

BENEVOLENT BUT CLOSE CORPORATIONS.

It is perhaps not necessary to point out that legislatures ought to proceed very carefully in the now somewhat popular course of according close corporations special privileges over ordinary members of the community. The Medical Association of British Columbia has been accorded almost deplorable powers—powers which it possibly does not put to arbitrary uses, but which might be arbitrarily applied if the society were dominated by men of strong will and unscrupulous character. Such have been known to make their autocratic views felt even in the normally gentle and benevolent learned profession of medicine. Then there is the Law Society of British Columbia. Of course there can be no questioning the fact that the Medical Association and the Law Society of British Columbia were brought into being primarily for the protection of the public against quacks and pettifoggers—practitioners who would naturally be inclined to prey upon an ignorant and trusting community. The privileges accorded members of such corporations are of course merely incidental to the necessity of protecting the weak and the gullible. What we fear is that the community in general is not thoroughly cognizant of the interest the societies in question take in its well-being. For this we submit, however, that the organizations are themselves to blame. It is scarcely necessary to say that the members of these learned professions, for example, are so high in their personal standing and character that they never commit any of the offences to which ordinary mortals are prone. The powers of discipline and correction are for the most part, as we understand the matter, in the hands of the associations. And yet if a lawyer goes wrong, if he abuses the powers he possesses in relations with his clients, whoever hears of his being disciplined or punished? It is different in some portions of the British Empire. In scanning London newspapers of a recent date our attention was attracted by a report of proceedings in one of the courts of the Empire as follows: "At the Guildford assizes Joseph John Watts, solicitor, and until recently clerk to the justices of the Chertsey Division, was sentenced to fifteen months' imprisonment in the second division for having converted to his own use £207 paid to him by Mr. Underwood, builder, of Weybridge, for the purpose of completing a purchase of property. In the box Watts admitted that he had been guilty of professional misconduct, but denied any intention to defraud. His intention was to replace the money from sums he expected to receive. The jury found Watts guilty, but recommended him to mercy on account of his previous good character. Mr. Justice Bucknill, in passing sentence, alluded to the fact that Watts was personally known to him, which had made his duty very painful, but he had to do his duty as if he had never known him. Such offences must be punished severely, not only on account of the actual offence but to deter others from doing a like thing. But for the recommendation of the jury the sentence would have been an extremely severe one, but they all appreciated the high character Watts had always held amongst his fellows and amongst his professional brethren."

British lawyers, it appears, therefore, do occasionally fall, and when they offend they are brought before the ordinary courts like ordinary individuals and punished. The legislature of British Columbia has recently created another close corporation of altruistic proclivities, for the protection of man and beast—man against veterinary impostors and beasts against quacks. A veterinary association must be necessary to British Columbia, we presume, or it would not have been approved almost unanimously by members of the House. But it is noticeable that in this matter the McGill university is the only institution in Canada conducting a veterinary college the standing of whose graduates will be recognized by the British Columbia Veterinary Association. McGill appears to have strong hypnotic powers.

LABOR DISPUTES AND PUBLIC RIGHTS.

If the coal miners of Alberta are determined to strike for higher wages, it were well that they should act at this season of the year when their controversy with the operators will not be likely to cause distress and suffering to the general public. Whether the workmen or the proprietors shall be considered as responsible for the pending conflict is not for anyone at long distance to determine. But it appears that under the legislation passed at the present session of Parliament at the instance of the Labor Department it will be illegal for the miners to proceed to the extremity of striking until an investigation into the dispute has been held and all the facts in relation to the matter have been laid before the public. That is intended as a deterrent of strikes, the assumption being that publicity will bring all parties under the limelight of public opinion, to which neither employer nor employee can afford to be utterly indifferent. In the final analysis public sentiment is the force that determines the justice of the demands of labor and the success or non-success of strikes. What would be

likely to happen in case the unions should decide to ignore the law is another matter that can only be determined by actual experience. The point Parliament raises on behalf of the public is that there are certain industries that must be carried on in order to avert paralysis to the general business of the country and intense suffering to the people of the country. Lack of fuel during the severe winters that prevail east of the mountains is an economic condition that cannot again be permitted if there is any power capable of preventing it. As the population of the prairies is increasing at a very rapid rate, it is obvious that with every year that passes the force of public opinion on the subject is going to gain in strength. The continuous operation of railways is as necessary to the well-being and comfort of the community as the uninterrupted operation of coal mines. Consequently it will be easily comprehended that Parliament is justified in endeavoring to find a solution of the problem and it is incomprehensible why the opposition in that body, in the face of the demands that had gone forth from all sections of the country, sought to make political capital out of the legislation brought down by the Minister of Labor. In the light of the dear-bought experience of the past winter it became apparent that if there ever was a case in which the right of individuals to strike should be limited by the absolute necessities of the general community, such a case was to be found in the northwestern sections of Canada.

PARLIAMENTARY CENSORSHIP.

We are informed that Parliament will have a sensational time in dealing with the "wine, women and graft" statements of G. W. Fowler, M. P. Mr. Fowler has not indicated with any degree of definiteness the ministers or members of Parliament against whom his alleged charges were directed during the recent brain storm which rent the gray matter in his cranium. His charges took the form of a threat that in case the alleged questionable transactions in which he became involved as a member of Parliament, and which were exposed by the proceedings and report of the Insurance Commission, became the subject of a debate in Parliament, he would reveal some things that would be far from creditable to the moral status of unmentioned individuals. Henri Bourassa, M. P. for Labelle, it appears, is intensely concerned lest the good name of the honorable body of which he is a conspicuous member should be compromised by the misdoings of any of his fellow-members. He is not going to be content until Mr. Fowler shall say something definite before the House that can be investigated or has withdrawn his sensational statement. It is not at all probable that Mr. Fowler can formulate any definite charges. There are doubtless plenty of rumors in circulation in Ottawa affecting the good names of members. There is always plenty of such little-tattle in circulation in places where men and women are assembled together. The busy-body has been known to whisper his poisonous innuendoes into open cars on the streets of Victoria. Members of governments, members of legislatures, private individuals, and laymen, have all suffered from the reproaches of active and scandal-mongers who invent this community. It is evident, therefore, that there is no power on earth that can place a curb on the tongues of the class who find the aspersions of the private characters of their fellow-men a pleasant and intensely interesting pastime. Doubtless Mr. Fowler, in a moment of exasperation, forgot the responsibility with which he is invested as a public man and abused the privileges of Parliament by publicly giving currency to the contemptible little-tattle of the Ottawa clique. But he made no charges that could, as Sir Wilfrid Laurier pointed out, become the subject of investigation. Doubtless it is possible to conceive of cases in which the morality of its members could properly engage the attention of Parliament. But no such case has ever yet arisen in Canada, nor can we conceive of the possibility of such a contingency. Members of Parliament are no worse morally, and probably very little better, than ordinary members of the community. If the conduct of a minister becomes a matter of public scandal, the duty of dealing with the offender will devolve upon the Prime Minister, and the public can depend upon it that there is a premier at the head of the present government who will not hesitate to do his duty. If a private member offends, his constituency is the court of ultimate jurisdiction, and there is no courts in Canada to-day, but will pronounce judgment when the occasion arises. The name of the Minister of Railways has been mentioned by some of the newspapers of Canada in connection with the allegations of Mr. Fowler, Mr. H. D. Helmcken, illustrated papers and magazines; Mrs. Harris and guests of Clarence hotel, two large photos of home and inmates; Mr. T. Shortbit, the quack and newspaper man; Mr. A. Roberts, clothing; Mr. J. Morrison, reading matter; Mr. W. Shakespeare, the quack; Hibben & Co., magicians; Colonel and Times tally, Mining Exchange, Farmers' Advocate, and Western Clarion.

LOCAL NEWS

—Geo. W. Dean has severed his connection with the real estate firm of Parsons, Love & Co., and intends opening an office with Alberta connections at an early date.

LEARN VETERINARY DENTISTRY

—Advice was received Tuesday to the effect that Miss Graham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone, who had graduated with honors from the McNeill hospital, San Francisco, on March 31st.

VETERINARY COURSE AT HOME

—James Watson Meldrum, aged 42 years, died Wednesday at St. Joseph's hospital from erysipelas. The deceased was well known in this city as marine engineer, and as a member of the Odd Fellows and Foresters. He is survived by a widow, four children, a sister and two brothers. The funeral will take place on Friday at 2 o'clock from the residence on Douglas street.

FARMERS' SONS WANTED

—The manager of the Home for Aged and Infirm acknowledges, with thanks, the following donations for the month of March: Mrs. L. J. Quagliotti, San Francisco newspapers; Mrs. H. K. Prior, Seattle newspapers; Mrs. B. W. Pearse, Illustrated London News; Mrs. H. D. Helmcken, illustrated papers and magazines; Mrs. Harris and guests of Clarence hotel, two large photos of home and inmates; Mr. T. Shortbit, the quack and newspaper man; Mr. A. Roberts, clothing; Mr. J. Morrison, reading matter; Mr. W. Shakespeare, the quack; Hibben & Co., magicians; Colonel and Times tally, Mining Exchange, Farmers' Advocate, and Western Clarion.

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—The quietest business meeting of the Emmanuel Bays Club will be held in the club-room, Fernwood road, on Friday, April 5th, commencing at 7.30 p.m. Very important business will be dealt with, and all the members are requested to attend.

WEEKLY WEATHER SYNOPSIS.

Victoria Meteorological Office, 27th March to 2nd April, 1907. The weather during this week was for the most part unsettled, with showers, and moderately cold. Though strong gales have occurred, fresh to strong southerly and westerly winds have prevailed upon the Coast and the straits on several days. These conditions were caused by the eastward passage of a number of low barometrical areas across Northern British Columbia to the prairie provinces, while to the southward the barometer was comparatively high. The first portion of the week a cold wave extended southward to Port Simpson, where a light snowfall occurred, and towards the close of the week five inches of snow fell in Cariboo, and lighter amounts throughout Alberta. The lowest daily temperature at Dawson ranged from 12 below zero to 24 below zero, and at Atlin, on the first three days, from zero to 24 below. The weather in the prairie provinces was moderately cold and the lowest temperature recorded was 18 below at Battleford on the 30th. Victoria—Total amount of bright sunshine recorded was 27 hours and 24 minutes; rain, .28 inch; highest temperature, 63.9 on 21st; lowest, 24 on 27th. Vancouver—Rain, 2 inch; highest temperature, 50 on 31st; lowest, 24 on 27th. New Westminster—Rain, 2.6 inches; highest temperature, 50 on 31st; lowest, 26 on 27th. Kamloops—Snow, 1.20 inch; highest temperature, 60 on 31st; lowest, 20 on 27th. Barkerville—Snow, 5.0 inches; highest temperature, 58 on 30th; lowest, 4 on 29th. Port Simpson—Snow, 1.60 inch; rain, .54 inch; highest temperature, 62 on 31st and 2nd; lowest, 24 on 27th. Atlin—Snow, .50 inch; highest temperature, 30 on 2nd; lowest, 24 on 27th. Dawson—Snow, .60 inch; highest temperature, 5 on 29th and 1st.

LOCAL NEWS

—The death occurred Monday at Nanaimo of Thomas Cowan, postmaster at Ladysmith, and one of the best known men on the island. Death was caused by pneumonia. He was 65 years of age, and had been in poor health there in the early days. Six years ago he moved to Ladysmith, where he has since been postmaster.

LOCAL NEWS

—John C. Smith, of Comox, according to advices received in this city, has just returned from a successful and very profitable tour of the government. After a week's shoot in the vicinity of the Campbell's river, near Comox, where panthers are said to be unusually badly damaged, he returns with the pelts of no less than nine panthers, which are in splendid condition and of considerable value. Besides the skins Mr. Smith will obtain the government bounty to the extent of \$7 a skin, making a total of \$63 for the nine pelts.

LOCAL NEWS

—Mr. Masters, manager of the G. N. W. Telegraph Co., claims the increase in telegraph rates, mentioned in the Chicago dispatch of several days ago, affects Victoria only to the extent of 10 cents on night rate messages to Eastern Washington and Oregon. The increase in day rates is confined to the East, and are the same with both companies.

LOCAL NEWS

—Suffering with a broken jaw and badly bruised shoulder, Thomas Allen, of Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone, was brought to the hospital by the ambulance. George Russell and his two daughters, whose home on Pandora street, and was in the act of resuming his seat on the box when some unaccountable man slipped and fell, striking his head on the edge of the pavement. Frightened by the occurrence the team washed down the street, and was later arrested at Beacon Hill. The injured man was rendered unconscious, and Eastern Hospital, where an examination he was found to be seriously injured.

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HARRY K. THAW

DECLARED SANE

TRIAL FOR MURDER

WILL BE RESUMED

Lawyers Will Not Call Any More Witnesses But Will Address the Jury.

New York, April 4.—Harry K. Thaw was declared sane by Judge Fitzgerald. Early Report.

New York, April 4.—With to-day's session the Thaw case enters upon its final stage. The commission in lunacy appointed by Justice Fitzgerald to inquire into the present mental condition of the young man who shot Stanford White, has completed its work and will report this morning to the court. So convinced are Thaw's lawyers that the trial will be resumed that Mr. Delmas, the senior counsel, put in a hard day's work yesterday in his office upon his address to the jury. When the commission first met it was stipulated among counsel that should it declare Thaw sane, no more witnesses would be called and Mr. Delmas would sum up.

FIRE IN RUINS OF HOTEL WASHINGTON

Flames Practically Completed the Wrecking of the Well-Known Seattle Hostelry.

Seattle, April 4.—Fire last night practically completed the wrecking of the Hotel Washington.

It was a spectacular blaze, being visible from every part of the city. The fire started from rubbish near the building and gradually ate its way to the building, and before the fire department arrived a strong wind blowing from the south fanned the blaze into a roaring furnace and was beyond control. Four small fires were started by flying burning shingles, but were put out before much damage had been done. The loss is estimated at \$100,000. One thousand pounds of black powder and dynamite was safely removed from the building half an hour after the blaze started.

SALVATION ARMY EMIGRANTS SAIL

Fourteen Hundred Left the Old Country on Dominion Liner Southward for Canada.

(Special to the Times). Toronto, April 4.—A cable from London says: One thousand four hundred Salvation Army emigrants sailed today for Canada on the Dominion liner Southward, 900 men, 200 women and 300 children. A vicar and German doctor, saved by the anti-suffrage bureau, also passengers. Statistics of Irish emigrants to Canada for 1906 show an increase of 1,044, as compared with 1905, when there were 2,360 emigrants.

WILL DEVELOP ISLAND MINES

IRON PROPERTIES BONDED BY AMERICANS

Tram Line Will Be Built and Work Carried Out on a Large Scale.

Winnipeg, April 4.—A. W. Reid and W. T. Brown, connected with a large Chicago syndicate interested in a group of iron mines on the west coast of Vancouver Island, arrived in the city last night from visiting the property in which they have acquired an interest. The mines have been bonded by an American firm and will be developed immediately, probably on a large scale, so as to allow of its being practically quarried. A tram line will be put in about three quarters of a mile in length to connect the property with deep water, and when this is done shipments will be possible to smelter on the coast of Vancouver Island.

MARINE AND FISHERIES.

Department Will Be Administered by Mr. Templeman During Absence of Mr. Brodeur.

Ottawa, April 4.—During the absence of Hon. L. F. Brodeur, the department of marine and fisheries will be administered by Hon. W. Templeman. This work will require Mr. Templeman's presence in Ottawa for a considerable time after the session.

DEPART FOR LONDON.

Ottawa, April 4.—There was a large crowd at the railway station this afternoon to see Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his ministers leave for London. The crowd cheered and sang patriotic songs until the train left.

CONDITION STILL SERIOUS.

Chabot, Ont., April 4.—Dr. Drummond's condition is serious to-day.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the Matter of the Estate of James Miller, Late of Galiano Island and Sitka, in the Province of British Columbia, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that all persons having any claims or demands against the late James Miller, who died on or about the 26th day of November, 1906, at Galiano Island in the Province of British Columbia, are required to send by prepaid, or to deliver to the undersigned, notice of the claim or demand, and to state the nature and particulars in writing of their claims, and statements of their accounts and the nature of the securities, if any, held by them.

And take notice that after the 1st day of April, 1907, the said Margaret Ann Miller will prothonotary distribute the assets of the said deceased among the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which she has notice, and she has had notice, and that the said Margaret Ann Miller will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof to any persons of whose claims she shall not have received notice.

Dated at Victoria, B. C., the 29th day of February, 1907.

WOOTTON & GOWARD, Bank of Montreal, Solicitors for the said Margaret A. C. Miller.

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