

WASON BUILDING
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READY PLANNED

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prospect that Victoria
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prosperous times. The
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"growing time."

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that are planned.

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practically fire proof.
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ection the Royal bank
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ster and W. Bowman,
Broughton and Lang-
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Land & Investment
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et above Sylvester's
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Watson and McGre-
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tute to meet the demands
of Yates street on the
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well will erect a mod-
ern boarding stable.
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lson blocks, wholesale
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reported, contemplate
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of the city Jim Dat
a brick block three
high, occupying the
ernment street front-
to Chatham streets.
er buildings under
the business district,
will assuredly be gone
as Vernon is seriously
ing on the vacant lot
adjoining the Vernon
also make additions to
the same time. On
et new blocks are also
and before the spring
Victoria will see more
under "construction
on for many years.

L AVENUES
IMPROVEMENTS

Road and Cook
and Permanent
aving.

progress which is no-
out the entire city is
eable on some of the
s, and propositions are
which a few years ago
scooped at as unsuccess-
ive on account of the
city council dealt with
of the residents of Lin-
asked for the paving
from Fort to the sea,
is granted and the work
is shortly inaugurated.
lead of the avenue in
owners on two other
lating petitions asking
vements on the roads.
in question are Pen-
e of the most deligh-
tful streets of the city,
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lowed by the tally-ho
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e tourists which is not
blocks because of the
y travel involves. The
on will, is expected,
addition to its other

KNAPPING CASE.

March 27.—Attorney
representing James F.
the kidnaped boy,
ation charging Boyle
in abduction. The
on will be had posit-
ively that Mrs. Boyle
Anna McDermott, of

NAVAL POLICY
OF DOMINION
SENTIMENT AT OTTAWA
FINDS EXPRESSION

Ready to Take Full Share in
Bearing Burden of Imper-
ial Defence.

Ottawa, March 28.—The government
is taking further action to supplement
the assurances of the imperial govern-
ment that Canada with the other col-
onies is ready to take her full share in
maintaining the solidity of the Em-
pire, and will move along the lines
laid down at the colonial conference.
The members of parliament are united
in believing that Britain's imperial
policy is of vital and supreme im-
portance to Canada, but as with the
country's militia affairs, so with the
naval prospects, whatever is under-
taken must be by the deliberate action
of the government in parliament, and
not by contributions of either money or
battleships to be disposed of without
the control or direction of the respon-
sible government of Canada, but by
having due regard to the long estab-
lished principle of the autonomy of the
self-governing dominions, and in the
light of mature consultation with the
imperial government is the imperial
government seeking to work out the
problem of Canada's true part in the
programme of the Empire's defence.

Whether Canada's projected naval
policy takes the line of building broad-
sides, or fast cruisers, or torpedo
boats, or making other provisions for
coast defence, are details yet to be
worked out after full consultation with
responsible authorities in Canada, but
of one thing one thing is settled, that
Canada is ready to undertake her
full share in bearing the burden of im-
perial defence, and to contribute under
the control of parliament to the general
scheme of the whole Empire.

CRUSHED TO DEATH.

Oscar Massey Buried Under Coal in
Extension Mine.

Ladysmith, March 26.—Oscar Massey
was killed yesterday in Extension
mine. While he was removing
a pile of coal he fell in and he was
buried under the loose coal. The un-
fortunate man was dead when taken
out by his comrades.

BIG GOLD BRICK
FROM SHEEP CREEK

Gold Valued at Over \$7,000 Re-
ceived at Nelson—Bright
Outlook.

Nelson, March 25.—What is probably
the largest gold brick that has yet
been brought into the city arrived
from the Nugget mine on Sheep creek,
and is the result of about three weeks'
work of the mill on that property. The
brick weighs 485 ounces and is valued
at over \$7,000. The gold is produced
purely from ore mined during develop-
ment work and is apart from a very
considerable quantity which is being
shipped to the Trail smelter.

N. J. Cavanaugh returned from Sheep
Creek where he has been for the pur-
pose of making an inspection of the
Summit group of mines which have
lately been bonded by a group of en-
terprising London men.

Mr. Cavanaugh said that the snow
prevented his seeing much of the sur-
face of the property, but the thorough
examination he had made below the
surface had greatly added to his con-
fidence in the property in one of the
finest in the camp. He made an ex-
haustive inspection of the leads that
have been opened up, and found that,
those from which the \$2,000 ore brought
to Nelson had been taken from the
Priceton and the Osoyoos district. The
Nelson and Slocan exhibits are in the
hands of Fred Starkey, president of the
Nelson board of trade, and G. O. Bu-
chanan, president of the associated
boards of trade of Eastern British Col-
umbia.

All exhibits must be in place by May
15th, and they should be ready as long
as possible before that date.

PREDICTS BUSY SEASON
ON PORTLAND CANAL

Many Prospectors Now in Dis-
trict—Railway Will Be
Built to Mines.

Vancouver, March 25.—With the in-
tention of purchasing a consignment
of horses for clearing work this spring
on the townsite of Stewart at the head
of Portland canal, D. J. Rainey has
come down from the north, reporting
indications of great activity in the
mines this summer.

"Although the season can hardly be
said to have commenced, a large num-
ber of prospectors have already gone
into the country, and residents of the
district are looking forward to the big-
gest year in the history of the camp,"
said Mr. Rainey.

Mr. Rainey, who quitted the coun-
try some years ago on account
of the depreciation in the value of furs
and skins, has signified their inten-
tion of returning this summer, enticed
by the reports of game being plentiful.
Surveyors have gone north to lay out
the right-of-way for the new railroad
from Stewart to the American Girl
mines on Glacier creek.

MINERAL EXHIBIT
WILL BE LARGE ONE

R. L. Broadbent Tells of Work
in Arranging for Display at
Seattle Fair.

Nelson, March 25.—R. L. Broadbent,
of the geological survey branch of the
Dominion department of mines, who
was sent out from Ottawa to arrange
for the British Columbia mineral ex-
hibit for the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific ex-
position at Seattle, returned to Nelson
from the Boundary and Similkameen.

Mr. Broadbent said that everywhere
he had been most cordially received
and had been given every assistance in
his work. Mining men and others ap-
peared after each of the various pro-
cesses through which it passes until it
comes out the finished product. For
this display samples are to be supplied
from the mines and smelters of the
Consolidated Mining and Smelting Com-
pany at Trail, the Granby Company at
Grand Forks, and the B. C. Copper
Company at Greenwood. One of the
features of the display from the Trail
smelter is a sample of the quartzite
of about \$12,000 worth of silver bars,
such as are turned out there. After
the exposition this silver will be ship-
ped to the Canadian mint at Ottawa,
while the rest of the display provided
by the companies mentioned, goes to
the place as the first installment of a per-
manent exhibit there illustrative of
the mineral resources of the province.

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will be a display illustrative of mineral
technology. This will comprise ore as
it comes from the mines, and as it ap-
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BRIEF LOCALS.

Isadore Lancaster, who for the last
10 years has been in business here,
conducting the Army & Navy clothing
store, is removing to Vancouver, where
he will engage in business, opening on
Cordova street. Mr. Lancaster will be
ready for business at his new stand
about the middle of next month.

G. H. Robertson, H. M. Hillis and
W. N. Mitchell left on Thursday for
Toronto where they will attend the
Canadian National Congress, under the
Laymen's Missionary Movement. The
congress, which will be held in the
Massey hall, will open on March 31st
and continue until April 4th.

MONTEAGLE MET
ROUGH WEATHER
RUSSIAN MINERS
ON WAY TO ALASKA

A Number of Passengers Ar-
rived by Steamer Last
Night.

(From Friday's Daily.)
The steamer Montegale reached port
late last night. So severe a gale did
the steamer experience on Saturday
and Sunday last that one of her boats
was washed away and considerable
damage was done in the pantry, some
of the dishes getting loose and mak-
ing a great crash. Happily there was
no damage to the ship, which is a
stout and steady craft, able to weather
anything and everything. On the whole
it was a rough trip. Just after start-
ing some heavy weather was ex-
perienced, and on Sunday last the
climax came.

The trip out on the vessel was
encountered than on the return. The
vessel went into the teeth of a big
gale off Cape Flattery, and it continued
almost all the way across the ocean.
One day late in starting, the vessel
continually lost time arriving on the
other side five days behind schedule.
This was, however, made up, and last
night she was a day ahead of schedule.
Word was brought by the steamer of
an accident to the French mail steamer
Sydney, in the neighborhood of
Singapore. This vessel broke the
main shaft of her propeller. She was
forced into Galle Harbor by the Clan
Fraser.

Aboard the Montegale was a con-
signment of 55 Russians, being sent
through to Alaska to work in the
mines. They looked a fine lot of men.
They went on to Vancouver, from
which point they will go forward to
their destination. The steamer brought
between fifty and sixty first class pas-
sengers, and over one hundred in the
steerage. Among the passengers, was
A. M. Knapp, formerly editor of the
Japan Advertiser, one of the best of
the English newspapers published in
that country. Mr. Knapp has sold out
his interests in the paper and is going
home to Boston for a holiday. He will
then return to the land of his adoption.
He is a writer of some note, being the
author of Feudal and Modern Japan, a
book which is looked upon as an au-
thority upon the subject treated.

Major W. Taylor, wife and daughter,
are coming to make their home on
Vancouver Island, where the major is
already interested. He went on to
Vancouver last night, but will return
in a few days.

Rev. W. R. McKay, the special mis-
sionary of the Presbyterian church,
who was sent out six years ago to es-
tablish a mission centre at Kootenay
in Canton province, is returning home
on furlough, going right through to
his old home in Nova Scotia. On his
way out he spent a Sunday in this city,
and he will be well remembered by
many here. He has met with consid-
erable success in his work in the
East, establishing a number of sub-
sidiary mission stations, as well as a
hospital and educational institution.
Mr. McKay says they still find a good
deal of opposition from the anti-for-
eign element, who vigorously oppose
allowing the missions to acquire land
in the country.

Word was brought by the steamer of
the opening for traffic of the first 45
miles of the Canton-Hankow railway.
This is already proving a great con-
venience, and when completed will be
another step in the awakening of
China. The trade of the Orient is im-
proving. From every point come news
of a slight movement for the better.
Everyone is feeling hopeful, and with
a revival of business on both sides
of the Pacific, there is bound to be
a great improvement in the ship-
ping trade.

The following is the list of saloon
passengers: H. Aoki, R. G. Carter, A.
H. Crook, A. G. Cooper, D. Campbell,
Miss Faithful Davies, A. J. Darby, J.
Fisher, G. B. Frazer, K. Gorman, L.
Greenwood, C. Gronenberg, Miss A. M.
Hoard, W. G. Hamill, Miss N. R. Jack-
son, A. M. Knapp, W. G. W. Mc-
Kay, Rev. W. R. McKay, Mrs. W. W. Mc-
Kay and infant, Master John, Mr. Mc-
Kay, Miss Marjorie McKay, Rev. H. R.
Murphy, Mrs. H. R. Murphy, Miss
Florence Mills, Miss Morton, J. W. Mc-
Collum, Mrs. J. W. McCollum, Joe, W.
McCullum, J. C. McCollum, Master A.
McCullum, Miss P. McCollum, Miss
P. McCollum, Miss J. McCollum, Miss
Marie Monsen, M. McGrath, E. Naka-
gawa, E. Nagatani, Mrs. B. Nagatani,
Mrs. C. E. Richardson, Warren Slocum,
Miss L. Snider, W. Sutherland, T.
Smith, Major W. Taylor, Mrs. Taylor,
Miss Taylor, E. Waizer, Rev. W. J.
Widdows, Mrs. Widdows and four chil-
dren and F. Weaver.

The Montegale brought 2,513 tons of
freight, including 1,066 bales of silk,
valued at \$500,000; 1,756 packages of
tea, and 11,000 sacks of rice. She dis-
charged part of her cargo here before
leaving for Vancouver early this morn-
ing.

WEALTHY WOMAN SEEKS
RELIEF IN DEATH

Tired of Society's Whirl Mrs.
Pierre Lorillard, Jr., In-
hales Gas.

Washington, D. C., March 28.—Weary
of the gay whirl of society, and face to
face, as she believed, with years of
physical suffering, Mrs. Pierre Loril-
lard, Jr., aged 50, wife of the tobacco
magnate, committed suicide by as-
phyxiation at her home near the
fashionable district in this city yester-
day. Her tragic death has shocked the
first social circles of the capital as
nothing else in years.

Last night the members of the Loril-
lard family, famous because of its
wealth, gathered in mourning over the
certified blow. In spite of the coroner's
expectation of death by suicide, mem-
bers of the family declare that Mrs.
Lorillard died of heart failure.

Her death was made more dramatic
by the fact that Mrs. Lorillard arrived
at her home, shortly after midnight
yesterday, she began to prepare for her
bath. At about 3.30 yesterday morning
the butler in the Lorillard residence re-
ported to the French maid, Mrs. Loril-
lard's apartments: Opening the door of
the bathroom, just off her suite, the
body of the woman stretched lifeless on
the floor. Her face was turned to the
mat on the floor.

The alarm given by the butler
brought Mr. Lorillard from his apart-
ments across the hall. Together they
carried the lifeless body to Mrs. Loril-
lard's room. Panic-stricken, the servant
was dispatched for a doctor, while Mr.
Lorillard attempted to resuscitate his
wife by artificial respiration. Dr.
M. F. Cuthbert, the family physician,
was summoned and arrived about the
same time that Dr. H. B. Beale was
admitted to the case. Both resorted to
every scientific method within their
power to restore life, but after an
hour's effort gave up in despair. Shortly
afterwards J. Ramsey Veit, the cor-
oner, was notified. He visited the Loril-
lard home and ordered an investigation
ordered Deputy Coroner Glazebrook
to perform an autopsy, upon the com-
pletion of which Dr. Nevitt issued a
certificate of death from suicide by gas
poisoning. He said that the gas was
escaping from one or more jets in the
bathroom when the body was discover-
ed. "The condition of the lungs indi-
cated death by gas poisoning."

Extreme ratiocines had been manifested
by the Lorillard family. Only a few of
the most intimate friends have been
admitted to the home since the news
spread. Dr. Nevitt notified the police
of Mrs. Lorillard's residence. An officer
went to the residence, but was de-
nied admission, being referred to the
coroner for such information as the
police department might desire.

Mrs. Lorillard left a note which the
coroner has seen, but which Mrs. Loril-
lard has declined to give him per-
mission to make public. While ad-
dressed to no one, it is said, it is per-
sonal in its nature, and it is understood
that it contains a declaration of her
part of Mrs. Lorillard to take her life.
Mrs. Lorillard was subject to frequent
attacks of despondency. It is said, Mr.
Lorillard refuses to acknowledge the
suicide verdict.

LUCKY WINNERS IN
GRAND NATIONAL SWEEP

Local Man Carries Off First
Money in Salmon's
Drawing.

The placed horses and the prize
winners in H. Salmon's grand national
sweep with numbers and amounts are
as follows:
First, Lutteur III, 5388, won by J.
Newland, Humboldt street, Victoria,
\$2,160; second, Judas, won by R.
W. McMurray, Central Park (ticket
sold in Westminster), \$1,080; third,
Caubeen, \$18, won by W. J. Horn, New
Westminster, \$540.

BATTERED BY
GIANT SEAS
CLAN MACFARLANE LOSES
MAN IN HEAVY GALE

Four of Steamer's Lifeboats
Swept Overboard—Terrible
Experience Off Coast.

When two days out from William
Head the steamer Clan MacFarlane,
which arrived Friday, encountered a
terrific gale in which she was in
danger of foundering. Four of her boats
were washed away by the mountain
high seas, which washed over her con-
tinually. One of the members of the
crew, Lascar, was washed overboard,
and it was impossible even to attempt
to rescue him. Capt. Price stated this
morning that he had never experienced
such bad weather.

This was not by any means the only
gale. The steamer left Moji on March
1st and should have arrived here dur-
ing the night of last week. The in-
clement weather, however, prevented
her making better time. She came here
from Mauritius with a cargo of sugar
and after passing quarantine and tak-
ing a pilot she went on to Vancouver,
where she will discharge.

The Clan MacFarlane is a turret
steamer, a type which at one time was
very popular for freighting purposes,
as they were more economical in some
ways, and were said to be better sea
boats than the ordinary type. They
are, however, stated to be more diffi-
cult to load and discharge. The Clan
MacFarlane is registered as 3,107 tons.

AERODROME TRIAL

Halifax, N. S., March 26.—A dispatch
from Baddeck says: "The ice on the
Braz d'Orne lakes was covered with
about three inches of water when the
drome Silver Dart, from Graham
Bell's laboratory, was taken out for a
trial yesterday. Several changes were
made on the machine, runners being
substituted for wheels. A shower of
water was thrown over the machine as
it spread over the ice."

JUDGESHIP RUMOR

Winnipeg, Man., March 26.—It is
stated here on good authority that P.
A. Macdonald, master in chancery, is
to receive an appointment as judge of
the King's bench here.

EDUCATED ENGLISHMAN
REPLIES TO "WANT AD."

Knowledge of 13 Languages
Helps Him in "Profession"
of Agricultural Laborer.

An advertisement which ran as fol-
lows, recently appeared in one of the
local papers:
"Wanted—An educated Englishman
for general farm work. A lightweight
and able to ride preferred. Reply giving
experiences."
The following reply was received:
"Victoria, B. C., 28th July, '09.
Dear Sir,—In reply to your advertise-
ment I beg herewith to apply for the
position. In respect to my qualifica-
tions, I may mention I am a B. A.,
Camb., Eng., Honors and Mathematical
Tripos, Sci., etc. Having also gone
through the Heidelberg course, I can
read and speak both French and Ger-
man, and also have a fair knowledge
of Spanish and Italian sufficient to
warrant my undertaking ordinary farm
work. Since leaving the university I
have continued my study of Hebrew
and Latin, but regret to state that,
through the lack of time, I have dis-
continued Oriental languages, taking
instead the modern sciences, which is
my profession of agricultural laborer I
find most useful.

In my experience of driving oxen on
the western prairies, I have found my
ability to swear in thirteen (13) lan-
guages has been of incalculable ad-
vantage to me, not only for the pur-
pose of expediting the animals them-
selves, but also for affording an effec-
tive safety valve to an explosive con-
dition. My knowledge of classics has
taught me to approach all farming
operations in a philosophical spirit, ex-
pecting nothing; it is no disillusion
when I receive nothing.
I am proficient in the lactating of the
bovine ruminating cornum, and can
bear with perfect equanimity what in
vulgar parlance is termed "kicking the
bucket" without recourse to the milk
stool or my linguistic attainments.
My weight is similar to Euripides, of
which we have Plato's authority for
saying is the normal weight of the
genus homo; and having both hands
and feet by mathematical training en-
ables me to judge both speed and dis-
tances with singular accuracy.
Trusting my application to receive
favorable consideration,
I am, yours truly,
—

CAPTAIN GOULD ON
PILOTAGE AUTHORITY

Ottawa, March 26.—Captain Gould,
superintendent of the dry dock at Equi-
valent, has been appointed to the pilotage
authority, vice Capt. Cox, deceased.
Col. Gregory, after a visit of two days
here, left for Victoria this morning.

DATES FIXED FOR
FAIR AT KAMLOOPS

Annual Exhibition Will Be Held
in October This
Year.

Kamloops, March 25.—At the annual
meeting of the Kamloops District
Agricultural Association, officers for
the year were elected as follows: Hon.
presidents, Senator Bostock, W. J.
Roper, J. P. Shaw, C. Cooney and J. B.
Greaves; president, Mayor J. T. Rob-
inson, re-elected; vice-presidents, J. R.
Hart and J. McCannell, re-elected;
treasurer, Capt. J. R. Vicars, re-elected;
directors, Kamloops, Dr. Wade, W.
Fortune, H. Vesey, A. Noble, J. Milton,
J. F. Smith, E. S. Wood, and T. Bull-
man; Grand Prairie, W. U. Howarth;
Tranville, W. W. Shaw; Stump Lake,
J. Ald; Rosehill, Geo. Dayton; Nicola
Road and Long Lake, J. Redman;
Fruitlands, W. T. Slavin; Campbell
Creek, P. A. Barnhart.

Immediately after the close of the
annual meeting the new board of di-
rectors held a meeting to arrange for
the fall exhibition. Dr. M. S. Wade
was elected secretary and after a
discussion of the details of the year
was decided to hold the exhibition this
year on October 6th, 7th and 8th. It
was decided to charge a rental of \$50
per day for the use of the grounds for
horse races.

WATER COMMISSIONERS
HAVE BEEN NAMED

Districts Created by Govern-
ment Under Act Passed
Last Session.

The latest issue of the Gazette contains
notice that, under the new Water Act,
until further provision be made, the pro-
vince has been divided into the following
water districts:
The Atlin Lake mining division to be
known as the Atlin water district.
The Skeena River and Liard River min-
ing divisions to be known as the Skeena
water district.
The Skeena mining division to be known
as the Skeena water district.
The Omiceka mining division to be
known as the Omiceka water district.

All that portion of the Cariboo land
recording district not included in the
Omiceka and Liard River mining divi-
sions to be known as the Cariboo water
district.
The Lillooet land recording division to
be known as the Lillooet water district.
The Kamloops division of Yale land
recording district, excepting that portion
south of the railway belt, to be known as
the Kamloops water district.
That portion of the Kamloops division
of Yale land recording district, lying
south of the Dominion railway belt, to
be known as the Nicola water district.
The Yale land recording division of
Yale district to be known as the Yale
water district.
The Osoyoos land recording division of
Yale district to be known as the Osoyoos
water district.
The Similkameen land recording division
of Yale district, to be known as the
Similkameen water district.

The Nelson land recording division of
Kootenay district to be known as the
Nelson water district.
The Revelstoke land recording division
of Kootenay district to be known as the
Revelstoke water district.
The northern division of East Kootenay
district to be known as the Golden water
district.
The southern division of East Kootenay
district to be known as the Cranbrook
water district.
The New Westminster land recording
district to be known as the New West-
minster water district.
All that portion of Vancouver Island
and adjacent islands within the Alberni
electoral district not included in the Na-
naimo and New Westminster land record-
ing districts to be known as the Alberni
water district.
The Nanaimo land recording district to
be known as the Nanaimo water district.
All those sections of the province not
included in the water districts as hereto-
fore defined to be known as the Victoria
water district.

Under the provisions of section 3 of the
Water Act, 1909, the following persons
have been appointed water commissioners for
March 25th, 1909:
James A. Fraser for the Atlin water
district.
James Porter for the Skeena water dis-
trict.
William Manson for the Skeena water
district.
Frederick W. Valieu for the Omiceka
water district.
George J. Walker for the Cariboo water
district.
Frederick Soues for the Lillooet water
district.
George C. Tunstall for the Kamloops
water district.
George Murray for the Nicola water dis-
trict.
Harold P. Christie for the Yale water
district.
Leonard Morris for the Osoyoos water
district.
James R. Brown for the Similkameen
water district.
Harry Wright for the Nelson water dis-
trict.
Eion Ezra Chipman for the Slocan
water district.
Robert Gordon for the Revelstoke water
district.
John R. Griffiths for the Golden water
district.
James Ferguson Armstrong for the
Cranbrook water district.
Sidney A. Fletcher for the New West-
minster water district.
Herbert Charles Rayson for the Alberni
water district.
Marion Bray for the Nanaimo water
district.
Robert A. Renwick for the Victoria
water district.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Eliz-
abeth Jane Hopper took place Thursday
afternoon at 3 o'clock at the family
residence, Hulton street, and later
at St. Columba church, where Rev.
Joseph McCoy conducted an impres-
sive service. The choir was in attend-
ance. There was a large number of
sympathizing friends present and many
flowers were sent. The following act-
ed as pallbearers: W. J. Speer, J.
Market, J. Bowker, A. G. Tait, W. Lon-
gen and H. F. Gravin.
There are at least 300 persons in various
parts of the Roman colony planning a
"pavement artists."

CHIEF WATSON
HAS RESIGNED

INSURANCE MEN PUT
VIEWS BEFORE WARDENS

Head of Fire Department Re-
tires From Position
April 30th.

The sensation of the hour in civic
circles is the resignation of Fire Chief
Watson, which was handed in at a
meeting of the fire wardens Thursday.
It came about as the result of a cap-
made upon the committee by a small
deputation of insurance men, who re-
presented the entire body of the Van-
couver Island Fire Underwriters' Asso-
ciation, and bore a resolution unani-
mously adopted at a meeting earlier in
the day calling for the removal of the
fire chief. The deputation consisted of
Richard Hall, Joshua Kingham, B. S.
Oddy, J. Elliott, Arthur Coles and G.
L. Lawry.

The members of the deputation im-
pressed upon the aldermen that the
matter was purely and simply one of
straight business as between the insur-
ance companies and the city. Against
Chief Watson personally they had
nothing, and as an individual fireman
they granted that there was none bet-
ter, but they protested strongly against
his retention in an executive position.
The handling of Tuesday's fire was
commented upon severely by the insur-
ance men who spoke, and not only that
one but previous fires. It was made
plain that even with the high-pressure
salt water service in use rates would
be adversely affected if no change in
the chiefship was made.

After the deputation had withdrawn
the aldermen discussed the matter for
some time and then sent for Chief
Watson, to whom the views of the in-
surance men were presented. His reply
was to place his resignation in the
hands of the wardens, to take effect at
the end of April.

These proceedings were, all of course,
behind closed doors, shrouded in the
secrecy apparently so dear to the hearts
of Victoria's city council.
"Yes, I have resigned," said Chief
Watson to a Times representative on
Friday, "I give up what is undoubt-
edly the most thankless and most har-
assing position in the service of the
city. On the 1st of May I will go into
private life, and take up one or other
of several business ventures I have in
view."

CHEAP LABOR IN
BRITISH COLUMBIA

Congressman States 50 Per
Cent of Lumber Employees
Are Orientals.

Washington, D. C., March 25.—When
the tariff bill was laid before the house
today, Mr. Humphrey (Washington),
took issue with some statements made
by Mr. Payne, in his opening speech,
regarding the number of Orientals en-
gaged in the lumber mills of British
Columbia. Mr. Payne, he said, left the
impression that there were fewer
Orientals working in such mills there
than in the state of Washington. That
statement was erroneous, he declared.
He declared that over fifty per cent
of the men engaged in lumber and