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Mainland Happenings

Lease of False Creek Flats is Not Yet Signed at Ottawa.

Many Japanese Secure Naturalization at Vancouver--No Car Shortage.

Good Prospects of Terminal City Having First-Class Ball Team.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, May 6.—G. Kaburagi, secretary of the Japanese union, has written through the press to the Japanese fishermen that the offers of the canners of a flat rate of 12 cents, or a sliding scale similar to last season, has been refused, as there was no money in it. The fishermen are advised to seek other employment.

The World has a wire from F. Cooke, their Ottawa correspondent, that the lease for False Creek flats to Kelly and Burnett has not been signed, and that the City Council and Board of Trade protests have been received.

Sixty-three Japanese were naturalized British subjects in the County Court this morning.

There is no shortage of cars in Vancouver. This week the mill men called for 239 cars and they got 230.

Mr. Macpherson, M. P., for Burrard, says that before the end of the session he will arrange for a telephone to Point Atkinson, a resident Supreme Court judge for Vancouver, and a new court house.

Donations continue to come in for the new hospital. An unknown friends sends $40, another sends $10, and a Ladies' Aid Auxiliary, through Senator Fulford of Pink Pills fame, send $100.

The Brockton Point Association, School Board, City Council, and Board of Trade delegates will meet on Friday to consider the question of a public gymnasium, for which $7,000 has already been appropriated by the city.

Burns and Daly, solicitors, wrote to the Board of Trade suggesting that a committee be appointed to investigate all advertising schemes presented before they are submitted to the businessmen. This suggestion was in view of the recent Euphrats fraud. The board decided that if business men could not look after their own welfare in such matters, they deserved to be bitten.

The Mayor and several aldermen waited upon Sir Alexander Mackenzie, the distinguished musician yesterday, and drove him around the park as a guest of the city. The officers and members of the Caledonia and St. Andrew's Society have presented Sir Alexander with an address of welcome.

The B. C. Sugar refinery have increased the wages of all their employees who have been with them for over one year. Those getting 20 cents an hour now get 25 cents; those who got 25, now get 27½, and so on up the scale. A bonus is also granted to all employees who have been over four years in the service.

Last night the bylaw to submit to the people of North Vancouver for their vote the proposition of the North Vancouver Power & Lighting Company to run an improved ferry across the Inlet, passed its second reading.

The Vancouver Jockey Club have arranged a very attractive programme for their 24th of May race meeting at the Hastings' track.

The Vancouver Board of Trade have received a letter from the Victoria Board announcing that a committee had been appointed by the Victoria Board to act in conjunction with the Vancouver Board in the matter of freight rates over the C. P. R.

"Billy" Holmes is back from the Sound, where he has been picking up material for Vancouver's ball team. Mr. Holmes says that he has been very successful, and his team will be as good as last years. Of the old men, Miller, Balantine, Macrae and Broadhurst will be seen in the local uniform. Gregory, of Miles City, and Spicer, whom Dugdale brought out and could not utilize owing to all the vacancies being filled, will be the pitchers of the new team. Mahan, who played left field for Everett last year, will be with the Vancouver team. Two games a week will be played here. The first game with Everet on the 15th and 16th. While in Seattle Mr. Dugdale told Mr. Holmes that as soon as Vancouver could play Sunday ball, they could get into the league in 24 hours.

Arrangements have almost been completed for the annual ball of the Rowing Club on Friday.

In a few days the Vancouver Yacht Club will have its official run. Commodore Gravely hoisting his flag on the Margot. On the first run the following yachts will be in line: Commodore Gravely's Margot; Mr. P. N. Thompson's Bertha; Mr. Moseley's Thelma; Mr. Stark's Alpha; Mr. Austin's Addie, the Petrel; Mr. Thynne's Gollywog; Mr. French's Trixie; Mr. Grant's Syren and Glendochardt; Mr. Hooper's Norma, and the sloops of Messrs. McDohgall, Robertson and Antcliffe, Mr. Hodgson's yawl, Mr. Cambie's Pirate; Mr. Keith's Maple Leaf, and Mr. Legg's Gigger.

MOROCCO'S PRETENDER.

Madrid, May 6.—A despatch to the Imparcial from Melilla, Morocco, says it is rumored there that the pretender has been assassinated in his camp at Zelonani.

AMERICAN ENTERPRISE.

Berlin, May 6.—A despatch to the Lokal Anzeiger from Osnabrueck, Prussia, says a syndicate of American firms, with a capital of $500,000, is erecting a factory there for the manufacture of photographic paper.

FISHING SCHOONER WRECKED.

Fourteen Lives Lost Off Coast of Nova Scotia.

Canso, N. S., May 6.—The American fishing schooner Gloriana, of Gloucester, went ashore last night on Thum Cap, near White Point. Captain and 14 men said to have been lost. Vessel has gone to pieces.

NEW C. P. R. ENGINES.

Prussian Firm Secures Contract for Twenty Powerful Moguls.

Montreal, May 6.—The Star's London cable says: The locomotive company at Chemnitz has secured the contract, after competition with American and other European firms, for twenty engines for the C. P. R. They are of powerful type and will be used on transcontinental trains.

SHOCKING INHUMANITY.

Juveniles Neglected and Starring Discovered at Cumberland.

Nanaimo, May 6.—C. J. South, secretary of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, arrived from Comox this afternoon and brings a dreadful story of cruelty to animals and children. He found a score of heifers with their ears cut off and many cattle dehorned in a barbarous fashion. He also discovered a nine-year-old boy in a shack outside of Cumberland emaciated beyond description, and a 14-year-old girl in a little better condition, filthy, neglected, and half starved. The boy was removed to the hospital, where he will probably die. The public feeling throughout the district is considerably roused owing to these disclosures.

CUMBERLAND STRIKE.

Mines Working Short-Handed and Output Greatly Reduced.

Nanaimo, May 6.—A despatch from Cumberland states that the town is orderly, but the streets are occupied by crowds discussing the situation. The surface men have not yet struck, having declined at a mass meeting held last evening to take active steps for the present. Non-union men are leaving town rather than incur the odium of going to work. The examining board is being criticised for conducting its examinations behind closed doors.

The output since the strike was declared has averaged 250 tons per day, about half of the usual output. The top hands are still at work. There was considerable excitement in Cumberland tonight over the recommendation of the Chief Justice to the men to abandon the Federation and return to work. It is not at all improbable that a meeting will be called to take the matter up as at Ladysmith.

Opening Of Commission

First Regular Session of Labor Committee Held at Ladysmith.

Men Decline to Accept the Suggestions of Chief Justice.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ladysmith, May 6.—When the labor commission opened at Ladysmith this morning, Mr. Charles Wilson, K.C., informed the commissioners that the men, after careful consideration of the suggestion thrown out the other day, had respectfully declined to adopt it. The decision was unanimous. The resolution was passed at the mass meeting held the previous evening, and gave the reasons for the refusal.

The decision came as a great surprise to many people in the town, for a report had been spread that the men were on the verge of returning to work, and that but for the sittings of the commission, they would have done so on Saturday night. The ballot shows, however, that the men are determined in the stand they have taken, and there will be no yielding until some definite agreement is had.

The chairman said he regretted very much the stand the men had taken, as it might prejudice them with the public, coal being a necessity. The men, however, were the best judges of their own affairs.

Mr. Wilson then opened the case for the men. He said that they alleged that the only grounds of dispute were the mine owner's refusal to employ men connected with the Western Federation of Miners, or with any labor organization, and the general hostility shown to any movement towards organization. There was also the grievance that the men had been forced to live at Ladysmith, a townsite owned by the mine owner, as a condition of employment. He then called Organizer Baker to the stand.

James Baker said he resided at Slocan City, and was the general organizer for British Columbia of the Western Federation of Miners. He was a Canadian by birth and had remained a Canadian. He was on the voters' list. After putting in a copy of the constitution and bylaws of the Federation, witness proceeded to explain several sections. Each local union, he said, had absolute jurisdiction over its own affairs. The organization as a whole was governed by the constitution. The executive could act in certain stated exigencies, but the government of the body was altogether in the hands of the members at other times by the initiative and referendum. He had never seen the section permitting the executive to refuse its sanction to a settlement reached by a local union put into force. The section was intended to prevent violation of the constitution only. There was no case in which a settlement made by a local had not been approved by the executive. Men could not be ordered on strike if no grievance arose in their own employment. They might be requested to come out in sympathy, but there was no way of compelling them to do so. Men could not be compelled to leave their employment in one country to further the interests of an industry in another. There was nothing in the constitution which would enable the central authority to close the mines in Canada so as to raise prices in the United States. The Federation recognized no national boundary. The organization was wholly in the men's hands.

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Musicians At Royal City

Festival Proves Great Success ---Party Enjoys Outing on River.

Well Known Embezzler Given Eighteen Months at Hard Labor.

Chief of Police Retires on Small Allowance Owing to Illness.

From Our Own Correspondent.

New Westminster, May 6.—Six Alex. McKenzie and party arrived here today in the midst of a heavy hail storm. They held a very successful rehearsal of "St. Cecilia's Day" and "Cotter's Saturday Night," this afternoon. The local chorus were highly complimented by the famous conductor, the orchestra being the only weak division. The chorus numbers 120, well balanced. Mr. Harriss, in a short speech, outlined the scheme for the future, including a competition between the chorus for prizes of $300 and $200. The party were entertained at luncheon by Mayor Keary, and after rehearsal had a pleasure trip on the river, inspecting the Westminster bridge and witnessed a large log cut at the Brunette mill. The party left at 3 a. m. on the Princess Louise direct for Victoria.

At the assizes in the case of King vs. Sloan, the well known rifle shot, charged with embezzlement, the prisoner pleaded guilty to both charges. His late employer, the local manager of the British Columbia Electric Railway Company, Crown Timber Agent Leamy, counsel for the Crown, and prisoner's counsel all testified to the previous good character of the prisoner, and the judge added these views coincided with what he personally knew. Counsel also stated that the prisoner had made restitution of all the money taken. In passing sentence His Lordship remarked it was a very painful duty to him to try this case. After giving due consideration to the fact that restitution had been made, he sentenced the accused to 16 months hard labor in the provincial jail on each charge, the sentences to run concurrently.

About town the opinion was freely expressed that the sentence was much heavier than had been anticipated, as it was stated that the prosecution would not press the matter after restitution. It is also stated that payment of certain counsel fees and costs amounting to another $300 was made a further condition, but that these were not paid to the private prosecutor before the trial came on and prisoner's counsel pointed out that the prisoner was willing to undertake this additional burden, though of course he could not do so if deprived of liberty.

Chief Carty, who has been at the head of the city police for many years, but who has been ill for several months with creeping paralysis, has been retired. At the meeting yesterday afternoon the Police Commissioners decided upon this, and granted him $25 per month gratuity till the end of this year. He is succeeded by Policeman Wellington Miller, who has been acting chief. Miller has been on the force for several years. He is known to many Victorians as one of the best riflemen in the province. The force has also been increased by the appointment of a lock-up keeper and another policeman.

Wirings From Winnipeg City

Doukhobor Agitators Will be Held Until the Outbreak Has Subsided.

Preparations Being Made for Shipment of Great Number of Cattle.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Winnipeg, May 6.—The three Doukhobor agitators who were captured by Agent Speers and the immigration officials at the village near Elbow Ferry, on the Saskatchewan on Sunday last, arrived in the city today. They will be detained by the authorities until all signs of the outbreak have subsided.

It is given out here that the Canadian Pacific has already arranged to transport in May and June, 24,000 head of cattle which will all be brought from the West. During the same month last year the total number of cattle shipped from Montreal was 4,900.

Dr. R. B. Cotton of Regina, died this evening of pneumonia. He was 48 years of age and came to Regina from Mount Forest in 1882. He was brother of Dr. J. M. Cotton, of Toronto.

JAPAN'S NAVAL PROGRAMME.

Tokio, May 6.—The projected naval programme proposes the expenditure of $5,750,000 per year for ten years.

VILLAGE FIRE.

Napierville, May 6.—Fire destroyed several buildings in Sherington village, seven miles from here, this morning. Following are reported to have been burned out: Frederick Pinsonbaugh, residence and bakery; Dr. Lachapelle, residence, and A. Girardin, general store.

STRIKERS INJUNCTED.

Nebraska Judge Prohibits Three Thousand Men From Boycotting.

Omaha, Neb., May 6.—Judge Munger, in the Federal Court has issued sweeping injunction against the 3,000 strikers. The order restrains men from interfering with freight between warehouses and depots, or destined for other states, from congregating in large crowds on the streets, and making loud noises, or in any way interfering with the transaction of the business.

RUSSIAN RIOTING.

Large Number Injured in Clash Between Infantry and Seamen.

London, May 6.—A despatch to the Central News from St. Petersburg, dated yesterday says a riot occurred Monday in connection with the strike of seamen of Kronstadt. Infantry was called out to call a special session. The treaty continues to cause much discussion for and against it throughout the country. Each local union, he said, had absolute jurisdiction over its own affairs. The organization as a whole was governed by the constitution. The executive could act in certain stated exigencies, but the government of the body was altogether in the hands of the members at other times by the initiative and referendum. He had never seen the section permitting the executive to refuse its sanction to a settlement reached by a local union put into force. The section was intended to prevent violation of the constitution only. There was no case in which a settlement made by a local had not been approved by the executive. Men could not be ordered on strike if no grievance arose in their own employment. They might be requested to come out in sympathy, but there was no way of compelling them to do so. Men could not be compelled to leave their employment in one country to further the interests of an industry in another. There was nothing in the constitution which would enable the central authority to close the mines in Canada so as to raise prices in the United States. The Federation recognized no national boundary. The organization was wholly in the men's hands.

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DR. BRIDGLAND DEAD.

Bracebridge, Ont., May 6.—Dr. Samuel Bridgland, Liberal M. P. P., for Muskoka, died tonight from Bright's disease.

RUMORED ALBANIAN MURDER.

Turkish General Said to Have Fallen Victim to Mountaineers.

Vienna, May 6—An unconfirmed rumor is current here that Albanians have murdered the Turkish general of the Uskub district.

FATAL KENTUCKY DUEL.

London, Ky., May 6.—Sol Baker, of Clay county, a brother-in-law of James M. Howard, recently tried for the murder of Governor Wm. Gobell, has been killed in a duel on the highway with McCollum.

PRISONER'S SUICIDE.

Charged With Murder Takes His Own Life in Cell.

Cleveland, Ohio, May 6.—Ludwig Sedlazyk, charged with the murder of Hanna Heffner, and the serious wounding of her husband, committed suicide in his cell at the County jail today by hanging. His trial began Monday.

SHAMROCK'S TRIAL.

Postponed Owing to Inclement Weather to Be Resumed Tomorrow.

Glasgow, May 6.—Renewal of the trial of the yacht Shamrock III. was again postponed today on account of the inclement weather. The first set race between the two Shamrocks is expected to take place Friday, and there will be a special race over a measured course in the Firth of Clyde, Saturday.

Grand Trunk Pacific Scheme

Now Proposed to Build Two Lines From Edmonton to Coast.

One to Butte Inlet and The Other to Port Simpson---Dawson Branch.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Montreal, May 6.—That the Grand Trunk Pacific promoters had definitely decided to abandon the project of building across the narrows of Lake Superior, and would have their transcontinental line run through the City of Winnipeg, was announced this afternoon by R .S. Logan on behalf of the management of the Grand Trunk railway.

Sir Rivers Wilson and Mr. Hays arrived in the city by special train from the West today, and will go to Ottawa tonight to be present when the Grand Trunk Pacific's bill is brought down tomorrow. The official explanation of the company's line through the West was, that contrary to expectations, it had been found possible to build right through to Winnipeg. From this point the line will run in a northwesterly direction through Saskatoon district to Battleford, where a branch line will be built to Calgary and the main line to Edmonton. From this point the company will build two lines to the Coast, one through the Yellow Head Pass to Bute Inlet, and a second through Peace River Pass to Port Simpson. From the latter line an extension is proposed north to Dawson.

Trans-Canada Project Dead

Under Pressure Opposition to Grand Trunk Pacific is Killed.

U. S. Walking Delegates and Montreal Strikes Exercise Ottawa.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, May 6.—Mr. Earle is securing the return of all papers in connection with the application of the lease of False Creek, Vancouver.

Hon. Mr. Blair laid down the principle today that all main transcontinental lines must keep at least forty miles distant from each other.

The Grand Trunk Pacific bill will pass the Railway committee tomorrow. An urgent whip to all Liberal members has been sent out which requires them to be on hand to put the bill through. The Canadian Pacific is passive in the matter, while the Canadian Northern opposition has been stifled under the threat that if they persist in opposing the Grand Trunk project, they will not get any further assistance from the government. The trans-Canada project is as dead as a door nail.

Mr. Morrison's bill to incorporate the new society of engineers was thrown out by the committee this morning.

The longshoremen's strike at Montreal and its paralyzing influence upon the trade and commerce of the country was the cause of an animated discussion in the House this afternoon. Incidentally the walking delegate from the States came in for some hard knocks, but several members pointed out how unjustifiable were these attacks.

The question of the use of volunteers or permanent force to keep the peace in labor difficulties elicited some interesting opinions, and the Premier was emphatic in condemning the threatened dismissal of volunteers from their employment.

Ralph Smith made a capital speech. The situation as summed up by labor is that overtures for a settlement have been made by the government to both parties and refused by them. Government has representatives in Montreal watching the turn of events, and when the contestants are in a more conciliating frame of mind the government will step in.

NORDENSKJOLD RELIEF.

Swedish Government Making Preparation to Fit Out Vessel.

Stockholm, May 6.—The government today introduced a bill in the Riksdag granting about $50,000 for the equipment of a vessel to be sent to the relief of the Nordenskjold Antarctic expedition, which should have been heard from long before this. The Nordenskjold expedition left Gothenburg, Sweden, October 16, 1901, on board the steamer Antarctic.

Changes In The Fifth

Captain Hall Appointed to the Command of the Regiment.

Bourassa Once More Makes Egregious Exhibition and is Rebuked.

Permanent Troops are Ordered to Montreal---Yukon Appeal Decided.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, May 5.—The following changes are announced in the Fifth Regiment: Lt.-Col. Monro resigns the command of this regiment and is transferred to the reserve of officers with the rank of major; to be lieutenant-colonel and command the regiment, Capt. J. A. Hall; to be adjutant, D. B. McConnan, vice Blanchard, killed in action; to be captains, Lieut. W. H. Langley, W. R. Wilson, 28th February, Capt. J. D. Pemberton. Paymaster H. M. Grahame resigns his commission. Lieut. J. C. Thomson having left limits, his name is removed from the list of officers. To be paymaster with honorary rank of captain, Paymaster Sergeant J. C. Newbury.

Col. Holmes and Lt.-Col. Gregory will examine the British Columbia candidates for the Military College commencing next Tuesday.

Major Whyte has been promoted to command the Sixth Regiment.

The government has abandoned the idea of increasing the judges' salaries this session.

The request of the Montreal civic authorities for a permanent corps be sent there has been refused by the government, as the city, while guaranteeing pay and transportation, reserved the right to demand a refund.

The Chinese immigration bill increasing the poll tax to $500 passed the Commons today.

Bourassa made a vicious attack upon Lord Dundonald today, charging him with dictating the militia policy to the government at St. George's banquet at Hamilton. Every subsequent speaker condemned Bourassa's remarks as unjustifiable.

Sir F. Borden said nothing was stated by Lord Dundonald to which any minister could take offence. All the General wanted was to render the militia more efficient, and with that object, he (Borden) was in thorough accord. He held, however, that the officer commanding militia was the servant of Canada and people. In the past, Imperial officers coming to Canada had not realized this.

Northwest members tonight registered a vigorous protest against the congestion of railway traffic in the West.

A detachment of 80 men from the military school at St. Johns, Quebec, has been ordered to go to Montreal and relieve the militia, which has now been on duty for eight days in connection with the strike of longshoremen. Some of the permanent corps at Fredericton, N. B., may later on go to Montreal. Montreal ordered the troops yesterday, agreeing to pay all expenses unconditionally, and all depots have been made in readiness.

Judgments were delivered in the Supreme Court today in the following Yukon cases: Belcher vs. McDonald; appeal allowed, a new trial ordered, respondent to pay the costs of this court, and of the court appealed from and the costs of the trial.

In Williams vs. Stevenson, the appeal was allowed and action dismissed with costs in all the courts against respondent. Mr. Justice Armour is of the opinion that a new trial should be granted.

The last case is as to a breach of contract and the former as to a claim for $30,000, balance of note. Both are appeals from the Supreme court of British Columbia.

STEAMERS COLLIDE.

Southampton, May 5.—The Atlantic Transport line steamer Marquette from London, May 4 for New York and the North German Lloyd steamer Prussian from Hamburg, Sunday, for the Far East, collided during a fog in the channel last night. Both steamers put into this port for repairs. It is said the Marquette will be able to resume her voyage Thursday.

AN OLD TRICK.

Vallejo, Cal., May 5.—A new method of applying electricity in surgical operations has been demonstrated here. John Getegg, an apprentice at the Navy yard, had been severely injured last week by a piro of steel, which flew from a tool, embedding itself in his face. It was thought the metal had been entirely removed from the wound, but yet it showed indications of the presence of a foreign substance. Electrician Petrio arranged an electric magnet lifting five pounds, held it directly over the wound, and turned on the current. In an instant the offending piro of metal flew from the wound and attached itself to the magnet.

A MILLIONAIRE FOR RANSOM

Mexican Indians Captured Colonel Erickson and Demand $500,000.

El Paso, May 5.—Martin Erickson, a multi-millionaire, has been kidnapped by the Yaqui Indians of Sonora, Mexico, who hold him for ransom of $500,000, which he refuses to pay.

Gen. Mena has authorized both Col. Kosterlitzky and Gen. Loreno Torres to set in motion all the military forces at their disposal towards rescuing Col. Erickson.

Col. Erickson left the City of Mexico two weeks ago for Sonora, where he had obtained a concession of forty thousand acres of valuable land along the Yaqui river. While on the journey he was surprised and taken captive by a band of Yaquis. Col. Erickson is an American, well known in Minnesota, Arizona and California, as well as throughout Mexico. His wealth is estimated from $5,000,000 to $10,000,000, all accumulated during the last three years.

Gen. Mena expressed the fear that Col. Erickson will be murdered by the rebels unless the ransom is paid in ten days, the limit set by the Yaquis. Col. Torres will pursue the Yaquis from the south, while Col. Kosterlitzky will hold them from the north.

IRISH IMMIGRATION.

Great Increase Shown in Number Entering the United States.

New York, May 5.—A great increase in the immigration from Ireland is shown by the record for the first four months this year over the same period of recent years. Statistics given out today show the arrival of 8,206 Irish immigrants in the four months ending April 30, against 4,002 for the same period last year. For several years there was a falling off in Irish immigration. All other nationalities which come here show a larger percentage of males than females, but of the Irish coming this year, about seventy per cent. are females. Many are girls in their teens.

ARGENTINE'S BOUNDARY.

British Commissioner Returns With Reports of Amicable Settlement.

London, May 5.—Col. Sir Thomas Holdich, British commissioner for the Chili-Argentine boundary arbitration, arrived here today from South America. In an interview he said the whole of the disputed tract had now been delimited. Iron pillars had been erected at intervals along the boundary with the words "Chile" on one side and "Argentina" on the other. Sir Thomas added that the award had been received with the greatest satisfaction by the governments of both countries concerned. The former alliance between Chili and Argentina probably will be revived and may lead even to a realization of the scheme for a federation of South America.

Sir Thomas remarked that this is what the thinking men of both countries believe will ensue now that the boundary difficulty, which for seventy years had blocked the way, has been removed.

A Sensible Suggestion

Made by Chief Justice Hunter To the Men at Ladysmith.

Proposal that Miners Return To Work and file Case With Commission.

Nanaimo, B. C., May 5.—It is just probable that the first result of the labor commission at Ladysmith will be the return of the men to work at once, leaving their case to the arbitration of the commissioners. The Chief Justice suggested this course this afternoon, and an adjournment was made while both sides considered the proposition.

Chief Justice Hunter pointed out that the labors of the commission might extend over some weeks and any action of the government on the report might be delayed for a year or more. He thought it might be well if the men could arrange a settlement in the interval, leaving the various questions at issue for consideration by the commission.

Mr. C. Wilson, K. C., representing the miners, urged that the dispute was a lock-out, and not a strike. The cause of the trouble was Mr. Dunsmuir's refusal to recognize any union whether it was the Western Federation or any other organization.

Mr. Bodwell, K. C., answered that Mr. Dunsmuir was prepared to recognize any union of his own men, but would have nothing to do with any organization of another country.

His Lordship urged that a clear statement of Mr. Dunsmuir's attitude on the question should be given to the commission.

An adjournment was ordered till 10 o'clock tomorrow to permit all parties engaged to arrange a basis of settlement, and enable each to file a statement of their case with the commission.

A mass meeting is being held at Ladysmith considering the suggestion tonight.

It is expected that the strike of the surface men at Cumberland has not materialized. Some non-union men and Chinese are getting coal out.

WILHELM AND EMMANUEL

Two Sovereigns Visit Mother House of the Benedictine Order.

Rome, May 5.—Emperor William and King Victor Emmanuel, escorted by cuirassiers, drove to the station and went to the Abbey on Monte Cassino. There was magnificent weather.

Monte Cassino, May 5.—Emperor William and King Victor Emmanuel arrived here this morning, accompanied by Crown Prince Frederick William, Prince Eletel, the Duke of Aosta, the Duke of Aoruzzi, the Duke of Genoa, and the Count of Turin. They were accorded an enthusiastic reception.

The scene was extremely picturesque. Quaint crowds of peasants, friars, and sisters gathered from miles around the village to see the extraordinary spectacle of two sovereigns, and the princes at Monte Cassino. The real reasons for the visit were the part taken by Emperor William in assisting the Benedictine institutions in Prussia, and the promise which he made to visit the celebrated mother house here.

Gorgeous royal equippages, with outriders and postilions in hunting livery, accompanied by a military escort and the suites of the sovereigns and princes, drove up to the abbey from the station, cheered by the peasants. At the abbey a detachment of troops rendered military honors, and a battery of guns fired a salute.

KING TO VISIT RUSSIA.

His Majesty Will Go to St. Petersburg in July.

London, May 5.—The Copenhagen correspondent of the Daily Mail says that he hears that King Edward will visit St. Petersburg in July, stopping three days in Berlin on his return. The correspondent says His Majesty also will visit Copenhagen.

FANNING ISLAND'S POSITION.

Position as Mapped Too Far North by 26 Seconds.

San Francisco, May 5.—Civil Engineer Werry, who was sent by the Canadian government to determine the exact position of Fanning Island in connection with the establishment there of a station of the British-Australian cable, because the island was said to have been erroneously charted, has found that the island is 26 seconds too far north. The longitude as shown by Admiralty charts is correct.

Ninety-Nine Year Lease

Prominent Vancouver Politicians Secure Handsome Government Concession.

Ratepayers Object to City Council Tampering With Accepted Plans.

Sir Alexander Mackenzie Greatly Delighted With Terminal City Singers.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, May 5.—Messrs. Robert Kelly and Frank Burnett, prominent Liberal leaders here, announce today that the government have leased them 29 acres of land on False Creek for 99 years. The plan is to erect large warehouses and docks. The City Council tried to head-off the granting of the lease by wiring to Ottawa. Frank Burnett says the lease is already signed. The government have always in the past submitted proposed grants of foreshore to civic council. In the present instance this courtesy was omitted.

The Board of Trade endorsed the resolution of the council, tonight protesting against the concessions of False Creek flats to Kelly and Burnett. Mr. Jackson, a member of the board, said he understood the government dredge was going to deepen the channel free of cost for Kelley and Douglas, which would prevent the dredge being used in any other place in the province for a year.

The Methodist Department of Reform has asked the Board of Trade to pass a resolution strengthening their hands in the fight against political corruption in Canada.

Canners and fishermen met today to decide upon the price of fish. The meeting was adjourned. Nothing definite was done.

The Cresent Lacrosse Club is raising funds for the season by concerts. The first concert takes place tomorrow night. The local talent secured is above the average.

An electric tramway has been inaugurated in the tunnel of the Vancouver Power Company at Lake Beautiful.

Several ratepayers have instructed Messrs. Bowser & Godfrey to proceed against the city should they alter the specifications of the jail and fire hall. Mr. Hooper, of Victoria, was secured, at a great expense, the city going to law over his bill, to approve these very plans which the city, on account of economy, are now altering.

The contracts have been awarded for civic buildings. Mr. A. E. Carter securing the contract for the new jail at $22,420, and Mr. J. McLucky for the fire hall at $26,800. As the sum set aside for these buildings is not adequate, $15,000 will be borrowed on taxes unpaid to make up the sum. This being by way of a temporary loan.

There is some friction between the musical festival and the union musicians of Vancouver. Mr. Frank Watkis, who has been organizing the orchestra, was obliged to get Victoria musicians, 16 of which were in the orchestra, and did very creditable work. The Victoria musicians were all union men, and were secured because there were not enough Vancouver musicians who were sure of being able to perform the work. This is Mr. Watkis' explanation of the affair.

The City Council is advised that someone is applying for 33 acres of tide flats on False creek. They have passed a resolution urgently protesting against any portion of False creek being alienated by lease or otherwise.

A large and brilliant audience greeted Sir Alexander McKenzie's first musical festival in the Opera House last night. Sir Alexander said after the performance: "I must say that this production of Cotter's Saturday night was the safest I have had with any chorus in Canada, and the Vancouver chorus was the only one with which I did not have a single rehearsal. I was most agreeably surprised." The company of artists Sir Alexander brought with him highly pleased the audience. The matinee and evening performances on Tuesday were even better than the performance on Monday night.

The Anglicus clericus opened this morning. Some 60 ministers of the Episcopal church are here from all parts of British Columbia and the states of Washington, Oregon and Idaho.

Two locomotives, 70 feet over all, and working on the cog system, have been secured for the Phoenix branch of the C. P. R. They are said to be the most powerful engines made in the world, having been constructed by the Shae Engine Works, Schenectady, N. Y. The two engines pulling together could haul a loaded train a mile and a half long. They are used for hauling ore up a steep grade.

ONE STRIKE SETTLED.

New York, May 5.—At the office of Contractor J. B. McDonald, it was announced this afternoon that the subway strike had been settled, and the strikers will go back to work tomorrow morning.

RUSSIA'S DEMANDS ARE PUBLISHED

London Times Secures Careful Summary of the Mysterious Document.

London, May 5.—The Times this morning publishes a despatch from its Pekin correspondent giving a careful summary of the authoritative Russian text of the demands concerning Manchuria. The preamble begins by stating that Russia and China have been friendly neighbors for more than two centuries, and that they have continuous frontier for 3,000 miles. The interference of strangers in these mutually friendly relations would impair them and impede the friendly settlement of affairs. Therefore, Russia considers it her duty to guard these relations against alien interference, especially as affecting Manchuria. Russia has sacrificed thousands of lives and millions of money in order to pacify the country and restore to the Chinese the lawful authority. By right of conquest Russia could annex this country, but she is unwilling to profit by this, and as in 1881, she returned Ili to China, and last year that portion of the country between the great wall and Newchwang, so now she will restore the provinces of Mukden and the Newchwang treaty port, provided China gives the following pledges. Then follow the demands substantially as previously reported.