

WOULD EXTEND SERVICE TO B. C.

Sir Joseph Ward's Wishes in
Regard to New Zealand and
San Francisco Line of
Steamships.

ADMIRAL INSPECTS NAVAL DEFENCES

Heavy Land Taxes Proposed
by Fisher Government is
Causing Much Excitement
in Australian States.

MELBOURNE, Sept. 26.—The trans-Pacific steamship service already arranged between New Zealand ports and San Francisco would be extended to British Columbia ports if the Premier of New Zealand, Sir Joseph Ward, had his way. Sir Joseph expresses himself as anxious to secure a fast service between Auckland and Victoria and Vancouver, and no doubt the future will see some move made in this direction, especially as New Zealand, by its subsidy to the line which will call at San Francisco, will have a potent voice in the matter.

Australian Naval Defences.—Admiral W. Henderson has arrived here to inspect the naval defences of Australia similarly to the manner in which Lord Kitchener inspected the land defences and forces. The Admiral will report to the Federal Government the best methods of defence for ports and harbours. He is reported to have declared that he thinks the coast line very bare and open to attack. Lord Kitchener, it is known, condemned the northern bases of the continent, especially Thursday Island, as being entirely open to attack. Admiral Henderson will in all probability insist upon better protection of the coast line, so as to guard against any invasion from the northern nations.

Heavy Land Taxes.—Much political excitement has been caused by the land taxation proposals of the Fisher administration. The taxes are of a penal nature and have aroused fierce opposition. It was thought, however, that the states of the Commonwealth would take means to render their own land taxes less burdensome, so as to afford relief to the taxpayers. This was exactly the opposite of what took place. The Labor ministry, instead of reducing the tax, actually increased it. Its land owners are up in arms against the government, whose avowed desire is the nationalization of the land and the destruction of private ownership.

Take to Fasting.—The fasting cure, so popular in the United States, has caught on here. A dairymaid suffering from indigestion went without food for 42 days, his only sustenance being three cups of coffee a day. He lost five pounds in weight, but at the end of the fasting period was cured completely.

YALE AND HARVARD
COMING TO PACIFIC

Noted Atlantic Coasting Steamers Reported to Be Coming to the Pacific Coast.

NEW YORK, Sept. 26.—The twin steamers, Yale and Harvard, of the Metropolitan line, plying between New York and Boston, will not tie up for the winter when the season closes, according to information which the New York Herald printed on Saturday, but instead will round the Horn for service on the Pacific Coast.

Officials of the company would rather deny nor confirm this statement tonight, but it was admitted that both ships will be placed on new routes this winter.

The Yale and Harvard are turbine driven, burn oil, and are the fastest ships on the coastwise trade. The news of their change of route round rumors that they had been sold, but no confirmation was available tonight, although it was pointed out that if they went to the Pacific it was unlikely they would be brought back to the Atlantic again for the summer season.

Candidates for Judiciary.—TACOMA, Sept. 26.—It was after 6 o'clock when the non-partisan judiciary convention finished balloting and named the following candidates for supreme judges: C. E. Shepard, of King's County; W. W. Tolman, Spokane; Wm. Hickman Moore, of King's; W. A. Grimshaw, of Cheney; P. M. Troy, of Thurston.

Landed Shipwrecked Men.—NEW YORK, Sept. 26.—The steamer Prima Willem IV, which arrived from West Indian ports had on board Capt. Christiansen and his two mates of the shipwrecked Norwegian bark Thora, which ran ashore July 16 on a coral reef at the point of Tucas, Venezuela. The Thora was in ballast proceeding from Tucacas for Nipe Bay, Cuba, and in trying to blow west high and dry on a coral reef at base of a total wreck. The crew of 18, all told, took to the boats and put back to Tucacas. Captain Christiansen and his mates took passage on the Prima Willem IV at Puerto Cabello, and the others of the crew went their different ways.

TOOK HER OWN LIFE

Body of Young Swedish Girl Found in Water at Bowen Island.

VANCOUVER, Sept. 26.—The body of Esther Johnson, a young Swedish woman, who came to this country last summer to join her sweetheart, but who for some unknown reason is supposed to have thrown herself into the waters of the Fraser river at New Westminster on August 11, was found on Sunday in a little bay at Bowen Island. The body decomposed remains were today positively identified as those of the unfortunate young woman. A party of employees of the powder works on Bowen Island, while exploring a small inlet discovered the body floating in the water at the furthest extremity of the inlet, which is placed far to the north of the powder works. Constable Munn, of the provincial police, took charge of the remains and had them brought here. Miss Johnson met her sweetheart, Peter Pearson, in Sweden, but when he decided to emigrate to this country she remained at home. After several years, he sent her transportation to this city. She arrived and met him at his home. On the evening of August 17, she left him, beside the river, and "wrote" her last letter, which she ended her life while mentally unbalanced.

Technical Education Commission.—OTTAWA, Sept. 26.—The technical education commission met here today and made arrangements for its western itinerary. When Windsor on October 21, the commission will go west via Sault Ste. Marie, where the first stop will be made. Victoria, B. C., will be reached on December 10.

CARNARVON BAY CREW IS RESCUED

Missing Men, Who Were in
Mate's Boat Taken Off
King's Island, Near Where
Ship Was Wrecked.

MELBOURNE, Sept. 26.—The mates' boat, containing thirteen men, of the ship Carnarvon Bay which was wrecked at the south end of King Island, over a week ago, succeeded in making a landing on King's Island, from which place they were rescued by a passing steamer and landed in Tasmania yesterday. The men were all well, and had not suffered as yet from their experiences. The captain's boat, containing the other survivors, was picked up by the steamer Tarcila a week ago and landed in this city.

NEW REGULATION FOR CHINAMEN

Those Who Go to China With
Right of Returning Free
from Tax Must Have Photo-
graphs Taken.

VANCOUVER, Sept. 26.—Hereafter Chinese who leave Vancouver to visit their homeland, and who are exempt from the head tax, if they return within a year, must go before the camera for purposes of identification. This is the new regulation authorized by the authorities at Ottawa, and goes into effect at once.

Henceforth the outward bound visiting Celestials merely had their faces and physical peculiarities and measurements recorded in the local office, but as this method has not worked out satisfactorily the department has concluded that it must be supplemented by the camera process, the photograph to be attached to their certificate on their return. The photo will be placed in the records kept at the Vancouver office.

The twenty Celestial intermediate passengers who a week ago arrived on the Empress of China, and whose certificates have been under official investigation in connection with the allegations of fraud in regard to the entry of the exempted merchants class, are still held pending further enquiry.

Winnipeg Fire Investigation.—WINNIPEG, Sept. 26.—The board of underwriters is investigating the fire which caused a loss of \$150,000 on Wellington Crescent a week ago, claiming that the domestic water pressure was insufficient.

Will Increase Wages.—HOUSTON, Texas, Sept. 26.—An agreement has been reached tonight between officials of the Southern Pacific Railroad and representatives of the road regarding the department of the road providing for an increase in wages.

To Campaign for Settlers.—OTTAWA, Sept. 26.—The Canadian Northern Company has engaged Lieut. Col. Howell of the Salvation Army to conduct an immigration campaign in Britain. Col. Howell leaves shortly for England, and will endeavor to obtain the best class of farmers and farm laborers for settlement on the company's lands in the Northwest.

INVESTIGATION TO BE GENERAL

Whole Question of Telegraph
Rates to Be Ventilated Before
Board of Railway Com-
missioners.

INQUIRY STARTED BY WINNIPEG MEN

Companies Accused of Charging
Higher Rates in West
Than in East—Chairman
Mabee's Decision.

WINNIPEG, Sept. 26.—A national investigation of the methods of the telegraph corporations in charging business in Canada will doubtless follow the ruling of Chairman Mabee, of the board of railway commissioners for Canada, in session here during the past week, on the complaints made by the Winnipeg board of trade and Winnipeg grain exchange, to the effect that the companies in their tolls were discriminating against the West in order to make up for the small percentage of profits reaped in Eastern Canada.

Chairman Mabee, after hearing the evidence of several witnesses, postponed the case, and stated that he would petition the minister of justice at Ottawa to appoint a council to represent the public in a complete and thorough investigation into the workings of the telegraph companies doing business in the Dominion, to be held before the commission. This investigation will involve the C. P. R., C. N. R. and Great Northern Western Telegraph companies and smaller companies.

S. B. McMichael, assistant to the general manager of the C. N. W., in giving evidence to the commission, stated that the C. N. W. was owned by the Western Union Telegraph, and was a part of that system. Evidence placed before the commission was to the effect that Mr. McMichael said that with his company it was necessary to charge greater rates in the West than in the East to make up for the deficits east of the great lakes.

Business men generally, but especially those members of the board of trade and grain exchange actively interested, the jubilant today over the decision of the railway commission, that a full investigation must be held into the rates charged by telegraph companies on business and out of Winnipeg. It is pointed out that the decision is of considerable interest to all business men of Canada because a general investigation is promised into rates in all over Canada, including Winnipeg, or in other words, a review of the rates in every part of the country.

REMARKABLE FEAT OF GIRL SWIMMER

NEW YORK, Sept. 26.—Miss Rose Pitman, in appearance a child despite her sixteen years, recently accomplished the most remarkable feat of distance swimming ever seen in these waters by stroking with the tide from the New York Yacht Club landing, No. 2, at East Twenty-third street, to Coney Island light in five hours and eight minutes.

According to the chart, this course in river and harbor is sixteen and a quarter miles, yet, considering the detours, one of which resulted in the most sensational finish, she must have traversed all of seventeen and a half miles, at which her performance is estimated to be the best.

Her longest swim before this one, in which she distanced seven men competitors, was made on August 7th of last year, near her home in Boston. She then went from Charlestown Bridge to Boston Light, against adverse currents, in six hours fifty minutes and thirty seconds, in water so cold that it benumbed her rivets. She had for unexpected competitors yesterday two muscular women whom she defeated with ease, although one of them vied with her to the end.

Her exploit and that of the other Naiads demonstrated to a striking degree progress which feminine athletes have made recently in the nautical art, for at times all equalled the speed of four miles an hour, which Captain William Webb made under similar conditions.

Involves Large Sum.—WINNIPEG, Sept. 26.—Comptroller McArthur stated today that the negligence of the C. P. R. in not providing proper stock yard accommodation was sufficient provocation for cancelling the agreement between the company and the city and also for the collection of many thousands of dollars in taxes, from which the company has been exempt for thirty years by virtue of this agreement. The comptroller set the total at \$250,000. He said \$24,000 was forfeited this year, and it was up to the city to collect the arrears represented by the larger amount.

DOMINION PARLIAMENT

OTTAWA, Sept. 26.—The Canada Gazette announces the summoning of Parliament for November 2nd, but the opening date of the session will probably be Thursday, Nov. 11th.

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CROWDS ATTEND FAIR OPENING

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for the best decorated box. The prizes which have been offered are \$40 for the first, \$20 for the second, and \$10 for the third. The decorations of the box of Mr. David Spencer, Jr., is being carried out in a most gorgeous fashion, with the sides draped with colored painting, and with large easy chairs in the box, there is a large horse shoe standing at the back brightly illuminated with twenty-six electric lights. There are also a large number of whips and flowers and other decoration schemes brought in to produce the general pleasing effect. There are eight boxes altogether, which are being decorated for the competition.

WOMEN'S BUILDING

The Woman's Building was perfectly ready for the opening day of the Fall Fair, and no one who had visited could fail to be delighted. Outside the flower beds were in full bloom, and in front the palms and other exotics so kindly sent by Mrs. Henry Graft were very beautiful.

The large hall on the first floor was very tastefully decorated in white, and those who have done such work could have any idea of how much labor the pretty lattice work and the carefully drawn roosting reprints took. The whole effect was what the ladies no doubt intended, to show the exhibits to the best advantage.

Never before in the history of Victoria exhibitions has the work shown by women been so beautiful. Miss Ross, the judge, who has had such experience in criticizing needlework, was enthusiastic in her praise. Her task must have been a very difficult one, for, to the untrained eye, there seemed so much that was excellent in every class.

The most beautiful of the work that used to be shown by the old agricultural fairs survived in the knitted and crocheted counterpanes and wool work of ladies over sixty. One dear old lady of ninety showed a little collection of handwork done without using any pattern. Some of this handiwork has been tried the eyes and baffled the fingers of many a younger woman. Yet the needle has its devotees now. There were many very beautiful centerpieces worked in colored wool. The blending of the colors in many of these, as in other work was exquisitely done. The display of cushions was not as large as one might have expected in this day of cosy corners and easy chairs.

The lovers of fine needlework could spend a whole afternoon in examining the exquisite embroidery shown. There was handmade lace fit for a queen to wear and netting which would make a spider's web in delicacy. Old-fashioned tailoring, done in new patterns, formed the daintiest of trimming for filmy muslin. These and many other things made one wish the afternoon was longer.

The Girls' exhibit especially pleased Miss Ross. Here stockings were darned so perfectly that it was very difficult to tell the darn from the texture of the stocking. Little frocks were daintily made and embroidered and other fancy work very well executed. The school exhibit of plain needlework was one of which not only the painstaking director, Miss Boorman, and the teachers, but the mothers of Victoria may well be proud in possession. The cover of which each girl designed and painted, were the specimens of diploma needlework. Looking through them one could see every stitch and operation required to make any useful garment. The care and neatness and thoroughness displayed would have delighted Ruskin himself.

Then there were bags, towels, and other easy work which showed the use to which the needle could put their skillful and hemming. The intermediate Girls had made petticoats which would keep baby warm and who of the seams and not hurt the softest flesh and most delicate handkerchiefs with never a stitch too skin. These were pretty lace bordered and sweetened with daisies, in-segmented and tiny buttonholes. The schools showed an excellent exhibit of drawing and color work. From the pictures of fruit and flowers and simple objects done by the tiny fingers of the primary classes to the elaborate designs and geometrical drawings of the advanced classes, everything was good of its kind. Truth and accuracy were striven after in many cases attained. The whole effect was beautiful and would well repay careful examination.

The effect of the teaching of the schools was apparent in the competitive art exhibition. The collection, if smaller than usual, was of a higher class and there were several good designs.

Women's Institute.—The Women's Institute exhibits were excellent. In all there was a large variety of the work done by farmer's wives and daughters shown. A new feature was the canning of vegetables which were put up in the most attractive form.

In this the ladies of Metcosh seemed to excel. In this district, too, the ladies know how to make butter into intricate and beautiful shapes without injuring its texture. Fleecy white shawls and other useful and pretty handiwork makes the museum quickly in the long winter evenings.

But it was the Lake Hill Institute which won the prize both for the variety and excellence of the exhibits and the taste with which they were displayed. It would take much too long even to mention the delicious viands which were crowded into the few feet of space, and the pretty and busy crafts that are practiced by the ladies of Lake Hill.