

TRANSACTION IN
ISLAND MINESBELIEVED THAT DUNSMUIR
INTERESTS HAVE PASSEDCanadian Collieries, Ltd., Have
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sessed by Pioneer Family

(From Monday's Daily.)

That the long-rumored deal for the transfer of the mining properties possessed by the Dunsmuir interests on this island to a syndicate of Toronto capitalists representing the Canadian Northern has matured is the popular belief to-day, though it is impossible to get official confirmation.

J. A. Lindsay, private secretary to Hon. James Dunsmuir, was seen by the Times this morning regarding the matter, while refusing to confirm the report of the transfer, admitted that it was possibly correct.

"It is true," said Mr. Lindsay, "that an option has been taken on the properties for some time, but we have no information that the same has resulted in the purchase of the property. We are as much in the dark as the general public." It was assumed from Mr. Lindsay's tone that every circumstance leads to the belief that the transaction was imminent.

Secretary of the most extraordinary yet has been maintained throughout all the negotiations. Some two months ago a rumor was afloat to the effect that the Dunsmuir mines and other properties connected with the coal industry had been bought by the C. P. R. Past on the heels of this story came another that this bond had been allowed to lapse and that it was now possessed by the representatives of the Canadian Northern. Some credence was given this latter report in the most responsible quarters and later it was substantiated from official sources.

The later developments would seem to corroborate the earlier rumors, and that the immense holdings of the Dunsmuir have indeed passed into the hands of the Canadian Northern.

One of the extraordinary phases of the transaction is the circumstance that the president of the Dunsmuir company—Hon. James Dunsmuir—is a director of the C. P. R., and it has long been contended that that company would hardly be likely to have such interests pass into the hands of a rival corporation. Judging from the personnel of the incorporators of the company which is to absorb the Dunsmuir interests there can be no doubt that Canadian Northern interests are to be paramount. This company is registered as "Canadian Colliers (Dunsmuir) Limited, with a capital stock of twenty million dollars, divided into two hundred thousand shares of one hundred dollars each, and the chief business of the said company is at the city of Victoria."

With the passing of these large holdings from the family whose name is so interwoven with the history of the development and progress of this province, there is in effect a business transaction of the greatest moment to the people of Vancouver Island. The Dunsmuir company possesses rich coal lands at two points on the Island—Comox and Ladysmith, and these are only in partial course of development. There is a line of railway operated by the company between Union Bay and Cumberland, and there are also collieries operated to St. Francis. It is the popular belief that with the passing of these properties into the hands of new owners there will be developments of the most important character.

DOMINION CUSTOMS
REVENUE FOR APRILIncreased Over Twenty-Five Per
Cent. Compared With Same
Month Last Year

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, May 2.—Customs revenue for April totalled \$5,054,770, an increase of \$1,000,000 or over 25 per cent. compared with April last year. Imports continue to break all records.

REV. DR. MILLIGAN RESIGNS.

(Special to the Times.)

Toronto, May 2.—Rev. J. M. Milligan, D. D., who has been pastor of St. Andrew's church since 1876, yesterday announced his resignation owing to ill-health.

NEW U. S. JUDGE.

Washington, D. C., May 2.—The Senate judiciary committee to-day decided to recommend the confirmation of Governor Hughes, of New York, to be justice of the Supreme court. A protest of the American anti-trust league did not deter the committee in its action.

One member of the committee said to-day: "The members of the committee know Governor Hughes' mind, character and record as well as any person in the country. There is no use in wasting time investigating a matter upon which we are already informed."

The Senate this afternoon confirmed the nomination of Governor Hughes as associate justice of the Supreme court.

MURDERER SURRENDERS.

Man Who Killed Sweetheart in Fit of Jealousy Gives Himself Up to Police.

San Francisco, Cal., May 2.—Driven from his retreat in the mountains of the Alameda county foothills, where he has been hiding for the past ninety days, George Deason, a longshoreman, who shot and killed Miss Eleanor Pieber, his sweetheart, on the night of January 25th in a fit of jealousy, came back into the city yesterday to surrender himself to Detective James Reagan, an acquaintance, and was captured by the police before he could voluntarily give himself up. Deason tells a story of terrible hardship endured while concealing himself from the officers.

THREE STATES
SWEEP BY STORMThousands of Dollars Damage is
Wrought in Missouri, Kansas
and Southern Illinois

(Times Leased Wire.)

St. Louis, Mo., May 2.—One of the severest storms of years swept Missouri, Kansas and Southern Illinois to-day, and as a result several persons are injured and thousands of dollars damage has been done.

The storm started last night and continued to-day. A heavy wind, which in some cases reached the proportions of a tornado, was followed by a heavy rain that fell in torrents and flooded creeks and rivers.

At Emporia, Kas., the wind was so heavy that trees were torn up by the roots and buildings were wrecked. Windows were broken, signs torn down, the roofs lifted off buildings, and telegraph and telephone wires prostrated.

Throughout Missouri heavy damage is reported. Crops already injured by the storm of a week ago when snow and freezing weather held sway in the state, were further damaged by the heavy rain, which in some places washed out the newly-planted crops.

In the larger cities the wind wrecked signs and caused considerable damage. In southern Illinois the damage to crops is reported as severe.

BUDGET RECEIVES
ROYAL ASSENT

London, April 29.—The budget received the royal assent to-day and becomes a law on the anniversary of its introduction.

Both Houses of parliament adjourned to-day until May 26th.

TWO DROWNED.

San Francisco, Cal., May 2.—Losing their strength after a half-hour struggle to support themselves on the bottom of an overturned fishing smack which had capsized with them in the bay off Port Point, Mrs. Louise Schaadt, 22 years old, and John Gabb, aged 45, sank and were drowned.

Russell M. Schaadt, husband of the young woman, who was one of the party in the boat, made every effort to save his wife's life.

Thurs. was returning from a fishing expedition, by the boat turning turtle.

HOSPITAL SATURDAY.

Women's Auxiliary Fix May 21st as Date of That Event.

May 21st was fixed as the date for Hospital Saturday at the meeting of the Women's Auxiliary Society of the Jubilee Hospital yesterday. Volunteers to assist at the booths are asked to send their names to Mrs. C. W. Rhodes or Mrs. Hasell.

The annual meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 25th.

Capt. Clive Phillips-Wolley, wrote, conveying an offer from the publishers of his poems to issue a new edition and manage the whole business side of the sale, the hospital staff to profit by the net proceeds, as in the past. The offer was accepted, with thanks to Capt. Wolley.

Thank you expressed to the ladies who sent flowers to the hospital at Easter. Mrs. Henry Croft, Mrs. J. A. Turner, Mrs. Hainsworth, Miss Jean Paterson, Miss Milroy, Miss Fitzgibbon and Miss Mara.

POOR AFFAIR WAS
SATURDAY'S SOCCEROnly Six Players a Side Turned
Up to Represent Scotland
and England

Saturday's international soccer match between the English and Scotch of this city was a complete failure and a disgrace to the football game. It was expected that this match would prove to be a strenuous one, but it developed into a six-sided affair and the result was a victory for the Scottish players with the score of six goals to two.

After waiting for an hour after the schedule time for starting the game six players of each side turned up, and the few spectators who were present began to clamor for their entrance money back, the contestants decided to play the game in four quarters with ten minutes each way. The collectors at the gate had made their escape and there proved to be no way for those who had paid admission to get their 25 cents back. There was hardly any one left to witness the closing quarter between the two teams, as the play in the preceding period of the game was of poor description.

Those who represented Scotland were city Newlands, Miller, McKay, Gowans, Young and Denney, and England, Martin, Duffy, Pearson, Richmond, Partington and Sanders.

was the big importer of both grain and flour, yet large quantities were sent to such countries as Belgium, Holland, Germany, Italy, France and South Africa. The same wide field is shown in connection with the export of flour. In addition, Newfoundland was one of the largest importers of Canadian flour. The fact that Canadian grain and flour can compete successfully in the future of the grain and flour exporting business of this country. The flour milling companies have not only a large home market, but an ever-growing foreign demand for their products.

EX-PRESIDENT OF HAYTI DEAD.

Kingston, Jamaica, May 2.—Nord Alexis, former president of Hayti, is dead here to-day, following a brief illness. His health, however, had been completely broken down by the experience of the last year and a half, after he was deposed and sent into exile.

VICTORIA HAS A
STOCK EXCHANGEACTIVITY AROUSES
BROKERS TO ACTIONMeeting Held This Morning—Old
Organization Has Been Ac-
quired by W. E. Laird

(From Monday's Daily.)

A preliminary meeting was held this morning in Frank Stevenson's office, Mahon block, for the purpose of forming a Victoria stock exchange. Several local mining and brokerage men who are interested in mining stocks, and who believe the time is ripe for the formation of an exchange here, were present.

It was decided that a stock exchange should be formed, and that at once. The general sentiment expressed was that Victoria was ripe for a general market for the buying and selling of stocks and shares. The boom in Portland canal and Stewart shares, and the general mining activity in British Columbia portends that mining business will be more than usually active for the future in every city in the province.

There has been no regular stock exchange in Victoria since fourteen years ago, when fifteen local men formed an exchange which did business under a charter for about six weeks, when a motion to wind up its affairs was passed in regular meeting. The winding up, however, never took place. About six weeks ago a movement was made to revive the old exchange, but differences occurred between the parties. W. E. Laird, however, succeeded in securing all the stock of the company and holds the fifteen shares.

When these were transferred to him the transfer certificates were signed by the president and secretary of the old company in the regular way, but both president and secretary passed out of office by the action of transfer.

The articles of the old company called for the attendance of eleven of the fifteen members in person to constitute a regular meeting. The new owner of the stock by the transfer became president, secretary, vice-president and general pool bah, but was not elected himself to any of the offices without the attendance of at least eleven members. He could not transfer it to others without the signatures of a president and secretary, who do not exist, and was therefore at a deadlock with himself.

Legal advice on the unique situation of the old exchange is that the holder of the stock would have to dissolve the company by application to the courts and form a new one.

The officers of the exchange are: President, Samuel Martin; vice-president, William Pigott; treasurer, D. M. Rogers; secretary, C. P. Fegan; executive board, F. W. Stevenson, Philip Olden and A. von Alvensleben.

The membership is limited to twenty. The following members were enrolled this morning: Mitchell Martin & Company; R. B. Punnett, F. W. Stevenson & Company; Elliott & Bromley, Stewart Land Company, R. B. MacLellan, Olden & Matterson, Bevan Bros. & Company, Bevan Bros. & Gore, Wagborn, Wynn & Company, Canadian Western Chartered Bank, Ltd., J. F. Arbuckle, A. B. Howard, J. A. von Alvensleben, B. Brammer, Frewin & Harvey and J. H. Whitome.

The first call of the new exchange was held this morning, when Portland Canal was the first stock traded in sales being made for a block at 41 cents. Glaciers sold at 40 cents, Stewarts were bid at \$6.10 and offered at \$6.50. Pacific Whaling stock was offered at \$71 with \$65 bid.

The calls opened at 10.30 a. m. and the exchange, until permanent quarters are provided, will be at the offices of F. W. Stevenson & Company.

Rates of commission are the same as on the Vancouver exchange.

"CANADA: ITS OPPORTUNITIES."

Professor J. C. Monaghan, the Celebrated Lecturer, Will Speak on This Subject Thursday.

Professor J. C. Monaghan, who is travelling throughout the United States, lecturing under the auspices of the Knights of Columbus, will arrive in Victoria and lecture on Thursday night, May 5th, in the Institute hall.

His lecture in Victoria will be "Canada: Its Opportunities." Prof. Monaghan has made a great study of this subject, and his audience will be treated to a splendid discourse on this vast and important subject to Canadian students.

Professor Monaghan has been classed as a lecturer in the ranks with William Jennings Bryan, the lecturer and orator of the United States. In fact, Prof. Monaghan's lecture on "Opportunity," has been placed, by some newspaper men, as ahead of Bryan's famous speech, "The Value of an Ideal."

Many people have already heard Mr. Bryan but will have an opportunity for the first time of hearing Mr. Monaghan, and then they can choose for themselves the better speaker.

The city council will be invited to attend the lecture, and Mayor Morley will occupy the chair.

No admittance fee is being charged and as this is a splendid opportunity, they have great reason to believe that the hall will, no doubt, be filled to its capacity.

VANCOUVER BAKERS STRIKE.

Vancouver, B. C., May 2.—After a mass meeting on Saturday all the bakers in this city went out on strike to-day, and a bread famine is threatened, the master bakers saying that they have only supply enough to keep hotels going. The men are asking that the open shop be abolished.

TAKE DRASTIC ACTION.

New York, April 30.—Every alleged "bucket shop" in New York and New Jersey was put out of business to-day when agents of the department of justice cut the quotation wires. Frank Major, of Morrison & Major, 44 Broad street, was arrested and charged with conspiracy by furnishing stolen quotations to the bucket shops.

ASKS FOR IDEAS
OF CRICKET CLUBSWould Form Western Union and
Hold Provincial Matches
Every Summer

Winnipeg cricketers who have taken the initiative in the organization of a western cricket association, have addressed a circular letter to the secretaries of the Victoria and Vancouver Cricket Clubs, asking for their views on the proposed scheme.

From present indications it would appear as if the organization will assume larger proportions than was at first expected. It is likely that the first tournament, which it is suggested will be held in Winnipeg this summer will be provincial in character, as owing to the distance to be travelled a more representative team from each province could be got together.

A. A. Morrison, secretary-treasurer, Winnipeg Cricket Association, in the letter sent out, suggests that the formation of the association would place the western cricketers in a position to be listened to in claims for representation in all matters dealing with Canadian cricket, and that the merits of the east and west could be tested. He asks clubs to send replies to him by May 15th, so that it is evident the Winnipeg association hopes to get into working harness this season.

The association has also arranged with the C. P. R. for reduced rates to Winnipeg for cricket teams of more than ten men. The questions which the western clubs are asked to answer are as follows:

1. Is it desirable to form a W. C. C. A.?

2. Should the membership be confined to cities and towns or should it be provincial in its nature?

3. Should there be an annual tournament be instituted?

4. If so, where would the first one be held?

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COURT OF REVISION
PRUNES VOTERS' LIST

Nearly Two Hundred Names Are
Stricken Off Esquimalt Roll
of Electors

(From Monday's Daily.)

One hundred and ninety names were taken off the list of voters for the district of Esquimalt by Harvey Combe, registrar of votes, at this morning's sitting of the court of revision. The total number of names on the list was 1,040, of which 850 were retained. H. D. Helmcken, K. C., represented a number of those objected to.

The Victoria list is now undergoing revision, and it is expected that the sitting of the court will terminate tomorrow afternoon. W. E. Ditchburn, president of the Liberal Association, is representing the Liberal party and W. H. Price, Conservative organizer, is watching the revision for the Conservatives. Up to the time of going to press 150 objections were withdrawn and, out of 1,100 names on the list, objections have been lodged. It is probable that nearly 200 will be retained.

WHEN VICTORIA'S
MAYOR WAS IRISHA REMINISCENCE BY
JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Ex-Champion Recalls Events at
Ned Hanlon's Banquet Here
in 1883

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"The funniest fights I ever had," says John L. Sullivan recently to a New York friend, "were during my big tour in 1883. When we struck Victoria, B. C., the first man we met was the mayor. He wanted to know if the \$1,000 I hung up for anybody who could stay four rounds was a genuine \$1,000 note.

"There's only one real way of convincing you," I answered. "Here the money. Hold it yourself!" That pleased the mayor and gave us an official standing in the town. But the mayor got on my nerves, and I didn't like him a little bit. He was a sawed-off Irishman, so small I could have tucked him away in one of my pockets."

"A Frenchman accepted my challenge and he had a pretty fair reputation in town as a boxer. He was fairly crazy to win the thousand—and when he was about to enter the ring I discovered that his body and arms had been bathed in oil, so that my punches would slip off and he would not be injured."

"The Frenchman had a crowd of friends on hand who expected to see him stay the limit. During the day they had bought a lot of hard stuff with the idea that I wouldn't be in any kind of form when I faced their fighter. But I was there with the punch and knocked Frenchy down three times in the first round. The third knock-down kept him on the floor a half hour, dead to the world. When he came to be asked to see me and while we were talking I asked him how it felt to go to sleep so suddenly, he replied:

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PREDICTS RAPID ADVANCE.

Creston, April 30.—Dr. Watt, doctor for the Kootenay Indians, with headquarters at Fort Steele, arrived in Creston the other day on an official tour. Dr. Watt has been at Fort Steele for the past thirteen years, and it is 25 years since he first came to British Columbia. He has done more for the Kootenay district and the Fernie district than the general public has any idea. He is the man who first interested Jim Hill in British Columbia.

Dr. Watt thinks that Fort Steele and the whole valley surrounding it will prosper rapidly when the Kootenay Central railway builds through that section.

This veteran medical man says that the Indians of the Kootenay are in a prosperous condition. They manage to sustain themselves with very little assistance from the government; very little sickness is found among them, and as regards decreasing in numbers, such is not the case.

The Kootenay district, Dr. Watt predicts, will make rapid strides during the next few years.

MOVEMENTS OF LINERS.

Liverpool, April 30.—Sailed, steamer Virginian for Quebec and Montreal, with over 1,600 passengers.

Montreal, April 30.—Allen liner Tuleon, from St. John and Halifax, for Liverpool, was 131 miles west of Fastnet at 9 a. m. on April 29th.

Quebec, April 30.—Allen liner Corsican, Liverpool for Montreal, arrived at Quebec this morning. Arrived, Sicilian, from Glasgow.

PAULHAN RECEIVES PRIZE.

London, April 30.—Louis Paulhan, the aviator, to-day received a cheque for \$50,000 from the London Daily Mail as a prize for his successful airship flight from London to Manchester.

The Mail announced that another \$50,000 prize would be posted for an aeroplane feat to be decided upon later.

ACCEPTS NOMINATION.

Indianapolis, Ind., April 29.—John W. Kern to-day announced that he would accept the senatorial nomination tendered him at the state Democratic convention here yesterday. His acceptance puts to an end the rumors current since the nomination, that he would not accept, and that the party would be without a senatorial candidate.

STUDENTS EXPELLED.

Stanford University, Cal., April 30.—As an aftermath to the episode last Friday night when E. M. Leaf was thrown into Lake Lagunitas by 150 students, Livingston E. Wilkerson, of Pasadena, and Ralph