mrs. August Paulson, wife of the Spokane millionaire, was also rescued from the second story of her home, which was torn from its foundation by the torrent.

By 6.30 o'clock on Thursday night all business was suspended, and the streets were patrolled by 100 special police. All saloons will remain closed until normal conditions are restored and the 400 homeless and destitute people cared for. The north ward school house has been turned into a temporary refuge and shelters 35 people.

An epidemic of disease is threatened because of a lack of water and proper sewers, and the citizens are taking every precaution to protect the public health. It will take about two months to repair the water plant. Temporarily citizens are securing drinking water from tubs placed at street corners. The water thus supplied is obtained from a small spring in the western part of the city.

A conservative estimate of the damage done by the flood places the figures at $200,000.

Lever Brothers, Toronto, will send you free a cake of their famous Planto toilet soap, if you mention this paper.

# COMPANY ACTS IN GOOD FAITH

## V., V. & E. GRANTED EXTENSION OF TIME

### Fourteen Million Dollars Already Spent on Construction Work

Ottawa, March 5.—The railway committee of the Commons yesterday reported the bill for the extension of time for the Vancouver, Victoria & Eastern Railway Company to finish the construction of lines authorized in 1905 from Princeton westward. On motion of G. Cowan it was provided that all extensions must be built within Canadian territory.

Mr. Burrell, who was in charge of the bill, briefly reviewed the legislation of 1905, which called for the construction of the road from Grand Forks to Phoenix, Denoro, Greenwood and west via Midway. The company had now completed construction from Laurier to Princeton, and were preparing to continue the line from Princeton west. The section from Denoro through Greenwood to Midway had not been built, and Mr. Burrell presented a resolution of the Greenwood Board of Trade, supported by Associated Boards of Eastern British Columbia, urging that the extension of time be not granted until this unbuilt portion was first completed. The resolution pointed out that the company had not built through Southern British Columbia from the coast to Columbia river according to the provisions of the charter, and the route from Denoro to Midway which was specifically called for had not been followed. Mr. Burrell said he did not wish to see construction delayed on the completion of the railway from Princeton to the coast through Canadian territory, which was a matter of great importance to Southern British Columbia. He asked, however, that the committee give full consideration to merits of the resolution passed by the Greenwood Board of Trade. He said $14,000,000 had now been spent on construction and contracts had been let for the extension of the line from Princeton to Tulameen, and also from Abbotsford to Hope.

The committee took the ground that the company had shown good faith in deflecting the road northward again into Canada, and granted the extension of time asked for.

Mr. Daly, representing the company, said the extension would be built in Canadian territory.

LOSES LIFE IN LAKE.

Nanaimo, March 4.—T. Robinson, a recent arrival in the city, was drowned Wednesday night in Beck's lake, near South Wellington. Robinson left here Wednesday afternoon to look for work in the South Wellington coal mines. He was walking across a boom of logs and slipped into the water, being drowned before help could arrive. Deceased had no relatives hereabouts as far as known.

A deal was closed here yesterday whereby Johnston's wharf was purchased by the C.P.R., who are reputed to be entering upon a campaign of development that augurs well for Nanaimo district.

Grener Brown, son of Edward Brown, died here Wednesday night of tuberculosis. Deceased was principal of Wellington public school. He was an exceptionally bright young man, respected by all.

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERY

New Westminster, March 3.—At the regular quarterly meeting of the Westminster Presbytery application was made by the new congregation in the West End of the city to be placed on the augmented list promising $650 per year, and asking that Rev. E. G. Thompson be appointed moderator. This was referred to the augmentation committee.

The committee appointed to consider the proposal to divide the Presbytery reported that in the judgment of the committee the time had not arrived for said division and that no action be taken.

THE WELLAND CANAL.

Ottawa, March 5.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier yesterday was waited upon by a deputation of laboring men from Toronto and Montreal who urged on behalf of 40,000 petitioners that the Dominion government deepen the Welland canal. It was pointed out that in addition to being a benefit to navigation the deepening of the canal would provide work for a large number of men.

Sir Wilfrid in reply assured the deputation that the question was engaging the serious attention of the government.

PRISONER ATTACKS JAILER.

Spokane, Wash., March 5.—Becoming suddenly insane, Zachria Gyard, prisoner in the city jail, nearly choked Jailor Robert Wilson to death yesterday. In spite of the fact that several prisoners went to Wilson's assistance, they were not able to overpower the maniac until Officer Willis arrived on the scene and floored him with a terrific blow on the head.

ROOSEVELT MAY LECTURE.

London, March 5. — The Royal Geographical Society is endeavoring to arrange for a lecture to be delivered by ex-President Roosevelt at Albert hall, the subject being his African tour.

CHILD POISONED.

Ottawa, March 4.—While playing with a box of strychnine pills, the fourteen months' old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Blackney, of this city, fed some to a pet dog and eat the others herself. Both child and dog died Wednesday night.

# TO IMPROVE VICTORIA HARBOR

## GOVERNMENT WILL RUSH THE WORK

### Further Sum Placed in the Estimates for Necessary Machinery

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, March 5.—In discussing the public works estimates for British Columbia in the Commons last night, Hon. Mr. Pugsley announced that an item of $30,000 had been inserted in the estimates for a drilling plant for Victoria harbor.

He said the government was anxious to carry out as rapidly as possible urgently needed improvements in Victoria harbor, consequent upon the building of a wharf by the Grand Trunk Pacific. The department was now arranging for the purchase of two rock-breakers which would be operated both night and day in order to get through the work as rapidly as possible.

A little later on a considerable increase would be asked for in this vote.

# INDUSTRIAL WAR AT PHILADELPHIA

## THOUSANDS OF MEN OBEY STRIKE ORDER

### Complete Prostration of Business Feared Unless Trouble is Quickly Settled

(Times Leased Wire.)

Philadelphia, Pa., March 5.—With an interminate number of men, estimated from 30,000 to 125,000, on strike to-day, Philadelphia faces the most serious labor war in the history of America. It is estimated business concerns will lose between $2,000,000 and $3,000,000 daily as long as the general strike remains effective. Business was not paralized to-day to the extent predicted by the labor leaders, but there is a general unrest throughout trades, indicating that complete prostration is impending.

The first disturbance occurred in front of the car barn at Thirty-six and Market streets. Six negro policemen who had relieved six white officers at the barn aroused the anger of a crowd of loiterers. The men threatened violence, but as soon as a riot call was sounded they fled.

The Philadelphia Rapid Transit officials reported that they were operating 936 cars out of 1,800 which are used under normal conditions. It was announced that this service would be continued until 1 o'clock on Sunday morning. With the approach of darkness this evening it is feared rioting will break out, and efforts are being made to induce the company to suspend the operation of cars at sundown.

Bread Famine Probable.

Philadelphia, Pa., March 5.—March weather and no coal save for the pitifully small amounts persons may take home in baskets.

No bread save that which mothers may bake, provided they have fuel.

No milk save that procured personally from creameries.

These three conditions are the threatened result following the strike of union laboring men throughout the city. The coal wagon, milk wagon and bakery wagon drivers planned to make final deliveries to-day, and then join the rapidly growing ranks of the strikers. Families face the greatest bread famine in the history of the city.

# JOSEPH MARTIN ASKS QUESTIONS

### Will Bring Earl Grey's Speech to Attention of House of Commons

London, March 5.—Joseph Martin has placed another question on the order paper of the House of Commons in reference to Earl Grey's speech on the Canadian naval policy. He points out in reference to the allegation in reply to his last question, that the speech was incorrectly reported, because there were no shorthand reporters present, that a verbatim report of Earl Grey's remarks at Regina appeared in the Times of October 6th. Mr. Martin in his question urges that the speeches are vigorously condemned by the press of Canada as an unjustifiable interference in Canadian politics. The Conservative party was bitterly opposing the policy of creating a Canadian navy, and his question asked what course should be pursued under the circumstances. The Speaker advised Mr. Martin to bring the question up when the colonial secretary's salary was up, which Mr. Martin said he would do.

Following Lloyd George, chancellor of the exchequer, Donald Macmaster, the former Montreal barrister, and now Unionist member of the British Houes of Commons for the Chertsey division of Surrey, made his maiden speech Thursday night. He accused Lloyd George of bringing discredit upon the country by his speeches. Mr. Macmaster's remarks were listened to by a full House with marked interest.

The Pall Mall Gazette says that although matters have been patched up for the moment, the cabinet is sharply divided on the main question of policy as regards the House of Lords, and will go to the country, probably in July, with a wide divergence of opinion among its members. The paper avers, however, that a majority of the cabinet has decided upon a programme which will include reform of the Lords, and that when the veto resolutions are brought before the Commons they will be accompanied by the outlines of a subsequent scheme for the reconstruction of the second chamber.

Percy H. Illingworth has been appointed junior lord of the treasury.

UTILITIES COMMISSION.

Quebec, March 5.—The provincial cabinet announces the following personnel of the provincial utilities commission: Col. F. W. Hibbard, Montreal, chairman; Sir George Garneau, Quebec, and Charles Aberge, professor in the Polytechnical School, Montreal. The chairman will receive a salary of $4,000 per year, and the other commissioners $3,000 each. A secretary is to be appointed at a salary of $1,800. The commission is named for a period of ten years.

# SIXTY-ONE ARE REPORTED KILLED NEAR ROGER'S PASS

## Twenty-Four White Men Are Among Victims of Avalanche Which Sweeps Down on Repairing Gang on Canadian Pacific Tracks in Selkirk Mountains.

(Times Leased Wire.)

Revelstoke, B. C., March 5.—Sixty-one men, 24 whites and 37 Japanese, are believed to be dead to-day at Roger's Pass on the Canadian Pacific railroad, as a result of a terrific snowslide that swept down upon two rotary snow-ploughs engaged in clearing the tracks over the Selkirks, and buried the workmen and locomotives under a great mass of snow, rocks and trees shortly after midnight.

The bodies of four victims have been recovered, according to local advices this afternoon. They are:

Conductor Buckley.
J. J. Fraser, roadmaster.
T. Griffith, fireman.
William Phillips, engineer.

All the others are under tons of debris, and it is not believed that any are alive.

A fierce blizzard is raging at the scene of the slide, and rescue work is being carried on with difficulty from both ends. Trains will be worked out over the Crow's Nest pass division.

Rescuers at Work.

Vancouver, March 5.—Early this morning a tremendous snowslide came down the high mountains two and a half miles east of Roger's Pass, near Glacier, on the C.P.R. line, completely burying two rotary ploughs and a gang of men engaged in clearing the tracks from debris of a slide which occurred a few hours previously.

Twenty-four white men and 37 Japanese have been killed according to reports here.

Two days will be required to clear the tracks.

A similar avalanche occurred at the same place two years ago.

When the news of the disaster at Roger's Pass reached Revelstoke the fire alarm bell was rung and turned out the town. Two hundred citizens volunteered to accompany a wrecking train and were sent at once. Outfits turned out from Field earlier, clearing the track from their end.

Roger's Pass is the highest railroad point in the Selkirk range, and the portion of the railway line just east of the pass is admitted to be the most dangerous part of the whole mountain division. It is protected by snow-sheds, seven miles of which are between Glacier and Beavermouth, and where there are gaps between the sheds special chutes have been built on the mountain side which divert slides into the valley thousands of feet below. Where this morning's slide occurred there were no snowsheds.

THE MISSING.

Vancouver, B. C., March 5.—Following is the list of the missing in the slide near Roger's Pass. There is little hope that any of the 61 are alive:

R. J. BUCKLEY, conductor.
W. PHILLIPS, engineer.
J. F. FRASER, roadmaster.
T. GRIFFITH, fireman.
A. POTTRUFF, engineer.
J. M'LELLAND.
A. JOHNSON, foreman.
A. ANDE[illegible], foreman.
D. J. M'DONALD, bridgeman.
A. MAHON, brakeman.
G. NICHO[illegible], bridgeman.

Twelve of Bridge Foreman McDonald's men.

Thirty-seven Japanese.

—Photo by Howard Chapman.

VIEW OF ROGER'S PASS

ANOTHER TRAIN WRECK.

Number of Passengers Sustain Slight Injuries—Baggage Car Destroyed By Fire.

Spokane, Wash., March 5.—Westbound train No. 7, of the Northern Pacific, is off the track, the baggage car and all of its contents have been destroyed by fire, 50 feet of the main line track has been torn up and a number of passengers have been seriously shaken up and slightly injured as the result of a wreck on the Northern Pacific at 6 o'clock yesterday, 167 miles east of Spokane, near Eddy, Mont.

The wrecked train was section two of No. 7, a through passenger train from St. Paul, which left the Twin Cities on March 1st. The cause of the wreck, as explained at the Spokane offices of the company, was the washing out of part of the roadbed by melting snow and rain.

The engineer, fireman and baggagemen escaped without injury. Two of the passenger coaches were slightly damaged.

DROPS DEAD IN OFFICE.

Digby, N. S., March 5.—John Viets, collector of customs, dropped dead in his private office here. He held the office of collector of customs for about 25 years, succeeding his late father, Botsford Viets, at the time of the latter's superannuation.

# INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES ACT AMENDMENT

### Proposed New Regulation Regarding Application for a Board of Conciliation

Ottawa, March 5.—An amendment to the Industrial Disputes act will shortly be introduced by Minister of Labor King, which will provide that the party which proposed to disturb existing conditions by a cut in wages, etc., must apply for a board of conciliation and must justify the proposed action before the board. It is also proposed to pay the chairman of the board $20 per day for each sitting of the board.

ATTACKED BY BUFFALO.

San Francisco, Cal., March 5.—Frank Black, a mounted policeman, is convalescing to-day from a terrible experience with a buffalo in Golden Gate park. Black was attacked by the bull, chased across a field and tossed by the enraged animal, whose horns, catching in the man's clothing, just prevented his being gored to death. Black was saved by the park keeper, who kept the bull at bay with a charge of bird-shot.