

## A TERRIBLE DISAPPOINTMENT.

On the whole, the investigation into the affairs of Canadian insurance companies has been satisfactory to the people of Canada. No irregularities such as created a panic amongst policyholders in American companies were laid here. But there is an element in Canada which is not satisfied with the result. This element hoped and prayed for a very different outcome in the belief that in some manner the government might be held responsible for the people might be persuaded that the government ought to be held responsible. Especially was it hoped and prayed that revelations involving the good name and families of the life and of Senator Cox might be the outcome of the insurance inquiry. Regretfully it is now admitted that in connection with the business of the Canada Life "no wrongdoings" were covered and no improper relations revealed. In fact he (Senator Cox) came out of the ordeal scathless. And yet there are features in connection with the investigation not entirely satisfactory to that cautious and high-minded journal, the Toronto News. The millionaire who owns the News is a Conservative, and he bought the News for the purpose of rendering all the assistance in his power as a millionaire to the Conservative party. He believed he could furnish more valuable assistance to the Conservative party by acquiring the News and conducting it as an "independent" newspaper under the editorship of a gentleman who had gained a great deal of deserved fame as the editor of that strong Liberal newspaper, the Toronto Globe, than he could by contributing with a free hand to the Tory "purity fund," which of course it would be entirely wrong to describe as a campaign of "impurity fund."

The ill-humor of our contemporary is intensified by the obvious weakness of the Laurier government. All the strong men have gone out, we are told, and none but weaklings have succeeded them. There is Tarte the one-time "master of the administration." Blair the man of great business talents, efficient and energetic, and Fitzpatrick the intellectual head. They were and are great men, these gentlemen, but their abilities were never recognized nor rewarded while they were in the government. It was not until they were retired by force of circumstances that the eyes of one-time critics and present-time eulogists were opened to their great merits and talents. Possibly there are still a few men in the administration with sufficient capacity to carry on the business of the country. Let us hope so, at all events. We are convinced that there are held in reserve a few men who will rank in point of ability and character with the leader of the opposition and his eminent lieutenants, Hon. George Foster, Hon. John Haggart, Mr. Bennett and Dr. Forde. But we can imagine how reluctantly the Toronto News came to the conclusion that notwithstanding the process of intellectual attrition to which the government has been subjected, "it will be difficult for the Conservatives to hold at the next election owing to the hold which Sir Wilfrid Laurier has on the province of Quebec." We cannot agree, however, that the fight will be such a very desperate one. Quebec is not the only province upon which the Premier has a firm grip. There are others, as the provincial elections to be held in Nova Scotia next week will demonstrate.

## CANADIAN PREFERENCE AND AMERICAN POLITICS.

The political pot in the United States is beginning to simmer in anticipation of the presidential election of 1908. It is admitted that the prospects of the Democratic party are brighter than they have been for a long time, the revelations respecting the operations of trusts and combines and huge corporations having done almost irreparable damage to the Republicans, whose high tariff policy is held to be directly responsible for much of the corruption exposed to the view of the public. Republican leaders are cognizant of these things and are taking steps to counteract the effects of the revelations. But they will be sadly handicapped for lack of a candidate of strong personality and established reputation such as President Roosevelt. The president has expressed his firm determination to retire. It is quite within the realms of possibility that Mr. Bryan will be the choice of the Democrats for the third time. He has travelled much in foreign countries and seen a great deal to modify his extreme views in the six years which have elapsed since the last election in which he carried the banner of the party to defeat the man from Nebraska in as prolific a writer as he is a voluble speaker, and his numerous contributions to the press of late have revealed none of the crudeness of form which so severely handicapped him previously and which compelled the opposition of the conservative elements constituting the political stability and bulwarks of the republic. If Mr. Bryan is selected, it may be by some of the leading journals of the United States that there will be little of the opposition which was so fatal to him in his previous battles.

The Republicans realize the strength of the agitation which they must face, and already they are preparing what they believe will prove a counteracting programme. A dispatch to the New York Post from Washington intimates what the policy of the Republican party will be, and at the same time suggests that the relations of Great Britain with Canada constitute an important element in the battle. This latter is of course of special interest to Canadians and illustrates how far-reaching are the effects of the preferential trade policy of the present Canadian government. The writer to the Post says Eugene Foss,

of Massachusetts, the advocate of reciprocity, who has just returned from an extended trip to Europe, gave the president an account of his investigations abroad. Mr. Foss came back from Europe a firm believer in the efficacy of the maximum tariff, the minimum tariff plan, a revision of the tariff along the lines of that plan is, he thinks, the only practicable solution of the problems which now confront this country.

"If no other reason existed for the revision of the United States tariff than the influence of the English speaking people, that reason alone, in my opinion, would be sufficient. Great Britain takes 17 per cent. of our exports, and Great Britain and her colonies more than 50 per cent. of the whole. The whole Chamberlain idea is developing with the influence of the Great Britain. A revision of our tariff in a way which would bring about better condition so far as the British are concerned is the principal, practically the only thing in my judgment, which can stop the final triumph of the campaign which Mr. Chamberlain has set on foot.

"So far as Germany is concerned," said Mr. Foss, "it is perfectly plain to me as a result of my investigation that the new tariff relations into which the German Empire has entered with practically all the European states will be brought about in the near future, and that the United States will be forced to make a revision of the tariff, or the making of reciprocal treaties in the meantime, the fight will begin. That the United States will lose in consequence is a foregone conclusion. The war may hurt Germany and some of the other countries also, but that is not the point to be considered now. They are all irrevocably bound by the favored nation arrangement, and that is all there is to it."

## BEFORE THE BAR.

Our esteemed contemporary, for some inexplicable reason, has permitted the following from the columns of the Toronto Mail and Empire, to escape its notice:

"Sir Wilfrid Laurier is endeavoring once again to arouse racial enmities. Through his speeches and correspondence that Mr. Foster assails the French-Canadians as wanting in intelligence, and reviles their priests with unrelenting bitterness. In Le Temps of Ottawa, a correspondent of the group of Laurierite falsifiers, he represents that the Conservative party is calling upon Protestants to unite to suppress the Roman Catholics. He adds that the Conservatives are the Saint Jean Baptiste Societies are urged to combine against their Conservative patriots."

If Mr. Foster had not involved himself and his party in such a sorry mess by calling the Ottawa correspondent of La Presse "the bar of the House," possibly the Premier might have led the editor of the leading Tory journal up before the impassable barrier and called upon him to substantiate his statements. But then Sir Wilfrid's life and works constitute such an absolute contradiction to all the utterances of Conservative newspapers that he can afford to ignore their misrepresentations. Mr. Foster's case is different. His doings are objectionable alike to political friends and political foes. Personally he is a very dangerous man, and his espousures with all the venom and bitterness of one who has wrecked what was at one time a promising public career by deceit and treachery. If he were set down let him consult Sir Mackenzie Bowell, who has more than once expressed in plain terms his opinion of his ex-colleague.

## CHAMPION POLITICAL PUGILIST.

Mr. Chamberlain, the British statesman who has gained, and retains, the confidence of the Greater Britain beyond the seas notwithstanding the bitterness with which he has been assailed, has completed his thirtieth year in Parliament. The ex-Colonial Secretary appears to have gained the confidence of his constituents also, as they have returned him in election after election with machine-like regularity. So there must be something in the man to attract as well as a great deal that is offensive to those who oppose him on political principles. There is one thing that cannot be denied. Mr. Chamberlain has always been sincere in his choice of courses. And when he makes up his mind on a matter of principle, he fights for the cause he espouses in sincerity to the end. His course has generally been vindicated in the light of events. There is some probability that the representative of Birmingham will not live to see the day of triumph for the cause he has lately taken up with characteristic determination and almost forced upon the political party with which he is allied. But if he does not live to behold his position with reference to the necessity of the establishment of a visible bond of union between the Mother Country and the colonies vindicated, there are many public men alive who will finally be brought back to the leading British and Canadian statesmen who predicted that the future of the Empire depended largely upon such a development interpreted the situation with accuracy. We therefore say we have great admiration for Mr. Chamberlain because he is a fighter and he never surrenders until he has carried his cause to a triumphant issue. "Chamberlain with his back to the wall, striking out right and left, is Chamberlain at his best. He is the world's champion political pugilist." May he live to represent Birmingham many years longer, even if he is in alliance with Tories.

## FRANK ZINC WORKS.

Plant Will Be Doubled If Supply Warrants It.

Edward Riondel, general manager, and J. E. Harrington, a director of the Canadian Metal Company, Limited, have returned to Nelson from an inspection of the company's zinc reduction works at Frank, Alberta, which commenced operations at the close of last month, says the Nelson Daily News. Both gentlemen were greatly pleased with the situation of affairs at the new plant, and expressed themselves unreservedly as to the present condition of and future outlook for these important reduction works.

To a reporter of the Daily News the general manager said: "The plant started up on May 28th, but as you can understand there was a good deal of preliminary burning and heating to be done. For some 10 days the zinc ore was being reduced in the active operation, and the results attained have been highly satisfactory. The buildings, foundations, etc., are all in readiness to double the plant, if we decide to do so, and if we receive the encouragement we expect, the capacity will be doubled before very long. We are in a position now to handle 60 tons daily of zinc concentrates, and in two or three months can double this and treat 120 tons daily if we so desire.

"We want to do as much business in this country as it is possible for us to do, and we must rather disperse our output in Canada if it can be done. We are always in the market to purchase zinc ore at a fair price, and we want to assist in the development of the production of zinc ore and concentrates in every way possible. We have ore on hand now in one shape or the other to run for some months. The process so far has been better than we expected and we are turning out a 98 per cent. zinc or a fraction better. You will be interested in knowing that within the next fortnight we will ship from the Frank works a large quantity of zinc concentrates in the Dominion of Canada. Everything at the plant is running smoothly and satisfactorily, and as I have already said, really better than we anticipated. The remaining zinc concentrates will be blown in very shortly."

"How about the Blue Bell and the concentrating plant there?" was the next question put. The manager replied: "We have had the mine thoroughly explored and our report is very satisfactory. We are satisfied that we have a great mine there, provided that it is properly and economically managed. The concentrator there will be kept running, but we have just about decided to put a thoroughly up to date 200 ton concentrator and magnetic separator in. It will be first class in every way. The very excellent report we have received from the Blue Bell mine has decided us, or nearly so, that a new plant should be at once installed."

## P. J. RIDDELL ELECTED.

Small Vote Recorded in Bye-Election Thursday to Fill Vacancy on School Board.

There was a small vote recorded at the bye-election Thursday to select a successor to Robert Moraw, who resigned his position on the board of school trustees. The result was the return of P. J. Riddell by a majority of two votes over his opponent, A. B. McNeill. There was a total of 468 votes cast, of which two were spoiled. Mr. Riddell secured 312 and Mr. McNeill 34.

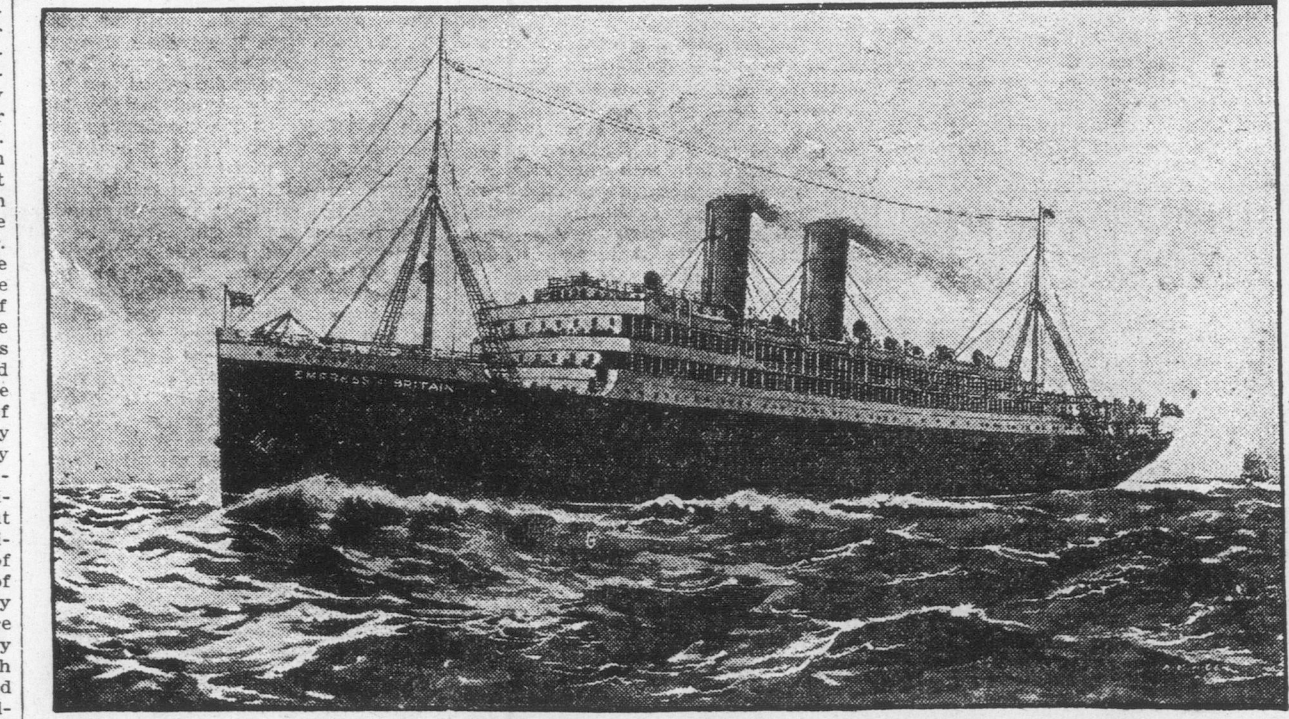
When it is stated that there are a total of 439 votes on the list, it will be seen that the vote cast was very small. Comparatively little interest has been awakened in the election, although both candidates worked hard for the position during the last few days. The vote was by no means the smallest recorded, and only goes to show again that in Victoria a bye-election seldom arouses a very lively interest.

The successful candidate is a superintendent of construction on the B. C. Electric Railway, and has on a number of previous occasions tried for the honor which he has now won.

## SUNDAY OBSERVANCE.

The Bill Will Be Taken Up on Tuesday Next.

Ottawa, June 15.—The Sunday Observance bill will be taken up on Tuesday next. There have been rumors going round the corridors that it would not be proceeded with this session. This, however, is contradicted.



C. P. R. STEAMER EMPRESS OF BRITAIN

ATLANTIC LINER COMPLETES SECOND WESTWARD VOYAGE, MAKING RECORD TRIP FROM MOVILLE TO RIMOUSKI.

Quebec, June 16.—The Empress of Britain docked at Quebec today at 12:30 noon after making a record trip from Moville to Rimouski via Cape Rice.

The C. P. R. liner left the former port at 10 o'clock last Sunday morning

and arrived at Rimouski at 2:47 p.m. (Saturday) morning, thus making the trip between these points in 5 days, 16 hours and 47 minutes, and adding to this the difference in time amounting to 4½ hours, completing a record voyage of 5 days, 21 hours and 17 minutes.

The previous record for this route was 5 days, 22 hours and 20 minutes. It will thus be seen that the Empress has broken all records. It is confidently expected that the vessel will yet accomplish greater things during the present season, this being only her second voyage.

## Local News.

—Jack, the six year old son of Frank and Rose McMillan, died Friday at the residence of his uncle, Capt. J. J. Barry, 112 Fort street.

—Mrs. J. D. Milne, a former resident of Victoria, arrived from Seattle on Sunday and is a guest of Mrs. Marwick, 18 Niagara street.

—The ninth drawing for an appropriation in Victoria No. 2 Building Society will be held at the office of the secretary, A. St. G. Flint, Trowace avenue, on Thursday, June 21st, at 8 p.m.

—In Friday's report of Wednesday's session of the Victoria West lodge, I. O. G. T., it was stated that a dance was held at the conclusion of the evening's entertainment. The Times is informed that this is an error, and that dancing is a pastime in which Good Templars never connect with lodge meetings.

—The Victoria College cadet corps held the weekly gallery practice at the drill hall on Saturday. The following are some of the best scores, the possible being 25: Capt. Macrae, 23; Cadet Watson, 22; Cadet Elliot, 22; Cadet Hartman, 21; Cadet Erb, 21; Cadet Carmichael, 20; Cadet Burrell, 19; Tr. Beckwith, 18; Cadet Clarke, 16.

—The officers and members of the executive of the Local Council of Women have been invited by the president, Mrs. R. S. Day, of Vereen, Rockland avenue, to an at home on Tuesday from 4 to 6 in the afternoon. The executive consists of 12 officers, representatives of affiliated societies and individual members.

—The Rathbone Sisters have decided to give their friends a treat next Friday evening, June 22nd, in K. of P. hall, in the line of an entertainment and strawberry social. All Knights and families are invited to attend, as well as friends of the sisters. The temple is still gaining members every meeting, and will soon have a large membership.

—The funeral of John P. Austin took place Friday afternoon. The pallbearers were: D. R. Ker, E. White, Col. Wolfenden, T. S. Gore, J. E. Wilson and E. M. Fort. The funeral left the family residence, Verinder avenue, at 2:30, and proceeded to St. John's church, where services were held by Rev. Canon Paddon, who also conducted at the grave. There was a large attendance at the funeral and many floral offerings were received.

—The steamship Umatilla sailed for San Francisco on Friday carrying a "scratch" crew of non-union men. Before leaving Seattle between 150 and 200 of the strikers gathered on the dock, and pickets were placed so as to prevent non-union men from gaining entrance to the docks if they were suspected of desiring positions on the vessel. Although no violence was offered to any one, many threats were made, and to guard against any violence a number of police officers were on hand.

—On June 26th a most novel and entertaining performance will be given at the Victoria theatre for the benefit of the relief fund of the Victoria fire department. The principal features for this performance have been in preparation for months, and not until they are in charge were able to pronounce them in shape to go on with, did they think it advisable to announce the date mentioned. The next two weeks will be devoted to polishing off any rough edges, and those who may be fortunate enough to secure tickets for this performance will be treated to a surprise when they see the feast of good things being held in store for them.

—Prices to be paid for sockeye salmon on the Fraser river this year will be 25 and 20 cents during the month of July and August respectively. This is double the prices paid last year. They were agreed upon at a meeting of the Fraser River Cannery Association, and it is thought that these rates will meet the demands of both white and Japanese fishermen. The resolution passed by the association is as follows: "Be it resolved that the prices to be paid for sockeyes during the coming season shall be 25 cents for July and 20 cents for August, and that the 25-cent price referred to shall include all fish delivered at the canneries or camps up to midnight of July 31st."

## Davidson's Ltd. WESTERN CANADA'S BIG STORE. SUMMER SILK SALE OPENS

This fact is of interest to women who are planning their summer wardrobes.

Louise has so soft and silvery that they head the list of favorites, especially the grays. Even dark blues possess this attractive silver-

## Coats and Wraps for Wedding Tour

There is nothing more distinguished and more difficult to get most places than a coat tailored exquisitely, which fits as it should. Even good tailors—unless they are the very best—are apt to make mistakes in fit.

This is one of our strong points, and we feel assured you can find what you wish in the many models now shown in the Coat Store or have it easily altered to suit.

## Madras Curtains

SECOND FLOOR.  
Ecu Madras Curtains with green, red and gold stripes; Ecu Madras Curtains with green and

ness, and in gray it is paramount. There are stripes and checks, Jasper effects, hairlines, white grounds and black grounds, and the charming broken plaids, and at \$5c. a yard. The usual price is \$12.50. It won't be extravagant to have one

yellow stripes, tasseled fringe; \$1.50 pair.  
Cream Madras Curtains with green, pink and gold stripes; Cream Madras Curtains with green and gold stripes, tasseled fringe; \$2.50 pair.

White Madras Curtains with yellow stripe, pink stripe and blue stripe, tasseled fringe; \$3.00 pair.  
Ecu Madras Curtains with white stripe; Ecu with green stripes; Ecu with green and gold stripes; red with red, green and gold stripes, green with red, green, and gold stripes, green with green and yellow stripes, tasseled fringe; \$3.50 pair.

Ecu Madras Curtains with pale blue and gold stripes, knotted fringe; Ecu with red, green and yellow stripes; \$4.00 pair.

Ecu Madras Curtains with green, gold and red stripes, knotted

or even two short waist dresses made of them.

Then there are Check Taffetas, Paillettes, Toulards and China Taffetas, from 25c. to \$1.25 a yard, all helping to make this section of the store of very special interest during this week.

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## Fine Millinery Re-Priced

50 Hats at \$4.50; were \$7.50 and \$8.50.

The hats have been kept in drawers and cases. They are much fresher than usual at a "closing-out," and there are about all colors among them. Fine braids, Neapolitans, chips and yeddahs are there, many made into close-fitting styles.

Come to-morrow and look them over.

## BORN.

CUMMINGS—At Nelson, on June 16th, the wife of Sidney J. Cummings, of a son.

GRAHAM—At Nelson, on June 11th, the wife of D. P. Graham, of a son.

MARRIED.

ROBERTS-RICHARDS—At Rossland, on June 12th, by Rev. Father Bedard, D. J. Roberts and Miss McKinnon.

HARRIS—At Vancouver, on June 12th, by Rev. Father Bedard, D. J. Harris and Miss McKinnon.

COHN-THOMPSON—At Vancouver, on June 12th, by Rev. W. H. Fraser, L. C. Cohn and Miss Thompson.

DERBY-SMITH—At Vernon, on June 11th, by Rev. Mr. Vans, Howard Derby and Miss Smith.

MILLER-WHITELEY—At Vancouver, on June 12th, by Rev. A. E. Hetherington, Malcolm F. Miller and Miss M. Whiteley.

GOURLAY-JOHNSON—At New Westminster, on June 12th, by Rev. P. H. McEwen, James Gourlay and Miss Emma E. Johnson.

SULLIVAN-HOLMES—At Greenwood, on June 4th, by Rev. Father Bedard, D. J. Sullivan and Miss Violet Holmes.

PEAKE-TRYTHALL—At Vancouver, on June 12th, by Rev. Victor Smith and Rev. James Turner, George Hamilton Peka and Daisy Trythall.

WEBSTER—At Vancouver, on June 14th, Agnes Violet Jane, daughter of Alex. C. and Elizabeth Webster, of Agassiz, B. C., aged 12 years.

BAILOUR-KER—At Vancouver, on June 14th, Mrs. J. Bailour-Ker, aged 41 years.

DUDLEY—At Vancouver, on June 16th, Mrs. Edwin Dudley, aged 36 years.

CANNIF—At Vancouver, on June 11th, M. W. Cannif, aged 53 years.

NEWLANDS—In this city, on June 16th, 1906, the infant son of Lawrence C. and Winwood, Newlands, aged 2 days.

CARTHEW—On the 14th instant, Walter Carthew, eldest son of Mrs. C. Carthew, aged 15 years.

SMITH—At Vancouver, on June 13th, G. A. Smith, aged 23 years.

BURWELL—At Vancouver, on June 13th, Bruce Burwell, aged 25 years.

AUSTIN—In this city, on June 12th, John J. Austin, a native of London, Eng., aged 8 years.

McQUILLAN—On the 15th instant, at the residence of his uncle, Capt. J. J. Barry, No. 112 Fort street, Jack, the darling and beloved son of Frank and Rose McQuillan, aged 6 years and 6 months.

SOMERS—At the family residence, Gordon Head, Frances Somers, aged 4 years, a native of Perthman Cove, Ireland, and relict of the late William Somers, of Victoria, died on the 14th instant, William Ellis, a native of Hayle, Cornwall, England, aged 69 years.

REDEMPTORIST MISSION.

St. Andrew's cathedral was well filled at the 10.30 mass yesterday with pious and anxious worshippers to witness the opening of the mission now in progress under the direction of two Redemptorist priests. Large congregations assembled in the spacious cathedral to hear the eloquent missionary discourse of Father Galt, delivered at the opening sermon in which he gave a very comprehensive definition and explanation of a popular mission. In the evening Rev. J. Chagotien preached the most effective discourse on the immortality of man's soul. The sermons during the mission, which will close next Sunday, will be delivered at 6 and 9 in the morning and 7.30 in the evening. All seats are free at every service.

H. Richardson, of Rossland, is at the Drail.

On behalf of the Life Convener Mrs. Sweet circulating library of had been established, on hand, and suggested that the necessary money to procure the books, and materials, by providing boxes, and books, magazines and literature are gladly received and papers are missed each month, but would be glad if it would undertake to secure each month to the Rev. J. C. Antle appreciation shown by the Chinese people.

Grundy, gave a brief done in Victoria and Meetings were regular.

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In the Matter of an Application for a Duplicate of Certificate of Title to the North Half of Lot 132, Alberni District.

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S. Y. WOOLTON, Registrar-General.

Land Registry Office, Victoria, B. C., 13th June, 1906.

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