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# UNIQUE QUESTION IS RAISED RE DIVORCES

## What Are the Exact Powers of the Court of British Columbia?

### OLD DECREE NOT AFFECTED

If Decision Goes Against Province, Likely That Ottawa Would Pass Enabling Act

Vancouver, July 26.—Has the supreme court of British Columbia any power in matters of divorce? It has been asked by Mr. Justice Clement in raising this question, starting the Bar, and even the Bench, his brother judges, and sending divers "train wrecks" in the veins of scores whom British Columbia has divorced since, in 1871, the then colony adopted this law of the mother country.

In effect Mr. Justice Clement asks: "Was that law, exercised for 14 years before British Columbia joined confederation, taken away by the B. C. Act, which includes Marriage and Divorce" among the "exclusive prerogatives" of the Dominion Parliament?

In raising this question the court has had to include Nova Scotia, the only other province of the Dominion which had this "English law" before confederation, and which, like British Columbia, has since continued to exercise it.

The point has been raised in Mary Watts' petition against Ruesben Watts. That case has now been directed to stand aside until October. Meanwhile Justice Clement has requested argument upon the two-fold question:—

Has one judge or have three judges power to grant divorces; and second, if one judge has that power, can he grant a decree nisi usually returnable in six months or the province has not the power it has so long been exercising," said a K. C. today.

The divorces that have been granted would be swept away. Ottawa would have to make them legal, and would, of course, with an enabling act, which would also apply to Nova Scotia.

But the did not think it would be decided that the British North America Act made any such change.

### THE JAPANESE INVASION

#### Hundreds of Those Who Arrived On Kumerie Go To The Prairies

Vancouver, July 26.—Eleven hundred and ninety Japanese from Hawaii landed in Vancouver today. The invasion of the little brown men has just begun. The Japanese on landing today, prior to harangue in native tongue by Consul Morikawa, deposited with him \$25 each, the minimum amount immigrants have to pay to get possession before they are allowed to land. The consul says passports and money will be refunded new arrivals as soon as they secure employment.

Of the new arrivals 350 will be provided with accommodation in Japanese boarding houses on Powell street. The others will leave this afternoon for Steveston and other points on the Fraser river.

As soon as arrangements are completed between 300 and 300, according to requirements, will be shipped east to work on the prairie section of the Grand Trunk Pacific. Many of the new arrivals will be given employment in northern canneries. Others will be given work by the Stave Lake Power company. The steamers Venture and Britannia will also carry the Japanese to Steveston tonight.

### Kumerie Discharging

The steamer Kumerie at noon today began discharging its human freight at the dock of Messrs. Evans, Coleman & Evans. Three customs officers have been assigned to the task of examining the baggage of the new arrivals, who are being landed in batches of four and five. The inspection seems to be unusually rigorous. It will be completed before their task is completed.

The dramatic feature of the Japanese invasion was the spectacle presented when the coolies descended the gangplank. Each man, acting under the instructions of the local Japanese consul, who addressed the men from the bridge, did not reach British soil until he had deposited \$25, and his passport in a spacious sunny sack, held by an official of the local consular agency. Mr. Morikawa, the representative of the Imperial Japanese government, witnessed the proceedings. He explained that the money thus collected would be refunded as soon as his countrymen secured employment.

A call upon the Liberal government at Ottawa to immediately take steps to curtail Japanese immigration into British Columbia was telegraphed last night to Sir Clifford Laurier by this Liberal association of Vancouver. This action was decided upon at a session of the executive of that body held last night at the Liberal club rooms. This resolution against this matter, which was passed, reads as follows:—

"Whereas the large influx of Japanese into this province is detrimental to the best interests of the province, and threatens to unsettle labor conditions;

Therefore be it resolved that this executive strongly urge upon the Dominion government the necessity of taking immediate action by arrangement with the government of Japan, or otherwise check restriction of the province, and further, that this executive strongly approves of the steps taken by R. G. Stephenson, M. P. in this matter."

The first put out from the immigration detention shed, with Dr. A. S. and his assistants, armed with their army of unwelcome immigrants.

serious papers. The second emerged from the shadow of Evans, Coleman & Evans' wharf with men and money. The third emerged from the Bank of Commerce twenty and five.

The twelve hundred brownies beamed down over the railing, both with indifference and indifference. Apparently they did not know the difference of either. All seemed to be as happy as if the Kumerie were their own private yacht and they were on a vacation cruise.

"They have been this way since they left Honolulu," said Capt. Andrew Baird. "I have never seen a merrier crowd nor a finer lot of oriental immigrants."

The nineteen hundred and seventy-four men were sitting about the deck smoking, laughing and chatting. All were well dressed, and were remarkably young and vigorous.

One hundred of these fellows fought in the war with Russia, and many of them were in the Fort Arthur engagements," said Dr. John H. Pugh, the ship's surgeon. He agreed with the captain that they were a fine, healthy lot of immigrants.

Upon the appearance of Dr. Monro most of the nineteen women vanished below decks with their ten children and babies, later appearing bedecked in native silks.

One by one the twelve hundred and four men passed down the gangway of the ship, where sat Agent-General Morikawa.

Here their names were checked. Morikawa being the holder to one Bank of Commerce twenty and one five.

But before the presentation of this the holder was compelled to pass Dr. Monro, who included the start of the ship, was assisted in his examination by his office assistant, Mr. Elliott. Mr. Okada of the Sun Ban acting as interpreter, and the ship's surgeon, Dr. Pugh. Dr. Rear had also come over with the party of officials.

### MILK TRUST REDUCES PRICE.

#### Hereafter It Will Cost Nine Instead of Ten Cents a Quart.

New Westminster, July 26.—The milk trust of this city has actually reduced the price of milk to nine cents a quart, while ten cents has been the prevailing price since last winter.

All the milkmen of the city are in combine to maintain uniform prices, and this winter an agreement was reached by which the price was boosted to ten cents a quart, straight, but now it has been reduced to nine cents by the single quart, which, the same, but eleven quart tickets can be purchased for a dollar.

The price of milk, however, has been raised, and from the first of the month the price will be 28 cents instead of 25 cents as formerly.

### LARGE HARVEST OF FRUIT.

#### Crops in Okanagan Valley Will Be Excellent This Year.

Enderby, B. C., July 26.—Reports from the lower end of the Okanagan valley all indicate that there will be a large crop of fruit this year. About three-quarters of the hay crop, which is exceptionally heavy this year has already been cut, and what wheat is ready for harvesting in about two weeks. The excellent weather which has prevailed for the past two weeks, and the fact that the crops at times there is generally a refreshing breeze throughout the afternoon, and the evenings are always cool.

### Ross Thompson Makes Fortune.

Mr. Ross Thompson, the original owner of Rossland townsite, has made another fortune, this time in Nevada. He has just returned from that state with his scores of friends and old-time associates throughout the Kootenays. He has a bank roll of nearly twenty thousand dollars, and is about to start on a group he recently bonded near Manhattan, the new gold camp in the Nevada desert, and expects soon to have half a million in old currency. The balance of the payments shall have been made.

Mr. Thompson virtually walked out of Rossland several years ago. He had been for nearly ten years one of the big men in the mining camp to which he gave his name. A food-heated man, high roller, and all round good fellow, his fortune at one time exceeding \$200,000, vanished like a puff of smoke. Part of his misfortunes were due to bad investments. He made the prediction when he went south that he would live to make another cleanup.

### CHILD DROWNED AT TYNEHEAD.

#### Nineteen-months-old Lad Falls Into Well and Is Dead When Found.

New Westminster, July 26.—One of the most distressing accidents that has occurred recently in this district took place near Tynehead on Wednesday evening, when little Willie Gillis was drowned in a spring from which the family took its supply of water, and the resultants are terribly distressing.

Willie was nineteen months old, and had been playing about the yard during the afternoon. Late in the day he was missed by his mother, who started a search which resulted in finding his lifeless body in the hole above the spring. Part of the four feet deep. Every effort was made by the neighbors to resuscitate the little chap, but without avail. Willie was a healthy, robust child, and his death has cast a gloom over the settlement. The funeral was held yesterday afternoon, and the body was laid to rest in a field near the village, as there is no regular cemetery. The service over the grave was attended by many mourners.

### Tannery Escapes Destruction.

New Westminster, July 26.—The roof of the Fraser River tannery took fire last evening, and for some time the big industry on the south shore of the river was threatened with destruction. Finally the flames were extinguished by the aid of a steam pump from the river. A large section of the roof was destroyed, and the damage will amount to \$500. The material used for roofing was supposed to be fireproof.

### Trustees Convention.

New Westminster, July 26.—The annual convention of the school trustees of British Columbia will be held in this city during the week of the provincial exhibition, and will open on Monday, September 30, and remain in session for several days.

### ADDITIONS TO DISTILLERY.

Enterprise at Sepperton Represents an Investment of \$100,000.

New Westminster, July 26.—The large additions which are being made to the British Columbia distillery company's plant in this city have now

been almost completed, and the administration building and new stables will be occupied in a few weeks. The additions represent an expenditure of \$20,000.

The plant now represents an investment of \$200,000, practically all of which has been spent in this city. In addition to this the value of the stock on hand now reaches the enormous total of \$500,000, so that it will be seen that the entire property at the present time will amount to close on a million dollars, and represents as large, if not a larger capital than any other industry in the city.

The industry will make more, however, in a short time to this city and district than at present, owing to the fact that a good portion of the grain which, up to the present, has been imported, will be grown locally. Barley is the grain used exclusively, and already many of the Delta farms are growing crops of this grain, while a few years ago no barley was raised. Triticum was grown here. The distillery will take practically all that can be grown in this district.

Some idea of the capacity of the distillery plant may be obtained from the fact that from 10,000 to 200,000 gallons of rye whiskey have been produced yearly for the past two years.

### Nanaimo Social News.

Nanaimo, B. C., July 26.—The members of the hospital board met Friday night to present to Miss Miller, the matron, her diploma as a graduate of the Nanaimo hospital training school.

Prof. Arnold is giving his pupils a month's holidays preparatory to their annual recital, which will be held at the home of Messrs. Owen and Harewood. The date of the recital has not as yet been decided on.

The Church Ladies' brigade have had a very successful moonlight excursion Thursday last. The evening was beautiful and every one voted it one of the most pleasant excursions of the summer. A call was made at Lady Smith's the Joan arriving at Nanaimo about 11.30.

Mr. Jesse Arthur Tonkoff of Victoria has been busy installing the piano in the new St. Paul's church in Nanaimo. It is blown by water power and is giving good satisfaction. Sunday morning the organ will be dedicated and special services have been arranged for the occasion. The Ven. Archdeacon Scribner will be the special preacher and Jesse Longfield will preside at the organ. On Monday a grand organ recital will be given, at which Miss Kington of Victoria will contribute three songs, two of which have been composed by Mr. Longfield.

### KUMERIC'S CARGO

#### Capt. Baird, of the Weir Liner, Tells of the Bringing of Japanese

Capt. Baird, of the steamer Kumerie, which brought 1,200 Japanese to Vancouver, said:—

Our contract was made at Lota, Chile, before we reached Honolulu. When we landed our 1,200 Portuguese immigrants at Honolulu we took on these Japanese for British Columbia. The Hawaiian board of immigration was very much over it, we were taking from them as many laborers as we brought them. But this was not a matter of sentiment with us. It was business. We had a contract to bring the Portuguese from Manila, and that was the end of that contract. We had to take any other contract and these Japanese were free to leave, and as there is no Dominion law against them they were free to come here. The captain said he knew nothing more about the deal and didn't care.

"I got my passage money, \$20 for each individual, and each was deposited the \$25. The total collection was made up in the form of a draft on the Bank of Commerce. But as each man individually was required to show this, it was refunded to each."

### THREE TIMES LARGER.

#### Provincial Fair Likely to Surpass All Previous Records—All Spoken.

"Do you think the fair will be as large this fall as it was last year," Manager Kearny was asked in the course of a conversation, says the Columbian. "No, answered, was probably with his inscrutable smile, "I think it will be about three times as large."

The conversation drifted into fair talk, and some interesting items relative to the big show were gathered. One little indication of the interest which is being taken in the exhibition this year is shown by the fact that all the down stairs spaces, both in the agricultural and industrial buildings, has been applied for already, and that districts which have hitherto taken very little part in some of the entries are this year entering largely.

Manager Kearny has lately received a letter from A. Carson, general manager in Canada for the Thomas Lipson teas, to the effect that fifty pounds of this famous brand of tea will be donated to the ladies of the Women's Council to be used in their refreshment rooms during exhibition week.

On account of the immense crowds which will attend the fair, special arrangements are being made by the C. P. R. and G. N. R. to run special trains out of Vancouver to accommodate them. The B. C. E. R. will also have a special service during fair week. An effort is also being made to have an excursion from Bellingham about the time the lacrosse games will be on.

Two applications from merry-go-round outfits have already been received by the board to be operated during the fair, one being from a party who has conducted this form of amusement two falls in succession here. It is probable that about there be insufficient space in the other buildings. For the fish exhibit, that space will be found for it in the manufacturers' building.

### Victoria Loses Croquet Cup

Vancouver, July 27.—Vancouver won the Croquet cup in the croquet and bowling tournament of the grounds of the lawn tennis club this afternoon.

The bee that hangs around the hive accumulates no honey.

The man who would a-roving go, Comes home with little money. Rooks rush where angels fear to tread, And leave the lead to the wise man. The wise man looks before he leaps, Who hesitates is lost.

"Yes, I think my non-in-law is going to be able to get along in the world."

"Does he seem to have a proper appreciation of the value of money?"

"I don't know whether you would call it proper or not, but he got my daughter to get married in her graduation gown, and then he struck her the price that her wedding outfit would have cost if they had waited till fall."

# SOUTH SAANICH TAX RATE IS FIVE MILLS

## Levy Was Fixed at Meeting of the Council Held Last Night

The total assessment of the property in the South Saanich municipality according to the returns of the assessor, amount to \$3,903,136. Of this \$3,414,433 are in land and \$488,703 are in improved property. This is a considerable increase upon the total of last year. The rate of taxation as fixed at the meeting of the council last evening is four mills for general purposes and one mill for schools.

The council had a number of matters of routine business to attend to. Amongst others a communication was received from E. E. Smart, secretary of the British Columbia Agricultural association, asking that the council give its usual grant to the association for the grant to the South Saanich association had been given in the past. The council decided to grant the fall fair. In view of the fact that the grant to the South Saanich association had been given in the past, the council decided to grant the fall fair. In view of the fact that the grant to the South Saanich association had been given in the past, the council decided to grant the fall fair.

The committee which had been entrusted with the task of interviewing the government regarding the proposed bridge reported that they had visited the provincial buildings but that the proper authorities were not present. The committee had also interviewed the provincial boiler inspector with regard to the engine which the council has taken over from the province, and the latter had learned that the engine though old was in very good shape and that though the make of it was not known it was of 12-horse power, and is good without further inspection until next February. The committee further reported that the other portions of the road making plant which it is proposed to take over had been searched for by the road authorities, but that it had been found that the engine was in very good shape and that though the make of it was not known it was of 12-horse power, and is good without further inspection until next February.

Councillor Painter asked that the electric railway be written with regard to the nuisance created by cars blocking the street. The secretary was instructed to write Mr. Goward, the manager of the company in Victoria.

A letter was received from Oldfield, Kirby & Gardner, of Winnipeg, asking what the council were prepared to do with regard to the road which they owned in the Victoria, and Sydney railway. Plans of the proposed subdivision had been filed with the council, and the latter had been considering the matter directed the company to write informing them that the matter would receive their attention.

A communication from Seymour de Trafford Cunningham was received asking permission to lower the annual assessment of his property. The latter is responsible for the water backing up at this point. Revere Brydon stated that the property was owned by G. A. Keith, V. R. The first of the road was referred to the road superintendent for report.

For two days' services the clerk of the court of revision was ordered paid \$32.

For repairs to road machinery, W. Green presented an account for \$27.75, which was ordered paid by the clerk.

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# FINAL DAY'S SCORES AT B.C.R.A. MEETING

Civilian Rifleman Carry Off Nanaimo and Vancouver Corporation Prizes

Vancouver, July 27.—Mr. Lehman, of Ashcroft, carried off the Nanaimo corporation prize at the B. C. R. A. annual shoot this morning by a score of 64 points. The first six scores were as follows: Mr. R. Lehman, 64; E. J. Pearson, 63; G. A. Keith, 62; G. A. Keith, 61; G. A. Keith, 60; G. A. Keith, 59.

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# CHEMICAL DISCOVERY OF MUCH IMPORTANCE

## Sir Wm. Ramsay Succeeds in Degrading Copper Into a Primary Element

New York, July 27.—A London dispatch to the Times says that Sir Wm. Ramsay has promised to communicate shortly to the Chemical Society an account of a discovery which, in the words of so conservative a scientific publication as the Lancet, in its number issued yesterday, "marks an epoch in the history of chemical science," since his investigations have shown that a given element, namely copper, is a primary element, undergoes degradation into another. In a short address the Lancet says the transaction, D. G. Macdonald, actually laid out the process of the process sought by the ancient alchemists, who believe that there is a substance by means of which the base metals can be transmuted into the higher. Sir William has shown the degradation of metals by means of gas evolved from their granulation.

Sir William in an interview said: "I am engaged in writing the results of my research work which will be published at the end of August."

The paper will prove that Sir William has degraded copper to the first member of its family, namely, lithium; in other words he has effected the transmutation of copper.

# NEW RACING STABLE WILL BE ESTABLISHED IN EAST

## Abe Orpen of Toronto Purchases Crack Keene, Two Year-Old and Others

Toronto, July 27.—It is understood that Abe Orpen is establishing an extensive racing stable and within a few months he expects to have one of the largest stables in this province. He has notified the harness horsemen to vacate Dufferin Park, where he has been training his stable. In addition he has seven two-year-olds, including Superman, the Keene crack, which went lame some time ago. Postcard is another high class youngster in the string both having been purchased recently in New York by Charlie Fhair.

# Will Go Over Coast Again

New York, July 27.—The tie between the two runabouts that finished the American Automobile association tour with perfect scores in the contest for the Howey trophy will be run off by Chairman Howey, of the touring board, met the drivers of the two cars, S. G. Smith, and H. K. Sheridan, and decided to determine the winner by running the cars from this city to Cleveland and then if necessary over the same route as recently followed by the A. A. A. tourists until one of the cars drops out.

Two machines will be started at 7 o'clock Monday morning, and the first day's run will be to Albany, the second to Syracuse, the third to Buffalo and the fourth to Cleveland.

# Rumney's Betrayal

New York, July 27.—Laurie M. Carter, the woman who betrayed Chester B. Rumney, the paying teller of the New York Central, who stole \$25,000 from the police has been indicted for receiving stolen goods. Rumney says he gave her \$15,000 of the \$25,000 he stole and that she took \$10,000 when he was not looking. Britannia won easily.

Another suit for damages for injury in a lumber mill was decided in favor of the plaintiff yesterday, when a special jury in the case of L. J. Brown vs. the Pacific Coast Lumber company awarded Brown damages in \$4000, says the Vancouver World. Brown had sued for \$5000 for injuries received last September at the company's mill at Coal Harbor through a truck breaking through the floor of the mill and precipitating a heavy log against him, breaking an arm and injuring his hip to such an extent that he had lost the use of the leg.

Expert evidence was heard tending to show that the broken floor was structurally unsound and weak for the heavy loads placed upon it. Mr. Justice Clement, before whom the case was heard, ordered the jury to inspect the mill premises, and a trip was made to Coal Harbor in an automobile tallyho. On return, counsel addressed the jury and a verdict of \$4000 was returned. The transaction, D. G. Macdonald, actually laid out the process of the process sought by the ancient alchemists, who believe that there is a substance by means of which the base metals can be transmuted into the higher. Sir William has shown the degradation of metals by means of gas evolved from their granulation.

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Another damage suit, that of Tabor vs. Vancouver Lumber company, in which Tabor sued for general damages for an unsatisfied amount, was settled by the plaintiffs during the lunch recess and a statement to this effect was accepted by Mr. Justice Clement and the jury discharged. It is stated that the plaintiff agreed to accept \$1750 in settlement. Tabor was employed as a doggerman placing logs in position on a carriage for the band saw. On the occasion of the accident he was standing by the carriage when the saw encountered a bolt or spike in a log and glancing off struck Tabor, almost severing his leg. The leg had to be amputated. The claim was based on the contention that the accident was due to the negligence of a Chinese log inspector who was said to be ignorant and careless in his work. The point was also made that the company should have safeguarded the saw so as to render such an accident impossible. Several witnesses were examined during the morning.

Escape From Jail

Nyack, N. Y., July 27.—Four prisoners escaped from the Rockland county jail at New City yesterday. Three were in jail to await the grand jury on a charge of larceny, and the other was serving a sentence of six months for the same offence. They are Francis H. Morris, Josef Pehr, Wm. Lowell, and Walter J. Ruck. The men plied the bars of their cell doors and escaped through the skylight in the roof.

Cuban Plotting

Havana, July 27.—Senator Moreno Del Mado, a prominent Liberal, who participated in last year's revolt, has written a serious letter which is published in La Lucha, in which he charges that Maso Farra, once a Spanish alcade, plans to work up the Cuban people to induce them to violence against the provisional government. Farra's object, Delmado states, is to show the Cuban people that the government that Cubans wish a speedy withdrawal of American occupation and a peace with the United States.