BULLENS TO REPAIR STEAMER INDRAVELLI

Local Firm's Tender Was Lowest—Repairs Will Cost $40,000

(From Saturday's Daily)

The B. C. Marine railway will get the contract to repair the British steamer Indravelli, Capt. Cullington, which struck at Kellett bluff when inbound to Vancouver from Shimonoseki and was salved by the B. C. Salvage company with its steamer Salvor. The price will be approximately $40,000. The tenders were all in the hands of Lloyds agents yesterday at noon when it was found that the one submitted by the Bullens of Esquimalt was the lowest. The tenders were all referred to Lloyds by cable and, subject to the approval of T. B. Roydn & Co., owners of the vessel, the Victoria firm will get the contract.

The securing of the contract by Bullens to repair the Indravelli in competition with the Union Iron Works of San Francisco, Morans, Commercial Boiler works, and other well known shipyards, which rank highest on the Pacific coast, will be a source of much local satisfaction. Special representatives of the San Francisco and Seattle firms were sent here, Mr. Gardner, of the Union Iron works, who was entrusted with the delivery of the cruiser Chitose built for the Japanese navy to the Admiralty of Japan coming to bid for the Golden Gate concern, and Mr. Young for the Moran yards at Seattle. There were at least half a dozen tenders submitted, including offers from Andrew Grey of this city. The bid made by the B. C. Marine Railway company of Esquimalt was from $8,000 to $10,000 lower than any of those submitted.

As a matter of form it was necessary to submit all the bids to Lloyds at London, but it is considered practically certain that the contract will be given today or soon afterwards to the Bullens. The work to be done to the Indravelli, although confined to the forepart of the hull, is considerable. A new stem bar, a large forging is necessary to replace that driven in and crumpled by the collision with Kellett bluff. Forty small plates will have to be renewed in the hull, thirty floors replaced, as well as the incidntal angle bars, frames, beams, etc.

Had the contract been secured by the Union Iron works it would have been necessary for the firm to make sufficient temporary repairs at Esquimalt to allow of the steamer making the voyage to San Francisco; but had the Seattle firm been successful it is stated they would have made arrangements to have the work done by local workmen at the Esquimalt dock.

Efforts are being made by the Alley line to charter a steamer to replace the Indravelli in the Canadian-New Zealand line, but no vessel has yet been secured.

Further Successes.

Fuller details of the successes won by British Columbians at the show of the Royal Horticultural society in London on Thursday last have been obtained. T. M. Earle, of Lytton; Mrs. J. Smith, of Spence's Bridge; J. R. Brown, of Summerland, and the Kootenay Fruit Growers' association of Nelson, win gold medals, while Oscar Brown, Vernon; A. Unsworth, Chilliwack, and J. A. Ritchie, of Summerland, take silver medals.

Small Boy With Rifle.

New Westminster, Nov. 29.—The police today arrested a lad named Charlie Kirk, twelve years old, on a charge of carrying a rifle. No person under sixteen years is allowed to carry firearms. The magistrate decided that the chief of police should retain the rifle till the youth became of age.

New Westminster Cathedral.

New Westminster, Nov. 29.—Great preparations are being made for the formal reopening of St. Peter's cathedral, which will take place on Sunday, December 8. That will be the day of the feast of the Immaculate Conception and a high day with members of the Roman Catholic church. The services on that occasion will be conducted by His Lordship Bishop Dontenwill, assisted by Rev. Father Welch of the Church of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, Vancouver. Special sermons will be preached by the bishop.

Dies In Jail.

Nelson, B. C., Nov. 29.—Karl Stephanie, a German, aged 35 years, died in the provincial jail Sunday night at 10.30, as the result of a succession of epileptic fits.

Stephanie was committed on July 13 last from Arrowhead for vagrancy and theft, and arrived at the jail on July 17. He was a well-behaved prisoner and the reduction of his sentence by the usual remission for good conduct would have entitled him to his freedom on the morning of December 14.

Twice before since his incarceration Stephanie has suffered from similar attacks, the first, August 29, nearly proving fatal.

"NO FUNDS" CHEQUES

Arrest of Vancouver Man Who Gave Paper Drawn on Banks in Victoria

Vancouver, Nov. 29.—John B. Ashby was arrested by the police last night on the charge of having obtained money under false pretences. The informant was the manager of the Hotel Vancouver at which place Ashby is alleged to have passed a cheque for $5 which was worthless.

The cheque was drawn on the Northern bank at Victoria, but it was learned that Ashby had no funds in that bank. It is also alleged that the accused passed a cheque for $20 at the Badminton hotel recently, it being drawn on the Molsons bank at Victoria and dated one month in advance.

The case was up in the police court this morning but was remanded at the request of Ashby, who said that he wanted to get a witness from Victoria. It will be taken up again tomorrow, but will be further adjourned. Ashby was admitted to bail of $500 by himself and two sureties of $250 each.

Honolulu, Nov. 29.—The board of health on the petition of twenty-seven of the lepers have agreed to permit J. Lore Wellach to attempt the treatment of twelve lepers from the settlement. This is the result of an agitation which has been carried on by Wellach and his friends for several months, during which he has persistently asserted that he can cure leprosy and has aroused the hopes of the lepers and their relatives and friends.

FRUIT GROWERS CONVENE

Annual Meeting of the International Association to Meet at Vancouver

The annual meeting of the Northwest Fruit Growers' Association will be held at Vancouver next week, and comprising as it does a membership made up from among the fruit growers of British Columbia and the western states, will prove of international interest. The convention which will continue for three days will commence on Wednesday next, December 4. Premier McBride will deliver an address of welcome to the delegates as will also the mayor of Vancouver, and speeches will be made by Dr. M. S. Wade, of Kamloops, and Alexander McPherson, of Twin Falls, Idaho. Among the papers to be read will be those dealing with the subjects of irrigation, transportation, experimental farm work and other subjects of interest to fruit growers. It is expected that there will be a large number of delegates present at this convention. The president of the association is E. L. Smith, of Hood River, Oregon. There are five vice-presidents representing British Columbia, Washington, Utah, Idaho and Oregon. J. E. Anderson, deputy minister of agriculture occupies the position of vice-president for this province.

HON. MAURICE GIFFORD BUYS AT CHILLIWACK

B. C. Electric Railway Director Purchases Land in the Fraser Valley

New Westminster, B. C., Nov. 29.—Before leaving for England yesterday, Hon. Maurice Gifford, a prominent shareholder and director of the B. C. Electric Railway Company, demonstrated his faith in this country by investing over $30,000 in property in Chilliwack. The property was purchased through the firm of F. J. Hart & Co., and will be sub-divided into smaller holdings by that firm at some future date.

Mr. Gifford traveled over the route of the proposed New Westminster Chilliwack tram line in company with Mr. Glover some time ago, and had an opportunity of inspecting the district through which the road will pass. He was so favorably impressed with the appearance of the country that he decided to secure a few tracts. He accordingly purchased 209 acres in two pieces, near the town of Chilliwack, for the sum of $33,000. Mr. Gifford also purchased considerable property in this city and in Surrey.

It is understood that he is planning to become the owner of a large fruit farm in the Okanagan or Chilliwack valley at some future date.

Mr. Gifford had several boxes packed with Chilliwack apples before leaving, which he took with him and will give the remaining members of the B. C. Electric directorate a practical demonstration of the kind of fruit which can be raised in this vicinity.

Beaten by Thugs

Petersboro, Ont., Nov. 29.—Isaac Hetherinton, while returning home was attacked by thugs and badly beaten and robbed. He is in a serious condition.

GREAT ACTIVITY ON MORESBY ISLAND

Much Development Work Being Done Upon Mining Properties Near Jedway

(From Saturday's Daily)

C. S. Newberry, of Detroit, Michigan, who recently acquired a number of mining claims near Jedway, on Charlotte islands, is in the city. Mr. Newberry who has had a great deal of mining experience in various parts of the world and especially upon the American continents, is greatly pleased with the conditions in the north and the prospects which the claims he has acquired hold out.

He has purchased nine claims bordering on those which are now being worked by Japanese. He has had twelve men working upon them for the past month, and will place more men at work upon his return.

The Japanese are making good headway with their properties and have now over 300 tons of copper ore ready for shipment. They have at present 105 men at work and have constructed a wooden runway, a mile and a quarter in length down the mountain side. They have also built ore docks and other works.

The Tretheway Brothers, the two mining magnates from Cobalt, Ont., have bonded a property in the neighborhood of Jedway for $200,000, and are engaged in developing it. There are many prospectors upon the island and all are highly pleased with the conditions which have been found to exist. Many of the miners who have been engaged on the upper mainland are prospecting on the islands as owing to the mild climate, they can there work all winter.

Mr. Newberry spent a month in the Bulkeley valley and he states that never in his life has he seen such rich showings in gold, silver, lead and copper as he has on the Telqwa. He is going in again next February on snowshoes. Mr. Newberry was formerly interested in Cobalt properties, but these he has closed out. He retains several working oil properties on Manitoulin island in Lake Huron however.

With J. E. Hewitt, one of the men who brought the skeleton of the, as yet, unclassified monster mammal, he is stopping at the King Edward hotel.

Fountain for New Haven

New Haven, Conn., Nov. 29.—A marble fountain, bearing the simple inscription, "Philos Herman Bennett gave this to the city," and erected on the Green, close by the old pump, a landmark, was dedicated today and handed over to the custody of the city. The gift was provided for in the will of Mr. Bennett, who was a New York merchant, but a lifelong resident here, whose will was administered by Wm. Jennings Bryan, a close friend. Mr. Bryan presented the fountain to the city during an exercise on the Green, Mayor J. D. Studley receiving the gift in behalf of the city.

Thessalon, Ont., Nov. 29.—James Percy, a settler in the township Wells, about twenty miles from here, was drowned while crossing Burrows lake, the ice breaking through with him. The body was recovered.

NORTHERN INTERIOR IS RICH IN PROMISE

Inspector of Indian Agencies Tells of Richness of Country

The following is from the Prince Rupert Empire, edited by John Houston, ex- M.P. P. for Nelson:

"H. A. Conroy of Ottawa, inspector of Indian agencies, spent two or three days in Prince Rupert during the week and went south on the Camosun on Thursday. He left Edmonton a month ago, and came here by way of Ashcroft, Quesnelle, Fraser lake, Stuart lake, Babine lake, Hazelton and down the Skeena to Essington.

"Mr. Conroy's duties take him all over western Canada, and his views and opinions of the country through which he passes are worthy of consideration. In conversation Mr. Conroy expressed an opinion that before many years Alberta would be one of the most populous provinces in Canada, and he gave as his reason for believing so that the province was one in which mixed farming could be carried on successfully. The soil was adapted for wheat and oats, vegetables grew to perfection and stock could be raised cheaper than in the East.

"Speaking of the country to the north of Alberta, Mr. Conroy said it was one as yet but little known except to trappers and Hudson's Bay company employees. He had been down the Mackenzie river to the north of the Arctic Circle, and within the circle had seen fine turnips, carrots, potatoes, cabbages, rhubarb, and other vegetables. He claimed the Mackenzie, navigable without obstructions from Great Slave lake to the Arctic ocean, was the finest river in North America, and that its valley would some day be populated. The river is practically a continuation of Peace river, which has its source in British Columbia.

"From Quesnelle, Mr. Conroy came over Telegraph trail to Fraser lake, in the Nechaco valley. This is claimed to be a section of British Columbia that will excel any other section of the province as an agricultural district. Nearly all of the land has been staked by either speculating companies or settlers, and a few of the latter are making preparations to begin farming. The soil is rich and deep and the land is undulating so as to give good drainage. The only crops that have been grown were grown by the Hudson's Bay Company people, and the yield of oats is not only large but of fine quality, as Mr. Conway purchased oats from the company for his pack animals. The Grand Trunk Pacific will run through the valley, and its future depends entirely on the class of people who settle in it and the treatment they will get from the railway company, for nature has been fairly lavish in giving it good soil, good water and a good climate.

"From the Nechaco valley to Stuart lake, thence to the head of Babine lake, and over the mountain divide to Hazelton on the Skeena, is through a country, part of which will some day be used for mixed farming and stock raising and for fruit growing. Bulkley valley is to the west of this route, and Mr. Conroy did not pass through it. Along the Skeena from Hazelton to Essington are areas that can be—some of them are—cultivated, and on which fruit can be grown.

Mr. Conroy may be quoted as saying that, in his opinion, northern and central British Columbia is a country with great natural resources, the development of which will make it the best portion of the province.

"And Prince Rupert will be its Capital."

Royal City Labor Party

New Westminster, Nov. 29.—A meeting of the executive of the Labor party was held last evening, when the question of participating in the civic elections was discussed at length and it was decided to place the names of Ald. A. W. Gray, Ald. W. Smith and ex-Ald. R. Wilson in nomination as Labor candidates for aldermanic seats and Thos. Turnbull as a candidate for school trustee. A general discussion of the labor question and the policy of the present city council took place, and the waterfront leases, the Manufacturers' Exemption bylaw, the License bylaw and the health department were attacked. Those expressing opinions thought the waterfront lessees should pay a higher rental, that manufacturers should not be exempt from taxation, that business men should not be forced to pay a license, and that the health regulation should be better enforced in the Oriental quarter of the city.

NEW OFFICERS WELCOMED

Salvation Army Members at Vancouver Give Reception to Major and Mrs. Morris

Vancouver, Nov. 29.—Local members of the Salvation Army and their friends tendered Major and Mrs. Morris, the newly appointed commander to the provincial forces, a welcoming reception at the Army headquarters last night. Before the reception there was a torchlight procession along down-town streets. This was followed by a short religious service. The reception was in charge of Commissioner Coombs, who made an extended address upon what he expected would be accomplished by the new officer.

Adjutants Wakefield and Bloss and Captains Smith and Collier made speeches of welcome and the gathering finally concluded with a general social welcome.

Brig. Smeeton left yesterday afternoon for Chicago, where he will remain for some time. Commissioner and Mrs. Coombs leave this afternoon for Medicine Hat, where he will inspect the army and deliver addresses.

Harvard Dinner in Tokio

Tokio, Nov. 29.—A Harvard dinner was given tonight in celebration of the 300th anniversity of the birth of John Harvard, Jr., founder of Harvard university. Viscount Kaneko presided, and 28 persons were present. Addresses were made by Viscount Kaneko, American Ambassador O'Brien, Baron Megata and A. M. Knapp, editor of the Advertiser. Much enthusiasm was manifested and toasts were drunk to President Roosevelt and Harvard university. The Harvard society then elected the following officers: President, Baron Megata, vice presidents, Baron Isawa and J. M. Gardiner, secretary, Baron Kikikawa.

Washington, Nov. 29.—The State Department has been advised by American Minister Graves, at Stockholm, that Prof. A. Michelson, of Chicago university, is to be awarded the Nobel prize for physicians. Dr. Michelson is the discoverer of a new method of determining the velocity of light.

STEAMER FOR FRASER

Vancouver Syndicate Proposing to Operate Third Boat on Run to Chilliwack

Vancouver, Nov. 29.—A syndicate of marine men is in search of a freight and passenger vessel to be operated on the upper Fraser river route between New Westminster and Chilliwack. It is also quite probable a weekly trip will be made between Vancouver and Chilliwack.

At the present time there are two vessels operating between New Westminster and Chilliwack, the Beaver, owned by the Canadian Pacific Railway company, and the Ramona, owned by a New Westminster syndicate. These two steamers make alternate trips up and down the Fraser. Those contemplating placing a new steamer on the Fraser river route believe there is plenty of business in sight at the present time for a third vessel, and expect the commencement of operations by the British Columbia Electric Railway company upon the New Westminster-Chilliwack line enough business will offer to make it a paying venture.

WIRELESS STATIONS IN COMMUNICATION

Messages Exchanged at Speed of Thirty Words a Minute Between Here and Vancouver

Wireless messages are now being exchanged between the government stations at Shotbolt's hill in this city, where E. J. Haughton is in charge, and Point Grey. It was agreed that the letter "V" should be sent over at 10 a.m. At first the sound came very faintly, but when the instrument had been turned up it sounded strong and clear.

The distance between the two stations is seventy-three miles, and it was feared that the high islands between would interfere with the transmission of the ether waves, but these troubles are far less than was anticipated. When the first message was sent, a reply was immediately sent by wireless to Victoria, and the followings were also sent by wire to Colonel Gourdeau, Deputy Minister of Marine and Fisheries at Ottawa. After this, messages totalling two thousand words were exchanged between the two stations. The speed at which messages were sent exceeded thirty words a minute, which would be considered good work even by wire.

The Point Grey and other Government stations have been equipped with a Shoemaker system of signaling, which will make it possible to communicate with vessels, no matter what system they may use.

It is the intention of the Dominion government to establish a line of wireless stations between this point and Prince Rupert, next year intervening stations to be built at Cape Lazo, Estevan Point and Pachena.

Since the local station has been established, messages have been exchanged at considerable distance, signals being exchanged with Mare Island, off San Francisco and with the battleship Nebraska, which was cruising off the straits. The Nebraska passed into the straits on Thursday night in the face of a gale, with velocity of 60 miles an hour. The ship is to be put at full speed for forty-eight hours, plowing through the heavy swells and firing all the guns of her various batteries. The guns will be discharged first one at a time and finally all at one time. Tests will afterwards be made to ascertain the effect on the hull of the ship.

C. P. R. ARE SURVEYING ROUTE TO CUMBERLAND

Men Are Now Engaged in Locating Line to Campbell's River, Via Alberni

Cumberland, B. C., Nov. 29.—Reports received here show that the C. P. R. surveyors are busily engaged in the district, and have reached the Burns' ranch. From information received it appears they are rechecking the land grant survey taken over from the E. & N. and also taking the elevations, obviously with the view of locating the best route for the railway extension to Campbell river. It appears they are following the stone ridge from Cumberland to Courtenay and crossed the river at the Rees ranch, or to give a more definite idea, following in the tracks which the big fire made several years ago.

Last year the survey party under Mr. Brobeck surveyed from No. 4, sound lake towards Alberni, and the present survey would appear to be a continuation towards Campbell river. This may mean that the route of the railway, when built will come through from Alberni in preference to the following along the east coast from Englishman's river.

BRANCH LINE MAKING EXCELLENT PROGRESS

Grading Between Kitsilas Canyon and Kitimat Being Rushed

J. W. Stewart, of Foley Brothers & Larsen, the Winnipeg contracting firm, is in the city on business with the company's contracts in this province.

The company has the contract for the branch line of the Grand Trunk Pacific between Kitsilas canyon and Kitimat and Mr. Stewart reports that good progress is being made upon the work. About 150 men have been employed in grading since last August, and the number will probably be increased next spring. Mr. Stewart reports that conditions in the district are most favorable and that during the season just past a great many settlers went in and took up land. The trouble with the shipping on the Skeena rendered it somewhat hard to get in provisions, but the contractors have not suffered as they took time by the forelock and got in their supplies at the beginning of the season.

The government trail, which is in course of construction between the same two points, is making good headway and will prove of much service to settlers as it will obviate the long detour by the river and Hazleton to get into the Bulkeley valley.

TIMBER OWNERS WANT LICENSES EXTENDED

B. C. Timber and Forestry Chamber of Commerce Being Organized

W. Ellis, of Vancouver, a member of the committee of the British Columbia Timber and Forestry Chamber of Commerce, is in Victoria, with the object of organizing a branch of the association in this city. Its objects, according to Mr. Ellis, are to organize all persons interested in the lumber and logging industries, whether as operators or as owners of standing timber, with a view to the promotion of their common interests, and more particularly to secure amendments at the next session of the provincial legislature to the law governing timber licenses. Speaking of his mission yesterday, Mr. Ellis said:

"We have organized the parent branch in Vancouver, and intend establishing others in all parts of the province where there are people interested in the lumber industry. One of our chief objects is to get a better title to the timber than the timber licenses now issued confer. At present they are issued for twenty-one years, and there is no assurance that at the end of that time the licenses will not lost all rights over all timber remaining uncut.

"Twenty-one years seems a long time in which to cut off a bunch of timber, but it is not so long when the amount of timber that has been taken up under licenses is considered. Some 10,000 licenses have been taken out within the past year, and to estimate the average timber on those holdings at 10,000 feet to the acre is very conservative. In fact, practical men would not bother to take up timber lands that would not make a better showing than that to the acre, but as it is known that a good deal of poor timber has been taken up, I take that figure, knowing at any rate that it is not over the mark.

"Accepting that estimate, you have sixty-four billion feet of timber taken up during the year, without counting any crown grant timber that held under leasehold. Now our present output is from five to six hundred million feet per annum, and putting it at the higher figure, it will take over a hundred years to cut the timber taken up under licenses without counting the timber held under crown grant or leasehold. Of course the timber cannot be cut in the twenty-one years specified, so what will be the result? Either the timber will be cut wholesale and thrown upon the market at any price, thus completely demoralizing the industry, or else owners will go through their holdings only cutting the pick of the timber. This will mean a great loss of revenue to the province in stumpage, as when the eyes of the property, so to speak, have thus been picked out, what is left will not be worth while logging by itself, so a great deal of timber that would otherwise be utilized and stumpage paid thereon, will remain uncut, and so be wasted.

"What we want is a provision that a holder of a license should have an option for another twenty-one years' license. Thus, if he cannot cut within the limited time, there will be no incentive to slaughter the property for the sake of what few dollars he can get.

"In order to prevent wealthy men of large means holding large tracts indefinitely for speculative purposes, we would suggest that owners of a tract of timber of a certain size be compelled to have a mill in operation on his limits, in order to qualify for a renewal of his license, or else that a larger rental be charged him. No exact proposition has yet been formulated, but the idea of those behind this movement is to get all those interested together and find out what is the consensus of opinion as to what is best to be done, and then present the result to the government in the form of a petition.

"The president of the Chamber of Commerce is E. P. Bremner, and the secretary Dr. Judson Clarke. The latter gentleman was the head of the Forestry Convention of Ontario, and also of the United States. A meeting will be held in Victoria some time next week in the interests of the movement, but the date has not yet been fixed."

FOR INLAND NAVIGATION

C. C. Pilkey Will Operate Steamer on Wood and Long Lakes Next Year

Vancouver, B. C., Nov. 28.—For the purpose of making final arrangements for the construction of a first-class steamer to ply the waters of Wood and Long lakes in the Okanagan country, C. C. Pilkey is in Vancouver for a few days. Pilkey is well known as the purchaser of the old boilers of the famous steamer Beaver, which he has endeavored to sell to the city as a relic. For several months he has been a resident of Vernon, and has become interested in the future of that section of the province to such an extent that he has decided to make it his future home.

In discussing conditions in the Okanagan country, in general, Mr. Pilkey is most enthusiastic. He says that in the vicinity of both Long and Wood lakes the soil is very fertile, and that many people have settled there during the past few months. These people are without other transportation facilities than an ancient stage coach, and it is to supply their needs in this direction that he will build the steamer.

The new vessel is to be 55 feet in length, with a beam of 11 feet. It will carry 50 passengers besides considerable freight. The keel of the vessel will be laid in about three weeks, and will be ready for its trial trip about the 1st of March.

The government is now constructing a canal 200 yards in length between Wood and Long lakes, which will be completed early in the spring, connecting the two by navigable water for the first time in history. A steamer has never plied the waters of Wood lake, and when the new vessel makes the journey to the head of that body of water the people have promised a rousing reception for Mr. Pilkey and his craft.

New Westminster, Nov. 29.—A meeting of the agents of the tariff insurance companies in the city was held last night when a New Westminster committee was formed in connection with the Mainland Board of Underwriters, and Arthur Malins was elected chairman.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Branch of Roman Catholic Order to Be Established in New Westminster

New Westminster, Nov. 29.—The Knights of Columbus, an order connected with the Roman Catholic church, will institute a branch of the order in this city on Sunday with due pomp and ceremony.

Preparations for the occasion have been in progress for several weeks, and it is expected that there will be fully three hundred members of the order from neighboring cities here to participate in the ceremonies. They are expected from Vancouver, Bellingham, Seattle and other points, and will begin to arrive on Saturday.

The proceedings in connection with the institution of the local lodge will last all day Sunday, the visitors and prospective members all attending divine services in St. Peter's cathedral at 9:30 o'clock in the morning and afterward proceeding to St. Patrick's Hall, where the lodge sessions will commence and will last throughout the day and will be followed by a grand banquet to be held during the evening.

NANAIMO CELEBRATES "PRINCESS ROYAL" DAY

Residents of Coal Town Observe Anniversary of Landing of British Vessel There

Nanaimo, Nov. 29.—The 53rd anniversary of the landing here of the first party of immigrants on the Princess Royal from England, was celebrated Wednesday night by Nanaimo Post of Native Sons, with a social time in the old historic bastion.

Owing, no doubt, to the inclement state of the weather, there was only a small attendance, especially of pioneers. Mr. S. Gough was the only one present out of the few survivors now in the city who arrived in Nanaimo in the year 1854.

After refreshments had been served, Mr. Gough made an interesting speech, relating incidents that occurred on the voyage out from the old land, which took six months to accomplish. He also spoke of the condition of affairs when the party landed and mentioned incidents of the time when the site now occupied by the city hall was nothing but bush.

An interesting part of the programme last night was a song in the Nanaimo Indian language, by Ben Richardson, of South Wellington. The song made a hit, even though none present could translate it in English.

A speech by W. F. Norris, a recitation by Geo. F. Wilson and solos by Jerry McGill also formed part of the evening's entertainment.

Chinamen Want Damages.

New Westminster, Nov. 29.—Lee Kwong and Lee Soon, Chinese cannery foremen, are instituting a suit against Delta municipality for $5,000 alleged damages for malicious arrest. The foremen were arrested last summer for refusing to pay poll-tax for men working under them for whom they claimed they were not responsible, and were liberated after paying under protest the amount demanded.

TO DIVIDE DISTRICT OF COMOX-ATLIN

Plan on Foot to Create an Eighth Federal Seat in the Province

Vancouver, Nov. 29.—At the next general Dominion election there will be eight federal constituencies in the province of British Columbia, if present plans for the creation of an additional electoral district are carried to fruition at the session of the house of commons which opened yesterday.

The district of Comox-Atlin—politically and materially unwieldly because of the vest expanse of territory which it covers and the widely different economic and industrial conditions which prevail throughout its area—is the selected victim of the proposed surgical operation. This district is represented by William Sloan, whose home is in Nanaimo, and who, if he desires to get into touch with the views and requirements of his constituents in Atlin, is forced to travel a thousand miles by steamer and rail.

It is proposed that Comox-Atlin shall be divided into two electoral districts by legislation to be passed at the present session of parliament. The movement in this direction was commenced in the northern portions of the constituency, where it is felt that the people should be in closer touch with their member. Mr. Sloan is not accused of neglect, but it is realized by the north that he simply cannot adequately represent such a large territory, the interests of which are of a very conflicting nature.

Incidentally the Liberals of the province look upon the partition idea as being one which will possibly afford them the opportunity of securing a seat for another disciple of the party principles.

THE NEW WARDEN

J. C. Brown Likely to Be Placed in Charge of Penitentiary Some Day Next Week

New Westminster, Nov. 29.—The formal installation of J. C. Brown as warden of the British Columbia penitentiary is expected to take place next week, and it is probable that W. J. Carroll, who has been a member of the staff of the institution for many years past, will also be sworn in on that occasion as deputy warden, to succeed D. D. Bourke, superannuated.

The ceremony will be private, and will be conducted by Inspector Dawson of Ottawa, who has been in charge of the institution for the past several weeks. Mr. Brown will take the oath of office in the presence of the assembled staff, in the main office, and after the ceremony is over he will be introduced to each member and will commence his duties immediately.

Inspector Dawson has not yet received the official notification of Mr. Brown's appointment, as it has to come by mail, but he expects it early next week, and Mr. Brown will be sworn in just as soon after as possible, and Mr. Dawson will leave shortly for Ottawa.

ANNUAL MEETING OF B. C. ELECTRIC RAILWAY

Reports Show Past Year Has Been a Most Successful One

London papers to hand contain the following account of the annual meeting of the British Columbia Electric railway held in that city:

"The eleventh annual general meeting of this company was held on Thursday at Liverpool Street, E. C.—Mr. R. M. Horne-Payne presiding.

"In moving the adoption of the report the chairman said: Last year, gentlemen, I think we may congratulate ourselves particularly on two points—that we are able to recommend to you an increase in the dividend which places the deferred ordinary stock on an 8 per cent and the preferred ordinary on a 6 per cent basis.

"From time to time during the few years one has heard complaints against the Montreal Electric for paying 10 per cent on their share capital at the expense of the public, and similarly against the Ottawa, Toronto, Winnipeg, and all other successful companies, and now no doubt the same complaint will be raised against us. These people who raise this outcry always fail to mention that it is on a very small portion of the capital that the higher dividend is paid. In our case it is only less than four-fifteenths of the total money raised and expended in the enterprise, the bulk of the money still returning only a fraction more than 4½ per cent.

"It must be apparent, I think, to the most ordinary intelligence that an enterprise can be run by a board of directors, who are enabled to carry out a continuous policy from year to year and from decade to decade more economically and far more advantageously to the public they serve than by a body of men, however able, who are constantly changing from year to year. The former are able, for instance, to plan out their extensions, always provided they are not handicapped by short franchises, for years ahead in such a way as to best meet the requirements of a growing city, and to assist and nurse its industries and its best interests.

"On the other hand, we have again and again witnessed instances of successive councils inclining to rival scientific systems, which has involved the tearing out and destruction by the one year's council of costly installations put in by its predecessor. Another point at which the municipal officials are at a great disadvantage is that of finance. The cities of Vancouver and Victoria and New Westminster have for the past ten years been represented by a succession of exceptionally able mayors. Even if we have not agreed with them all, we have admired them all for their unquestionable honesty of purpose, but be a man as able as you please, it will be not brought up to finance in one of the great money centres of the world, I can conceive no more pitiable plight than to be suddenly called upon to raise several hundred thousand pounds yearly, and to raise it promptly, to meet the needs of ever-growing cities like those we serve, and to raise it in addition to the ordinary municipal requirements. Such a man must necessarily be a catspaw at the mercy of the financiers of London and New York, and when we consider that several of the greatest cities in the United States and Great Britain have during the past few years completely failed to raise money at 4½ per cent to 5 per cent, it is obvious that smaller cities will in the future have to pay a return of a good deal more than our 5.564 per cent for large sums of money. I for one believe the days of cheap money for municipalities are gone once and for all, and I think that in the near future the embarrassments of municipalities will prove a serious menace to finance, and that large sums of money will be lost in municipal securities during the next ten years.

"Reverting to my remark as to the large amount of cash which this company has on deposit, I should like to point out that, whilst money has been scarce in Canada, as in other places, no serious crisis has arisen, and the troubles of her great neighbor have been reflected only by the temporary difficulties of a few men in Montreal and Toronto, who have been caught speculating in New York."

Dominion Bank Changes

Toronto, Nov. 29.—A meeting of the board of directors of the Dominion bank was held at the head office this morning to further the partial reorganization of the bank's staff. Among the changes is the appointment of L. W. Hamber, manager of the Calgary branch to the managership of the Vancouver branch, to be opened in a few days.

Young Conservatives.

New Westminster, Nov. 29.—The newly-formed Young Conservative association of this city held a most successful inauguration meeting last night in St. George's hall, which was largely attended. An amusing and entertaining programme was arranged for the occasion, and the various numbers were announced by President Hansford, who acted as chairman. Others who occupied seats on the platform were T. Gifford, M. L. A., J. D. Taylor, F. G. T. Lucas and W. G. Breeze, all of whom delivered short speeches. Several musical numbers were also given.

Vancouver's Incinerator.

Vancouver, Nov. 29.—Ald. McDonald, chairman of the civic board of works, yesterday visited the new incinerator plant. He is of the opinion that the clinkers from the furnace will make excellent material for road building and if the scavenging department comes under the control of the board of works next year experiments along this line will probably be made next year. The incinerator is still doing excellent work, its record yesterday being the disposition of over fifty tons without the use of any fuel whatever. City Engineer Thomson, of Seattle, is expected over shortly to inspect the plant.

Told a Fairy Tale.

Niagara Falls, Nov. 29.—Another holdup story has been proved a fake. James Roberts the other day told how an attempt had been made by three men to hold him up near Stevensville, and that he had wounded one of the robbers. The robbers existed only in Roberts' imagination. He had been walking with a cocked revolver, and stumbling, the revolver went off, inflicting a wound in his left arm. Roberts had described himself as a nephew of Lord Roberts, and a member of a wealthy family. He has confessed to a detective that his stories both as to his highwaymen and his ancestry are false.