NEGOTIATING WITH WHALING COMPANY

Representatives of a Second Japanese Firm Endeavoring to Secure Whale Meat for Export.

D. Ehama and J. Yamawaki, expert whalers in the employ of the firm of S. Hara of Nagasaki, are in the city endeavoring to enter into arrangements with the Pacific Whaling Company for a supply of their whale meat for export to Japan.

Mr. Ehama stated Friday to the Times that the use or whale meat for food is growing in popularity throughout Japan until now the Japanese whalers are unable to cope with the demand. The product has been used as food for a number of years in the southern portion of the empire and is growing in popularity. The Hara company has three steam whalers operating from stations in Japan and Korea. It is thought that with the growth of the industry on this side of the Pacific much of the whale meat now used as fertilizer could be salted and shipped to Japan. There is eager competition amongst the whaling firms of Japan for the position of middlemen and the present delegation is the second in the last few months to approach the local company. It is doubtful if a satisfactory arrangement can be entered upon for some time for the meat would have to be cut in a special way which would entail extra labor and the installment of additional machinery which it is a question if the increase in the selling price of the meat would warrant, it already bringing $40 per ton for fertilizer. At the present time the flukes and fins of the whales are shipped to Japan after being salted and barrelled.

Mr. Ehama in the event of a satisfactory agreement being entered upon will instruct the local whalers in the methods used by the Japanese in cutting up the whale meat.

As a non-commissioned officer in the engineers, that gentleman took part in the siege of Port Arthur. After its surrender he remained there until the end of the war, and he is in great vogue amongst the Japanese of Victoria, who never tire of listening to his stories of the war and the many incidents of the famous siege.

He states it as his opinion that the alarmist reports circulated by American papers with regard to the danger of a clash between the United States and Japan over the recent trouble in San Francisco is entirely without foundation. He believes that it is merely another form of the fear of the Americans that the Japanese have designs upon the Philippines.

"The Philippine Islands have almost too warm a climate for my countrymen and there is but a small emigration thither from Japan," he remarked.

COMMITTED ON MURDER CHARGE

PRELIMINARY TRIAL IN SALT SPRING CASE

Story of the Arrest Told By the Special Constable Sworn in By Coroner.

George Williams, charged with killing Alfred Douglas, of Salt Spring Island, was committed Friday in the magistrate's court, for trial for murder.

Following the evidence of the morning session, in the afternoon the first witness called was David Maxwell. He had endeavored to notify the constable of the tragedy, but could not locate him. He then sent word to the coroner. After returning home he found Williams lying on a lounge in his house.

As they came in, he shook hands with Maxwell saying, "that was a bad accident."

"It was a sad affair, whether you call it an accident or not," Maxwell replied.

Mr. Maxwell asked Williams to accompany him to the bunk house about 100 yards distant.

On the way down he warned the accused that any statements made to him were the same as if made to Constable Lumley. He had been sworn in as special constable, and Williams must consider himself under arrest.

Williams replied: "I know I did it. I know I am guilty, I am satisfied, I will be with him before long." This was just before they arrived at the bunk house. During the night the prisoner complained several times of feeling sore and bruised, and said he must have been stabbed. The most frequent complaint was of a bruise over the left eye.

In the morning prisoner showed witness where he had been stabbed. He had no recollection of how or when it was done, but thought Alf.—the dead man—must have done it. During the afternoon they took a walk up by the little orchard. Old memories were singing through the prisoner's brain. He was beginning to realize more fully his probable fate. Several times he spoke of the affair of the day before, and said, "this is probably the last time you and I will walk up this road together."

Continuing, prisoner remarked: "Now I know Alf. didn't mean to do me any harm." He had shot him, he said, with the big rifle. The rifle was that produced in court this morning—a 45-70. About 3 o'clock Maxwell turned him over to Norman Wilson and Scott Ritchie, who boarded the Iroquois and brought him to Victoria.

The next witness was Susan Traigie. An interpreter was necessary. Her story tallied with the rest. All were quiet and goodnatured. There was some drinking. They were going in and out of the house. When they last came in Williams said good-bye to all the boys, and they all said good-bye to him. He then went upstairs. She heard him walking. After a little "Alf." went into the kitchen. Then the report was heard. Going out they found him on the kitchen floor dead. They went away.

Sergeant Murray, upon being called, deposed to having made an examination of the Williams' house in response to information laid before him on January 26th.

Coroner Hart, present at the time, extracted a loaded 40-70 shell from the rifle (exhibit 4). Proceeding to an examination of the upper room of the house, he found at the head of the stairs a discharged 45-70 shell. (This was marked exhibit 5). A few feet away he picked up a loaded 40-70—(ex. 6). Returning to the lower portion of the house he found an aperture in the floor, in a direct line with the stairs, but three or four feet therefrom. Here a piece of the floor showing the bullet hole (ex. 7) was produced. Following the direction of this he had found a mutilated bullet in one of the sills supporting the frame of the house (ex. 8). He finally submitted a plan drawn in Victoria from his dictation, showing the plan of the house—both ground floor and upper room. This concluded the case for the crown, and the prisoner was committed.

WILL APPEAL CASE.

Full Court Will Be Applied to in Action Concerning Damage to Scow.

An appeal is to be taken to the Full court against the decision of Judge Lampman in the action brought against the city and the contractor for the Rock Bay bridge by the owners of a scow which was damaged by settling on a broken pile. The decision of the County court judge was against the city, and the contractor, Rockett. The appeal will be taken against this finding.

This morning in County court chambers the formal arrangements for an appeal were entered into, the counsel representing the three parties being present, J. P. Mann for the city, R. T. Elliott for the contractor, Rockett, and F. H. Barnard for the owner of the scow.

CADET SCORES.

This Morning's Record of Shooting at the Drill Hall.

The following are a few of the best scores made by Victoria College cadets at the drill hall Saturday morning:

Cadet Elford, 24; Cadet A. Erb, 24; Cadet J. Gray, 23; Cadet Cheeseman, 22; Capt. Hartman, 20; Sergt. Hartman, 20; Cadet Dunn, 20; Cadet Huggett, 20; Cadet McCallum, 20; Cadet Robinson, 20; Cadet Rehill, 19; Corp. A. Boggs, 17; Cadet Pusey, 16; Cadet Elliott, 15; Cadet Gray, 15.

"I think I shall have to get a new book, sir; there are no clean leaves left to turn," said a defendant who was advised by the Leeds magistrate to turn over a new leaf for the new year.

FIFTH TO PARADE ON PAARDEBERG DAY

Regimental Orders Issued By Lt-Col. Hall Commanding---Various New Enlistments.

The following regimental orders have been issued by Lieut.-Col. J. A. Hall, commanding the Fifth Regiment:

Regimental Headquarters,
Victoria, B. C., Feb. 6th, 1907.

The following men having been duly attested are taken on the strength of the regiment and will assume the numbers opposite their names: No. 13, Gr. Morton J. Mason, Nov. 26th, 1906; No. 104, Gr. J. G. Forster, Feb. 6th, 1907; No. 107, Gr. Ernest W. Tribe, Feb. 6th, 1907; No. 108, Gr. H. Baker, Feb. 6th, 1907; No. 119, Gr. G. Nott, Feb. 6th, 1907; No. 126, Gr. Fred. A. Graham, Feb. 6th, 1907.

The following men having been granted their discharge are struck off the strength of the regiment: No. 104, Gr. A. Reynolds, Feb. 6th, 1907; No. 199, Act. Corp. W. H. Johnston, Feb. 6th, 1907.

The regiment will parade at the drill hall on Monday week, the 18th inst. (Paardeberg Day), at 8 p. m. Dress, drill order. Staff and band will attend. The cash prizes from the D. A. A. will be paid at this parade.

In accordance with para. 1, R. O. 48, of Dec. 19th, 1906, the following men having been further examined will be awarded certificates as under: For Sergt., Corp. T. A. Ross; for Corp., Bomb. W. H. Spofford.

A board of inquiry will be assembled at the call of the president at as early a date as possible to inquire into the loss by fire of certain articles of uniform belonging to No. 1 company. The following will compose the board: Captain S. Booth, president; Lieut. C. J. Harris and Lieut. L. H. Garnett, members.

By order.
(Signed) W. RIDGWAY-WILSON, Capt.,
Adjutant 5th Regt. C. A.

The adjourned meeting of the secretaries of companies' and sergeants' mess will be held on Wednesday evening next, 13th inst., at 9 p. m.

REALIZED GOOD SUM.

Proceeds of Vaudeville Concert in Aid of New Maternity Ward at Hospital.

The sum of $436.30 has been handed by Mrs. R. H. Pooley to Mrs. Albert Griffith (treasurer) on behalf of the Queen Victoria memorial fund for a maternity ward at the Royal Jubilee hospital. This sum represents the net proceeds of the amateur vaudeville performance, recently given for this object at the Grand theatre. Mrs. Griffith, on behalf of the committee desires to thank most heartily Mrs. Pooley and all friends whose interest and active assistance so amply insured the success of the undertaking, and would also mention especially Messrs. Sullivan and Considine, who gave the entire theatre, etc., free of all charge; to Mr. Jamieson, Mr. Gibbon, Mr. Jones, for photographs, and to the Times and Colonist for most freely and generously advertising the event.

SNOW SLIDES BLOCK TRAFFIC

THREE TRAINS ARE HELD UP AT LAGGAN

Great Northern Line to Seattle Also Crippled--Vancouver Practically Isolated.

Vancouver, Feb. 8.—Vancouver is practically isolated to-day from every standpoint.

Three trains which arrived at Laggan on Thursday morning will not reach Vancouver until Monday. Mr. Marpole's private car is attached to one of these.

Large slides came down during the night on account of the thaw. Some of the slides are a mile in length. There have been no casualties.

The Great Northern between here and Seattle is blocked by two slides south of Bellingham. An attempt will be made this afternoon to make a transfer around the slides.

ORDER FOR ENVELOPES.

Purchasing Agent of Railway Commission Before Public Accounts Committee.

Ottawa, Feb. 8.—At the public accounts committee to-day A. L. Ogilvie, purchasing agent of the National Transcontinental Railway commission, was examined concerning an order for 125,000 envelopes given to John O'Gorman, of the Munro Commission Company. The order was given at $391. Mr. O'Gorman asked to transfer the order to Barber & Ellis, Toronto. This was done. Barber & Ellis upon receiving a cheque for $391, sent back to the transcontinental commission a cheque for $87, which they said was overpaid. Mr. Ogilvie asked them to send envelopes instead. This was done. Mr. Ogilvie said that Barber & Ellis supplied the envelopes at a loss. The price which he gave Mr. O'Gorman was obtained from the Rolland Paper Co., Quebec. Witness did not know who was to pay the commission on the order to Mr. O'Gorman. He forwarded the instructions given him and sent the order to Barber & Ellis and that was all he had to do with it. He could not say that Mr. O'Gorman was the same O'Gorman as in the London case.

COW TESTING.

Scheme Under Which Associations Are Formed Aiming at Improving Herds.

Reference was made a few days ago to the fact that J. M. Logan, while in the East, had an interview with J. A. Ruddick, Dominion Dairy Commissioner, with the object in view of introducing the system of cow testing associations into British Columbia. The object aimed at is the improvement of the dairy herds by demonstrating the milk capacity of each cow with the object in view of discarding the cows whose record is unsatisfactory.

The rules covering the formation of a cow testing association are as follows:

The officers shall consist of a president, a vice-president and a secretary-treasurer. Three other members shall be appointed to act along with the officers as a committee of management.

The officers shall be elected to hold office for one year or until their successors are elected.

The annual meeting shall be held at the call of the president.

Meetings of the committee of management shall be held at the call of the secretary-treasurer. Three members shall form a quorum.

Any person who will agree to keep a record of individual cows during the whole milking period, to the extent of weighing the morning's and evening's milk on at least three days every month, and also take a sample for testing, will be admitted to membership. The number of members may be limited at the discretion of the committee of management.

The milk will be preserved and a composite sample tested once a month with a Babcock milk tester.

Members will be expected to provide themselves with scales, sample bottles, one for each cow, and a box for holding the samples.

Members shall assume the responsibility of delivering the samples to the place where the testing is to be done, on such days as may be directed by the person in charge of that work.

The association agrees to provide a suitable place in which the testing may be done without cost to the department.

For the season of 1907, the department of agriculture at Ottawa, through the dairy commissioner, will agree to provide blank forms for recording the weights of milk, the necessary preservatives, do the testing once a month, compile the figures and prepare a report at the end of the year.

A cheese factory or a creamery is a natural centre for an association of this nature. The facilities for testing are available at any properly equipped factory, and the samples can be delivered easily on the regular milk wagons.

APPOINTMENT FOR J. D. M'NIVEN

FAIR WAGE OFFICER FOR THE DOMINION

Selection of Federal Government Regarded as a Wise One--Long a Resident Here.

J. D. McNiven, of this city, is to succeed to the office of fair wage officer in the department of labor at Ottawa. It is expected that Mr. McNiven will assume office at Ottawa about March 1st.

The appointment of Mr. McNiven is regarded as a very wise one. He succeeds in office D. J. O'Donoghue, whose death occurred a few weeks ago. Mr. McNiven has been prominently identified with the trades' union movement ever since he entered upon his trade, and is regarded as a true friend of labor. He has resided in Victoria for about 14 years, and during the whole of that time has been prominent in labor circles. He took part in the organization of the Trades and Labor Council in this city and has from time to time assisted in various other ways in advancing the interests of organized labor.

Mr. McNiven, moreover, recognizes the rights of other classes as well as the labor interests, and is opposed to the taking of drastic measures on either side without exhausting all the means for amicable settlement of disputes. He is, therefore, well qualified to fill the office which he is now called to.

J. D. McNIVEN,
Appointed Dominion Fair Wage Officer.

Mr. McNiven represented Victoria in the last legislature. He is a native of Ontario, but has lived the greater part of his life, since reaching manhood, in the West. After serving his apprenticeship in the printing trade, he came to Winnipeg in 1882, and after following his trade in Winnipeg and other prairie centres he came to the coast fourteen years ago.

For many years he has been foreman of the Times composing room.

In accepting the position of fair wage officer, Mr. McNiven will have to move to Ottawa. Part of his duties will be confined to departmental work there, and he will, in addition, be called upon to visit various parts of the country where difficulties arise which fall under this part of the department.

NEW COAL MARKET.

John Howard Has Been Elected Vice-President of Bellingham & B. C. Railway.

John Howard, president of the Western Fuel Company, has just been elected vice-president of the Bellingham & B. C. railroad, and in connection with this another step has been taken towards establishing the great cement works that will now it is certain, be erected on that railway, says the Nanaimo Herald. About $2,000,000 will be invested in the extensive works planned. The election of Mr. Howard to the vice-presidency of the railway serves to emphasize the fact that Nanaimo will be benefitted by the erection of the works which are an enterprise that is being advanced by the railway. It will, says Mr. Howard, cause an increased sale in the poorer grade of coal that is not now all used to advantage. The amount of coal that the Nanaimo fields will be called on to supply daily is not yet known, but it will be considerable, and the demand will grow with the growth of the plant. Of course the duty now on coal will handicap somewhat its exportation, still it will be the cheapest and best that can be procured even if duty is paid.

CABLE EXTENSION.

United States Government May Pass Appropriation For a Widened System in Alaska.

It is hoped in the near future to extend the Alaska cable system from Seward to Unalaska, a distance of nearly 700 miles. Further extensions to Kodiak and Chignik are in contemplation. The latter port is the headquarters of a large number of vessels in the fishing fleets of the Northwest Fisheries Company, Seattle, and the Alaska Packers' Association, of San Francisco.

These extensions all hinge on whether the United States government will pass an appropriation for the improvement work.

It is pointed out that Unalaska is one of the most important points in Alaska territory, inasmuch as the vessels in the Nome trade pass through Unimak Pass, and, if necessary, could call at Unalaska for orders. It has been suggested that the lighthouse in the pass be connected by cable to report vessels not calling at Unalaska.

TO BEAUTI

Members of Natural Will Take Steps Their Sc

The Natural History manifesting interest i which it made some t tify the north end of I The society in fact will make a s on the work as soon as the weathe suitable, and members of the organ tion will proceed to the locality th selves and put in some labor in pl ing. Shrubs have been secured will be placed in position. Later on society will take steps to carry out original scheme of rendering that of the park suitable for ever of native plant and shrub. an artificial lake will be re aquatics and caves, etc., for eties of plants.

The scheme was outlined at lengt two years ago when the proposal was first made to the city council. The object in view was to provide a place which would be beautiful and at the same time educational.

HYMAN REMAINS IN CABINET

MINISTER WITHDRAWS HIS RESIGNATION

Expects to Be Able to Return to His Duties In a Few Weeks.

Ottawa, Feb. 9.—The Speaker announced when the House met yesterday that the resignation of Hon. C. Hyman had now been received in proper form. It was dated November 20th. The original resignation had been duly attested to and was now regular.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier stated in the House that he had received a telegram from Mr. Hyman, who is now in California, dated February 2nd, stating that he was withdrawing his resignation as minister of public works and in a few weeks would be able to be at work in his department.

NEW FIELD FOR HINDOOS.

The Hindoos have found a new field of activity. A large number of them are employed by the Chinese at various work in Chinatown. Friday the strange sight could be seen of four Hindoos, all tall stalwart men, engaged in packing coal and wood from the street where it had been deposited, up a stairway, under the superintendence of a little Chinaman, who was evidently enjoying his task greatly.

The Hindoos, who have been living in a stable at the back of the city market, moved yesterday to a shack on Turret rock, facing the upper harbor.

KING EDWARD ARRIVES.

Suction Dredge Will Commence the Work of Filling in James Bay Flats.

The dredge King Edward arrived in the harbor at midday, coming from New Westminster. She is anchored in James Bay, and to-morrow will commence filling in the flats adjoining the new Empress hotel.

There is now in James Bay large quantities of mud which was brought by the dredge Mudlark from the inner harbor and deposited there. By a process of suction this will be drawn up and forced through pipes into the flats. The pipes running under the roadway into the harbor are now in position, and have only to be connected with the forcing apparatus of the King Edward. It is thought probable that the work of filling in the flats will only occupy about a month, and the King Edward will remain in James Bay until it is accomplished.

When the Bank of England was created in 1694 the staff was only 54 strong. There are now employed over 900.

BARQUE WAS TOWED TO VICTORIA HARBOR

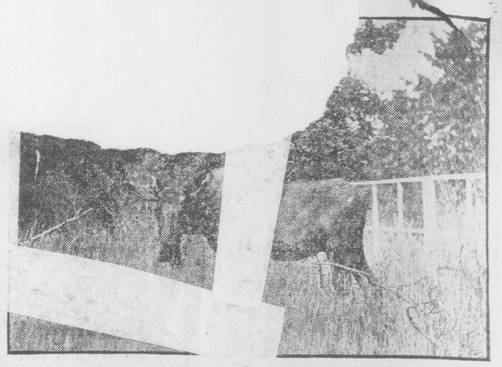
Cost the St. James, Fifteen Hundred Dollars for Assistance Recently Rendered By Orion.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

For services rendered in towing the American barque St. James, when that vessel was drifting on to Danger rock last Wednesday morning, the steam whaler Orion has received $1,500. This news, coupled with further details of the averted disaster, was brought by the tug Lorne, which arrived from Bamfield creek last night.

Coming from San Francisco, which she left on February 2nd, the St. James, Capt. Parker, was proceeding in ballast to Puget Sound, where she was going to load cargo. Off Cape Flattery a heavy westerly gale sprang up and when trying to get into the straits the vessel was driven right out of her course. The fierce winds drove her inshore rapidly until two miles off Cape Beale. It was then late at night, and Capt. Parker realizing that he lay in considerably danger, fired off distress rockets in the hope of attracting the attention of the lighthouse to his plight. At midnight, still driven by the wind, the vessel came into the proximity of Danger rock. The anchor was dropped, and though it dragged slightly the vessel rode safely through the night. In the morning the Orion came out to her assistance and towed her into Bamfield creek.

Yesterday the tug Lorne brought the St. James into the straits, where she was transferred to the tug Tyee and towed to Seattle.



VICTORIA'S PET MOOSE

Tim, Victoria's pet moose, was born in the spring of the year 1904 in the country between Dease Lake and the Liard River, in northern British Columbia. When about a month old he was one day swimming across the Dease river with his mother and had reached mid stream when Charles Cullin's freight barge rounded the point about two or three hundred yards distant. The cow moose was driven to the shore and "Tim" being left to shift for himself was captured. He was at first an unwilling passenger, but was soon taught to lie down in the bottom of the barge, three stops being made every day to allow the little fellow to get a bellyful of the succulent herbage growing by the waterside.

By the time the barge reached the Liard trading post "Tim" had adapted himself to his new mode of life, and his mother was forgotten. The load of provisions was exchanged for one of furs, and the return journey commenced. All went well as the barge was poled up the river and rowed across the lake, but when the 78 miles portage to the Stikine river was commenced, then commenced the trouble. "Tim" refused to be led, and would only be driven at his own pace, and that when he felt in the mood for travelling. Every morning Charlie started two hours ahead of the pack train with a halter rope long enough to allow the moose to run ahead. Often they would trot for an hour or two and then "Tim" would lie down until quite ready to continue the journey.

Arriving safely at Telegraph Creek, Tim became the pet of the camp, the joy of the Indian dogs that loved to annoy him, and the pest of his master. On the first opportunity he was shipped on a river boat to Wrangel, and thence by steamer to Victoria. Since that time he has lived in the deer park at Beacon Hill, where for more than two years he has been fed and petted by the children and butted around by the deer. Even to-day the deer take delight in prodding him up when they find him sleeping, and in making life generally miserable for him, even though he is three times their size. The day must very soon come, however, when he will realize his power and assert it to the dismay of his little oppressors.

Considering the great expense and labor of oringing Tim to civilization, the citizens of Victoria should not begrudge a few dollars spent in caring for him, especially as he must, if he lives, become a civic asset of no mean importance.

CHINESE READY FOR NEW YEAR

CELEBRATION COMMENCES MONDAY NIGHT

Permits to Set Off Firecrackers During Specified Hours Granted By Chief of Police.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

At midnight Monday the Chinese New Year is ushered in. Victoria's Chinatown emulating the millions of Celestials across the Pacific celebrate that event in joy, gladness and the burning of gunpowder. Every Chinaman from the richest merchant to the poorest household servant look eagerly forward to the three days, which often are lengthened out into two weeks, a period of rest from all toil and worry. Wars may break out, fortunes may be made or lost, it matters not; to the Chinaman the New Year is the one holiday in the entire round when merriment is given free reign.

And Chinatown is now busy preparing. Sacks of extra provisions, sweetmeats and Chinese delicacies of all kinds are being laid in, everything is being scoured and the gateways and outsides of the doorways leading off from the dim little alleys that honeycomb that portion of the city are receiving fresh scrolls of new paper, on which are inscribed appropriate characters in the oldest living written language of the world. A supply of firecrackers that would make the Canadian boy on the 24th of May or the Yankee youngster on the Fourth, pale with envy, has been laid in. The firing commences Monday at midnight, and will continue during specified hours until the celebration is over.

At 4 o'clock Tuesday morning a sacrifice to Heaven and earth, called "presenting rice on New Year's Day," is made. Then they await the coming of a busy day.

A committee of Chinese recently waited upon Chief Langley and obtained the usual permission to set off fire crackers during the celebration. A permit has been granted for ten days. The hours are from 5 p. m. until midnight, and from 5 a. m. until 8 o'clock. They on their part pay for two specials to patrol Chinatown to prevent fires, runaways, etc. No fire crackers, fireworks, etc., may be set off from 12 o'clock Saturday night until midnight of Sunday.

TO REPLACE THEMIS.

At 10 a.m. Saturday the Norwegian steamer Haidis passed in on her way to Vancouver. She reached William Head quarantine station Friday evening and lay off there through the night. Her voyage from Moji, Japan, has lasted 23 days, and she is four days overdue, having been scheduled to reach Vancouver on February 5th.

The Haidis has been chartered by Mackenzie Bros. to replace the steamer Themis, which was wrecked near Christie Pass.

NEW COUNTY COURT JUDGE.

Ottawa, Feb. 8.—F. Cane, barrister, Vancouver, has been appointed to succeed Judge Henderson as county court judge.

David Grant will be the new junior judge of the new judiciary district of Vancouver.

OVERSEAS MAIL AND CONTRACT

EMPRESS WILL BE LATE IN ARRIVING

C. P. R. Will Have to Pay Fine to Government---Cannot Reach Hongkong in Time.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

The steamer Empress of Japan, carrying the overseas mail which left Victoria in the early hours of the 26th January, reached Yokohama on the 6th inst. She was thus eleven days in making the Oriental port, and although not beating the record, she managed to gain a day of the four days lost by the overseas mail train.

By government contract the mails must be carried from Liverpool to Hongkong within 29 days. For each day in excess of that period a fine of $2,500 is imposed on the C. P. R. On this occasion the mails left Liverpool on the 11th January, and are due in Hongkong to-morrow.

To shorten her voyage, the Empress liner will not call at Kobe upon this occasion. This will shorten the run from Yokohoma to Hongkong by a day. She is due to reach the China terminus to-morrow to keep within the government contract time. The voyage from Yokohama to Hongkong, even omitting Kobe as a port of call, is one of close upon six days' duration. It will thus be impossible for the Empress of Japan to reach her destination within the 29 days appointed by government contract.

It is thought likely that the liner will pick up some hours between the Oriental ports. She is bound, however, to be fully one day late in reaching Hongkong, and this will cost the C. P. R. a sum of $2,500.

PERSONAL.

Rev. Wm. Duncan, whose name is so prominently identified with Northern Indian missions, and particularly with the foundations of the two model Indian villages of Metlahkatla, was in the city yesterday, a guest of Senator Macdonald. He has been in Seattle some weeks.

Dr. and Mrs. R. J. Crawford left for Vancouver last night. The Misses Finlayson have rented their residence on Bay street for a few months. Mrs. Crawford, sr., has moved to Cherry Bank for the remainder of the winter.

Norman B. Weir, of Carbon, Alta., is spending a few weeks in the city, a guest of his uncle, Rev. D. MacRae. Mr. Weir has been spending the winter in Southern California.

A. Hastwick, who for some months was engaged in newspaper work in Victoria, will leave for San Francisco to-night.

FROM THE GOLDEN GATE.

On her way from San Francisco the steamer Umatilla reached the outer wharf at 2 a.m. to-day. She experienced fair weather during her voyage. On board were 107 passengers, comprised of 44 first and 63 second class.

The following passengers were for Victoria and Vancouver: J. H. Young, F. G. Gollin, H. S. Van Wick and wife, J. M. Kenzie, T. Gaison, James Clark.

CLERK OF PRIVY COUNCIL.

Ottawa, Feb. 8.—Rudolph Borgleu, assistant clerk of the privy council, is to be appointed clerk of the privy council in place of J. J. McGee, who has been given three months holidays.

CANADIAN CL NOW ORG

ADOPT CONSTITUTIO AT ANNUA

Officers Elected and th the Provisional Execut Upon.

(From Saturday's D

The first annual meeting adian Club of this city w evening in the city hall number present and the played it augured well fo of the club. While the a brief one considerable transacted.

Officers were elected as fo orary president, Lieut.-Gov muir; president, A. W. Mc vice-president, Judge Lar ond vice-president, F. Nap secretary, F. I. Clarke; tre Gibb; literary corresponde Gregor.

The executive committe Barton, W. J. Dowler, H. Christopher Spencer, John J. Brace, and C. H. Lugri

A formal constitution which contained, amongst following clauses:

The club shall be called Club of Victoria.

It is the purpose of the patriotism by encouraging the institutions, history, ar and resources of Canada, ar oring to unite Canadians for the welfare and progres minion as may be desirable ent.

Any man, at least eight age, who is a British subje naturalization, and who is with the objects of the cl eligible for membership.

Application for members made through two members in good standing, and after the committee, must be su meeting of the club for elect may be taken at the request ber, and one black ball in clude.

The officers shall be electe nual meeting of the club, w held on the 1st Wednesday at 8 p. m., and shall hold o next annual meeting, or un cessors are elected.

Nomination shall be made ating committee, composed past presidents, and of five be appointed at a meeting least one week previous to meeting. Their report shall at the annual meeting, and ed in its entirety, or, after on motion and ballot.

The ordinary meetings of be held as the committee time shall decide. Special be held at any time or plac of the president, or on the executive committee.

Upon his accepting elect Curdy commented upon such a representative bo Victoria, the last outpost upon the western coast of ion, formed the last link of clubs which extend from tic to the Pacific. The some active agency to insti in the hundreds of alie flocking to our shores and national spirit in our own be recognized by all. Su tions as these should play in this country.

Immediately upon the op meeting, the report of the officials of the body was as follows:

To the Members of the Can Victoria:

Gentlemen:—Your provisi have the honor to submit report:

On December 6th, 1906, a vened by Mr. W. J. Dowler the committee room of the consider the advisability o Canadian Club in this city lines and with similar object adan clubs of Vancouver, V ronto, Ottawa and other cit lowing were present: A. J. M Mayor of Victoria; His Lampman, Messrs. John N Dowler, J. H. McGregor, F. A. J. Brace, A. W. McCurdy, and Frank I. Clarke.

As a result of the meetin tions at that and a second m December 7th, the followin was framed and adopted:

1. Resolved, that a club, as "The Canadian Club of formed, to be similar in those in existence in Otta Winnipeg, Hamilton and Van

2. Resolved, that the form tion, hereto appended, be the of "The Canadian Club of V

3. Resolved, that the follo men be appointed as the pr cers of the club to act until nual meeting, viz.:

President, A. W. McCurd president, His Honor Judge 2nd vice-president, F. Nap secretary, F. I. Clarke; tre Gibb; literary correspondent Gregor. Committee—A. S. B Dowler, H. B. McKenzie, Spencer, John Nelson, A. J. Lugrin.

It was further resolved to meeting for the evening o 11th for the purpose of orga the election of provisional o

At the general meeting he council chamber on Decem action of the committee was constitution (copies of which hands) was adopted, and th officers above named were e

Subsequently, on Decemb executive committee held a Tourist Association rooms, committees on reception, ca ing and finance were appoint

We beg further to report its first year with a memb cash in treasury, $170.

ARTHUR W. M

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The meeting then adjour to permit those present concert at the Victoria th of the Tourist Associati from the secretary of that first been read thanking th pressed determination so