MANITOBA LISTS WANT PURGING

MACHINATIONS OF ROBLIN GOVERNMENT

Striking Illustrations Which Justify Federal Government Intervening.

The population of Manitoba is so evenly divided politically that it is necessary that the voters' lists should be as correct as it is possible to make them. In the provincial elections of 1907 the Conservatives polled only 1,600 votes more than the Liberals. Yet so well directed were the efforts of the Conservative organizers that this small total majority gave them 27 seats, while the Liberals obtained only 13. The total Conservative vote was 55.5 per cent. of the total vote cast.

It will be seen from this statement that only a small amount of manipulation, carried out with judgment, might defeat all the Liberal candidates in Manitoba at the next general Dominion elections. The Liberal majority in Provencher is only 10; and, if the preparation of the lists for Dominion purposes was allowed to remain in the hands of the provincial government, there would be an almost irresistible temptation so to influence their compilation as to upset the chances of the Liberals of retaining that seat.

The Conservative majority in Marquette is only 75; and the provincial government would feel an irresistible temptation to help Dr. Roche to entrench himself behind a few more stout and reliable Tories, whose right to vote, even as Tories, might be questionable, but whose right to vote, if they were Liberals, would not be upheld for one moment.

Personal Registration.

The basis of the Manitoba lists is personal registration. In the eastern provinces the municipal assessment roll is the basis of the lists, and no one has ever suggested that, because a man is likely to be either wrongly put on or wrongly omitted from such a roll. But with personal registration—which does not carry with it any monetary obligation, such as ensures the independence of lists prepared from an assessment roll—political partizanship does invariably creep in; and it can only be rectified by the most ample, thorough and complete revision. No fair-minded man will admit, however, that the revision in Manitoba has either been efficient or complete. Even with sufficient time and with due regard to the convenience of the Roblin administration, been given, the task is a very difficult one; because of the constant changes in population, which the province undergoes from year to year.

Manitoba is, it should be borne in mind, the "first stop" in the West. People from Eastern Canada, Great Britain, and Europe, often stay there several years before finally settling further west; and in recent years many old settlers, who pioneered the province have taken advantage of the appreciation of the value of their farms, through the influx of settlers and the demand for improved land, and sold out to take up cheaper land, in Saskatchewan or Alberta. Many of the names of such people, who have moved out, still remain on the lists; and offer opportunities for personation and fraud.

In 1906, S. J. Jackson, Liberal M. P. for Selkirk, made strenuous efforts to have the lists of his own constituency "cleaned up"; and it cost to get 547 names struck off and 465 added no less than $3,000. On the Portage la Prairie lists, there are 600 "deadwood" Conservatives and 200 "deadwood" Liberals, all of whom ought to be expunged; and, as further evidence of the inefficiency of the revision, it is only necessary to repeat the statement of W. L. Schaffner, Conservative member for Souris, that in 1907 only 56 names were struck off the Winnipeg lists.

Winnipeg undergoes more changes in her population in a year than any other city in the Dominion. Former Winnipeggers are found in California, Seattle, Vancouver, Regina, Edmonton, Calgary, and wherever there is any enterprise afoot; and yet only 56 were struck off the lists in 1907, when the movement of people was, perhaps, greater than it had been in any previous year. No better proof of the necessity of "thoroughly" purging the lists can be cited; and the Dominion government would be remiss if it did not undertake the task. But, in doing so, it will have to show that it is willing and able to avoid the faults of the provincial administration or there will still be dissatisfaction. There is necessity for the strongest determination to excel; for the task is no light one.

Partizan Registration.

The executive of the provincial government appoints the registration clerks, and a necessary qualification for appointment is fidelity to the Conservative party. The registration clerks make up the lists; and, wherever favor can be shown to the Conservative party it is shown. This goes so far as putting Conservatives on the lists, without exacting, as in the case of manifest Liberals, their personal attendance.

The provincial government expects its registration clerks to act partizanly. The law, as originally conceived and enacted, provided for an independent preparation of the voters' lists. It placed the whole work under the direction of the board of revision judges; and this board chose and appointed the registration clerks. But soon the provincial government thought that it could not forego the advantage to be derived from having the lists made up by its own appointees; and, in the following year, the law was amended, and the authority to appoint the registration clerks and direct the preliminary preparation of the lists as taken away. Henceforth, the executive of the provincial government had absolute control in the making of the lists.

Inadequate Revision.

The Conservative bias, given to the preliminary lists, might be corrected with full and complete revision each year, but the sittings of the revision courts are limited both as to time and place and they may not sit at any time or place other than appointed, one for each provincial constituency; and this sitting often lasts only five hours and never more than seven, with upwards of 2,000 names to revise. In 1903 an instance occurred which tested the law on the point as to the limitation of time and place. The revising officer was sitting at Beausejour, and was informed that, at Lac Du Bonnet, some 40 miles off, there were many farmers who would like to be registered, but who, in consequence of the distance and the lack of means of transport, were not able to come to Beausejour. The revising officer adjourned his court to Lac du Bonnet and enrolled 38 voters. The lists were printed with these names on them, but, when election day arrived, the lists sent for use at the local polling division had these 38 names torn out, and the men were refused the franchise. The attorney-general's defence was that they should never have been on the lists, because they were registered after the time fixed for registration.

The inadequacy of the time for revision is self-evident. The hearing of applications to be put on is as much as a revising officer can do properly; and, consequently, only a fraction of the appeals to strike off are ever heard. Hundreds of such appeals are made, and the only resort is to come to an arrangement with the Conservative agent, which, in Manitoba, means, of course, that the Liberal agent has to give his opponent some advantage and be satisfied with a great deal less than justice.

Without such an amicable arrangement, it is practically impossible to do anything in the way of "cleaning up" the lists; and, if the Conservative agent is not inclined to come to such an agreement, then hundreds of unqualified voters remain on the lists. At the 1907 revision in the provincial constituency of Beautiful Plains, an agreement was made whereby 319 names were struck off and 184 added. But there were 100 more Conservative names that should have been struck off, but the representative of the Conservative party would not agree to their being expunged. If the Liberal agent had relied upon the intervention of the judge, he would not have been able to get ten names struck off. So, it will be seen, that at the registration, the Liberals are at the mercy of a partizan clerk and at the revision, they are at the mercy of the Conservative organizer.

Insufficiency of Address.

Time is not the only obstacle to successful appeal. An insufficient address opposite the name of the voter, whose right to be on the list is in question, often prevents the appellant from succeeding. A person, whose right to vote is being appealed against, has to be notified of such appeal three days before the appeal comes on; and if he makes no answer to the appeal, as will be the case if he is out of the province or has not the right to vote, the revising officer has to be satisfied, before expunging his name, that notice has been served, by registered letter, through the post office, nearest to the place where, according to the old lists, he was supposed to be living. If there is no post office address, which is frequently the case, it is very difficult—in fact in many cases impossible—to serve what can be termed a legal notice; and, in such an event, the revising officer refuses to remove the name from the list—no matter how strong may be the evidence that the person has the right to vote. The seriousness of this obstacle to successful appeal will be realized when it is stated that out of the 2,194 names on the list for the provincial constituency of Mountain, no less than 1,459 have no post office address opposite; so that, if every name on the list were appealed against, two out of every three cases could not be heard, because of this insufficiency of address.—Ottawa Free Press.

NOME FLEET ARRIVES AFTER TRYING TIME

Following a time of anxiety, which was shared alike by the passengers and crews of the steamships, the residents of Nome and those in the Sound and British Columbia ports who are interested in the vessels and their human freight, the Nome fleet arrived at its destination yesterday amid great enthusiasm. The vessels were much later than usual in penetrating the ice-pack.

The steamship Victoria, Capt. Porter, made good her master's boast that she would be the first vessel into the Alaskan port, and led the procession, consisting of the Ohio, Senator, Transit, Yucatan, Northwestern and a flotilla of smaller freighters.

With the exception of the Transit, which sailed from this port with over five hundred passengers, and the Yucatan, which sailed from San Francisco, all the vessels were from Seattle. Most of them got away about the same time and the fleet made Dutch Harbor about June 5th, and proceeding through Unimak Pass, started to cut their way through Behring Sea to Norton Sound. Because of the thick fog which shut the vessels in and was impenetrable with the eyes a few feet distant, the captains of the vessels feared the ice was bad and proceeded cautiously and at a reduced speed. They found indications of ice soon after passing Dutch Harbor, but did not get into the worst of it until abreast of Nunivak Island, where the pack seemed to extend in an unbroken wall across the path of the vessels to St. Lawrence Island. The weather continued thick, and day after day the ships lay under low steam, following the edge of the ice pack as it proceeded at a snail's pace toward the north. There were sorties by the different ships into various leads which promised good results, but for a week there was no success, and the location of the vessels remained about the same on the edge of the pack amid the grinding, crackling floes. At last Capt. W. P. S. Porter, of the Victoria, one of the best icemen in the fleet, who has had long experience in Behring Sea through his service on whaling ships, found a lead which he thought would take him to open water, and with the rest of the fleet in the wake, the Victoria plunged into the pack. Few details are obtainable as yet regarding this thrilling dash for open water, but according to a dispatch by wireless and cable from Nome, the ships were caught in the ice for more than a day. The wind had cleared the fairway near Nome of ice and at last the Victoria forced her way into the open and made port amid the cheers and glad welcome of the populace.

Advices from St. Michael state that the ice has broken up in the bay there and that vessels can now get in.

FRASER RIVER FALLING.

Yale, June 16.—The Fraser river has fallen a distance of two feet.

COAL TRADE ON LAKES.

Only About 22,000,000 Tons Will Be Handled This Season.

Cleveland, Ohio, June 16.—Navigation upon the Great Lakes in the coal carrying trade will open at once as the result of action taken at the meeting of the Lake Carrier's Association here yesterday. No formal time was set for the opening, however, as there will be no concerted movement. The association decided to allow each vessel owner to act upon his own initiative. How many boats will go is unknown. It is believed that some will not go out at all. Not over 22,000,000 tons of ore will be handled this season, it is now said.

DYNAMITE IN COAL MINES.

Pennsylvania Plant Wrecked With Loss of $20,000.

Butler, Pa., June 17.—The plant of the Royal Coal Mines at Argentine, near here, was destroyed by dynamite yesterday. The loss will exceed $20,000. In addition to the plant, the coal tipple was wrecked and a large section of railroad track torn up.

For some time past labor troubles have been experienced at the mines, but it was recently believed that the differences had been adjusted.

An investigation is being made, and several arrests are expected.

AQUATIC FESTIVAL AT COWICHAN BAY

Enjoyable Programme of Events is Arranged for July 1.

The big Dominion Day celebration for Victorians this year as in previous years, will be a regatta at Cowichan bay. Arrangements are already well under way and the committee in charge promise a thoroughly enjoyable day to all who attend. As usual, there will be special train and boat service from Victoria and ample provision will be made for catering to the crowd which is expected.

The programme of acquatic events for the occasion, with the hours set for each, is as follows:

10.30 a. m.—Columbia river sailboats, 1st, $10; 2nd, $5.

10.30 a. m.—Boys' double sculls (under 16 years) girl coxswain, 1st, $5; 2nd, $2.50.

11 a. m.—Gents' double sculls, lady coxswain, challenge cup value $50, the crew to be bona fide residents of a district. Chem's holder, 1st, $10; 2nd, $5.

11.30 a. m.—Ladies' single sculls, 1st, $5; 2nd, $2.50.

11.45 a. m.—Gents' double paddle canoe, 1st, $5; 2nd, $2.50.

11.45 a. m.—Motor boat (handicap), 1st, $10; 2nd, $5.

Luncheon Interval.

1 p. m.—Dingy sailing race, challenge cup, value $50, held by Mr. J. Maitland, water line handicap, 1st, $10; 2nd, $5.

1.15 p. m.—Indian boy single paddle canoe, 1st, $2.50; 2nd, $1.

1.30 p. m.—Ladies' double sculls, gent coxswain, 1st, $10; 2nd, $5.

1.45 p. m.—Klootch double paddle canoe, 1st, $4; 2nd, $2.

2 p. m.—Indian single paddle canoe, 1st, $5; 2nd, $2.50.

2.15 p. m.—White upset canoe race, 1st, $5; 2nd, $2.50.

Boys' upset canoe race under 16, 1st, $5; 2nd, $2.50.

2.45 p. m.—Indian double paddle canoe race, 1st, $5; 2nd, $2.50.

3.15 p. m.—Indian upset canoe race, 1st, $5; 2nd, $2.50.

$3.45 p. m.—White greasy pole, 1st, $10.

IN CHAMBERS.

Applications Heard This Morning by the Chief Justice.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

Chambers applications were heard this morning by Chief Justice Hunter in the Supreme court when several received attention.

An order for directions was made in Wilson vs. Campbell.

An application to sign a judgment in Mackenzie vs. Taylor, was allowed to stand over until to-morrow.

An order for foreclosure wsa granted against Kingston, one of the defendants in Walkem vs. Padden, et al.

Letters of administration were granted for the estate of John Kingston, deceased, on application of W. C. Moresby.

WILL DO WORK HERE IF GIVEN CONTRACT

Seattle Company Will Erect Plant if They Supply Steel Pipe.

If the Hydraulic Supply Manufacturing Company, Inc., of Seattle secures the contract for supply of the 18,000 feet of steel riveted pipe required for the new waterworks distribution system, it will mean that a plant for the manufacture of the pipe will be erected in Victoria, which may become a permanent institution in the city. That is the announcement made by E. B. Glatz, president of the company, who is at present in the city in connection with his tender.

Discussing the matter, Mr. Glatz said that owing to the high duty on such class of material it was necessary to erect a plant in Victoria and that if sufficient other work could be secured, the company would maintain a branch here permanently. If the company gets the contract and a plant is established, preference will be given to local workmen in the hiring of the necessary staff.

NATIONAL SENGERFEST.

Indianapolis, Ind., June 17.—The thirty-second National Sengerfest of the North American Sarengerbund opened to-day with a parade through the brilliantly decorated streets of the city. The five concerns which mark the festival will include 2,000 visiting singers, 2,000 Indianapolis school children, and a male chorus of 2,500 from this city. Delegations arriving to-day from over fifty cities swelled the number of visitors to over 15,000.

INLAND'S CUT MET BY C. P. R.

FURTHER REDUCTION OF FARES EXPECTED

Dollar Rate From Seattle to Vancouver on Royal and C. N. R.

To-day the C. P. R. met the cut rate on the steamship Iroquois between Seattle and Vancouver, reducing the rate by the Princess Royal to fifty cents. The rate does not apply, however, to the journey from Vancouver to Seattle by way of Victoria, which remains at $2.50 to Victoria and 50 cents to Seattle.

A report is also current to the effect that the C. P. R. will cut the Victoria and Vancouver rate making the fare between any two ports, Seattle, Victoria or Vancouver, fifty cents each way. This report is not confirmed by the C. P. R. officials in this city or in Vancouver to-day, but it appears probable that a cut on the Vancouver route may be announced at any time.

The service via Seattle on the Inland Navigation Company's steamers to Vancouver at a fare of one dollar is attracting some of the business from the C. P. R. boats, but it will be impossible to judge its popularity with the public until it has been in force for a week at least.

The Great Northern railway has reduced the rate on its service between Seattle and Vancouver to meet the cut on the steamships and the duel between the C. P. R. and the Inland company threatens to involve the Northern Pacific.

At the present time there appears every probability that, within a few days' time, it will be possible for the traveller to make the triangular run to Seattle, thence to Vancouver and back to Victoria for $1.50. The fact that the rate war is likely to produce further reductions and that it may continue indefinitely is making the struggle between the parties involved an interesting and immensely popular one with the general public.

CITY AUTHORITIES HAVING DIFFICULTY

Supply to Outsiders and Site for High Level Tank Are Proving Problems.

All is not by any means plain sailing for the city council in connection with the water situation. Not only have they difficulties to face in regard to the present supply, but they are also having some troubles about the proposed new distribution system, chief among them being over the site for the high level tank on Rockland avenue.

One of the chief features in connection with the present shortage is the threat made by McPhillips & Heisterman, acting for unnamed clients, that legal action would be taken to prevent the city supplying any water to people living outside the city limits, in Oak Bay and South Saanich, the contention being that it is first of all the statutory duty of the council to provide a sufficient supply for the residents of the city.

A resident of Oak Bay discussing the matter to-day said that in his opinion the city could not shut off the supply of water of those outside the city limits who were at present securing it. Under the act relating to the subject the water commissioner was given power to sell water to persons living outside the city limits and, the commissioner having acted upon that authority, the city could not step in and shut off the supply at a moment's notice without rendering itself liable to actions for damages for so doing. The council is therefore threatened with legal action whichever way it acts in this matter.

In regard to the site for the proposed tank to supply water to the high level portion of the city in the neighborhood of Rockland avenue matters are at a standstill. This tank, Mr. Adams and civic officials say, is absolutely necessary for supplying water to this section of the city, no matter from where the city eventually gets its supply, so long as the Smith's hill reservoir is used, but the property owners along Rockland avenue are crying with one accord that they do not want the tank on their particular property and that they will fight any attempt to put it there. In order to remove any complaint on the score that a high steel structure would be an eyesore, Mr. Adams has drafted plans for an ornamental concrete tower, for which tenders are now being called for as well as for a steel structure, but the opposition to this is just as strong as to one of steel. The prospects are that the city will have to expropriate a site and that the expropriation proceedings will be fought to the bitter end by the particular party or parties interested. The city officials say that until this tank is ready they cannot guarantee a satisfactory supply of water to the Rockland avenue district, even if every other part of the city were getting water in abundance.

SHIPBUILDING MAGNATE DEAD.

Chester, Pa., June 17.—John B. Roach, president of the Delaware River Iron Shipbuilding Works, and son of John Roach, often referred to as the father of the American navy, died in this city yesterday aged 89 years. Death was due to apoplexy.

ANGLICANS INDICTED.

Toronto, June 17.—Hon. S. H. Blake declared at the Anglican convention that Anglicans were largely to blame for the patronage of the Woodbine race track.

NUN'S SAD DEATH.

Spencer, Mass., June 17.—While going through a door in the rear of St. Mary's convent here yesterday, Sister St. Simon, a teacher in the St. Mary's parochial school, stumbled and fell over a stone wall to a stone pavement several feet below, sustaining injuries from which she died. She came here a year ago from Ottawa, Ont.

MINER'S VIOLENT DEATH.

Windsor, June 17.—W. G. Smith, aged 24, a Canadian Northern brakeman, was killed at Fort Frances, Ont., yesterday.

SWITCHMAN KILLED.

Winnipeg, June 17.—A Canadian Northern switchman was killed at Fort Rouge yards last night.

KILLS HIS LITTLE SISTER.

Fort William, June 17.—While carelessly handling a rifle, the son of James Harrison, aged nine, killed his sister aged five years.

CANADIAN ORDER OF FORESTERS IN SESSION

Reports Show Most Prosperous Year in History of the Organization.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

The ewenty-ninth annual session of the High Court of the Canadian Order of Foresters opened in the city of Niagara Falls a few days ago, with a large number in attendance, including high court officers and delegates representing subordinate courts of every province of the Dominion.

After the usual opening ceremonies and the appointment of the several standing committees, the high court officers submitted their reports, which showed the order to be in a most flourishing condition. The progress made by the order during the past year far surpassed that of any previous year of its history.

The high chief ranger, J. A. Stewart, of Perth, Ontario, after extending a hearty welcome to the representatives present, submitted his report which was replete with facts and figures relating to the growth and extension of the order during the past year.

On the 1st of January, 1907, the order had a membership of 64,055 and there were initiated during the year 7,912 new members, being an increase of 771 over the previous year. During 1906, 3,134 members lapsed and 409 died, leaving a net membership at the close of the year of 68,424.

The increase in the insurance reserve of the order during the year amounted to $251,818.42. On January 1st, 1907, the amount on hand in this branch was $2,174,872.45, and at the close of the year $2,426,690.87. The amount paid in death claims was $413,326.24.

The sick and funeral benefit department is also in a flourishing condition. During the year no less a sum than $134,418.44, covering 5,903 claims, was paid in this branch. The amount to the credit of this fund at the close of the year was $112,864.48.

The high chief ranger in concluding his address, expressed the hope that the meeting would be a pleasant one for the members, and a profitable one for the order, and felt that if ever there was a time in the history of the order when the members should all feel inspired with hope and confidence in the future of Canadian Forestry, that time was the present. In an inspiring address he urged upon the representatives to do all that in them lay to make 1908 the banner year of the order.

The report of George Faulkner, high secretary, covering the general work of the society, was next in order, and showed in detail the large volume of business transacted through the head office at Brantford.

The amount of insurance premiums received during the year was $575,916.20, which, with the interest on insurance account made the total receipts in this branch $665,149.96. There were 409 death claims paid, amounting to $413,321.54, leaving the sum of $251,818.42 to carry to the reserve fund, which, at the close of the year was $2,426,690.87.

The sick and funeral benefit branch of the order also showed a marked advance. The amount of fees received during the year was $151,650.01, and interest $2,199.81. The total receipts amounted to $153,849.82. There were 5,903 claims paid, amounting to $134,418.44, leaving $19,431.38 to carry to the reserve fund, which at the close of the year amounted to $112,864.48.

There were 68,424 members in good standing at the close of the year, carrying $69,053,500 insurance.

There were issued from the high secretary's office, 8,064 insurance certificates, and 7,965 membership certificates, or a total of 16,029, and in addition there were endorsements made on 1,455 insurance certificates.

The report of Robt. Elliott, high treasurer, showed the funds of the order to be in a most satisfactory condition. The receipts in the several funds were: Insurance, $665,149.96; sick and funeral benefit fund, $153,849.82; general fund, $91,669.93. Total receipts, $910,669.71. The total expenditure in these funds amounted to $642,867.69. The surplus income over expenditure amounted to $267,802.02.

The surplus insurance funds are invested as follows:

Municipal and school debentures	$2,187,339.59
Dominion of Canada stock	150,000.00
Deposits in chartered banks	20,000.00
Current accounts in chartered banks	69,351.28
	$2,426,690.87

The total assets of the order amounted to $2,587,037.70, and its liabilities $20,976.08. Assets over liabilities, $2,566,061.62.

The report of Dr. U. M. Stanley, who has been chairman of the Medical Board since the inception of the order, shows that the death-rate during the past year was only 5.98 per thousand. This is a remarkably low death-rate for an order now doing business for upwards of 28 years, and still more remarkable is the fact that comparing the last half of the 28 years with the first half, the death-rate is in proportion of 9.17 to 5.07 per thousand. There were submitted to the Medical Board during the year 9,874 applications, of which 9,424 were accepted and the remaining 750 rejected.

The report of W. G. Strong, superintendent of organization, showed that during the year there were 7,912 initiations, the largest in the history of the order. There were 34 new courts instituted with a membership of 560.

At the close of the year there were 1,206 courts in the order, representing a membership of 68,424. There were 497 courts in the province of Ontario, 175 in Quebec, 59 in Nova Scotia, 70 in New Brunswick, 15 in Prince Edward Island, 167 in Manitoba, 56 in Saskatchewan, 30 in Alberta and 17 in British Columbia.

Among those in attendance were the following:

J. A. Stewart, high chief ranger, Perth; D. Allan, high vice chief ranger, Grimsby; Geo. Faulkner, high secretary, Brantford; Dr. U. M. Stanley, chairman medical board, Brantford; M. D. Carroll, Montreal; C. E. Britton, P. H. C. R., Gananoque; L. P. D. Tilley, St. John; J. A. A. Brodeur, Montreal; Mark Mundy, Galt; members of the executive commitee: W. L. Roberts, high auditor, Brantford; J. P. Hoag, high auditor, Brantford; W. Walker, high registrar, Montreal; Rev. W. J. West, high chaplain, Bluevale; W. G. Strong, superintendent of organization, Brantford; Lyman Lee, high court solicitor, Hamilton; Hon. Colin H. Campbell, high court solicitor, Winnipeg; D. E. McKinnon, district high secretary, Winnipeg; R. G. Affleck, P. D. H. C. R., Winnipeg, and R. H. Shanks, P. D. H. C. R., Winnipeg.

BRUTAL MURDER.

Saloon Keeper Clubbed to Death and Robbed.

Rochester, N. Y., June 17.—Lying in a pool of blood with his skull crushed, "Bill" Loomis was found murdered this morning in his shanty near the Empire Coal Company's plant, at Border City, just outside Geneva. Loomis kept a saloon in his little shack. His body was found behind the bar. Beside him lay a broken beer glass. He was evidently killed by a blow on the head from a heavy club or iron bar. His skull and jaw were fractured.

Loomis was 65 years of age, and lived alone in his shack and was known far and wide in this community. His watch and money are missing. It is thought his assailants intended to hide their crime by means of fire, as part of his clothing was burned. Evidently owing to the stuffy condition of the place the flames died out.

BOUND FOR GOLD FIELDS.

Vancouver, June 17.—The first pack trains to leave Hazelton for the Ingenica gold fields this season got away on June 5th, according to news contained in a letter received here this morning from Hazelton. The communication is from a party bound for the new placer diggings and was written on June 4th. The Vancouver party was stalled at Hazelton for ten days waiting for the snow to go off the summit.

Horses are rather scarce at Hazelton and are commanding from $75 to $100 each.

RAILWAYS OMIT DIVIDENDS.

New York, June 17.—Directors of the Lake Erie and Western Railway Company to-day omitted the semi-annual dividend on the company's preferred stock. The last semi-annual dividend paid was 2 per cent. Directors of the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railway Company to-day omitted the semi-annual dividend on the common stock. A year ago 2 per cent. was declared and six months ago 1 per cent.

BIG STEEL PLANT ON VANCOUVER ISLAND

Vancouver, June 16.—"I hope within the next three or four weeks to announce the location of our townsite and plant. I am more than pleased with the prospects for the success of our enterprise since I was here in September."

This was the statement made by J. T. Shadforth, the English ironmaster, who is organizing the Northern Iron and Steel corporation, and who returned to the city to-day from California, having secured in the south promises of financial support for his initial plant which alone will employ nearly one thousand men.

Mr. Shadforth is accompanied by his wife and J. Cameron O'Neil, a mining engineer, and relative of Premier Murray, of Nova Scotia. They will leave for Victoria to-morrow for an extended tour of the island, and on their return will make their headquarters in Vancouver to complete other arrangements for their undertaking.

Mr. Shadforth's trip extended as far as Mexico, and he returns still more impressed with the opportunities on the Pacific coast for his proposed enterprise, and the advantages of British Columbia for its location. In his view British Columbia can assemble very cheaply, 75 per cent. of the materials for use by a large iron and steel plant. Manganese would have to be imported from Japan, and hematite from Lower California, but it is probable that both of these essentials may yet be found on Vancouver island.

"We have already signed preliminary contracts for such a quantity of steel rails as will keep our initial plant, once established, busy for four years," said Mr. Shadforth as an indication that the enterprise means business. Its registered capital is to be five million dollars, and the cost of the initial plant is estimated to exceed two and a half million dollars.

BANK DIRECTOR'S SUICIDE.

Johnstown, Pa., June 17.—Joseph Bengele, 50 years old, a director of several banks and president of the Cressin Springs Brewery Company, and a wealthy merchant, shot and killed himself at Gallitzin, near here, to-day. He had been ill for some time.

AN "INFERNAL" CONSPIRACY.

Baku, June 17.—An attempt was made in this city to-day to kill the Baku chief of police, M. Ney, by the explosion of two powerful infernal machines. The chief and the two policemen were wounded and a sergeant of police killed.

C. P. R. ISSUES NEW SCHEDULE

SAILING DATES FOR ORIENTAL STEAMSHIPS

Two Empresses Will Cross Pacific Together Owing to China's Delay.

The arrival of a schedule issued from the head office of the C. P. R. trans-Pacific steamship service at Yohohama, on the steamship Glenfarg last night, which gives sailing dates for the Empress liners up to January next year on a run of 21 days between Vancouver and Hongkong, indicates that the C. P. R. is not looking toward a renewal of the overseas mail subsidy this year.

The schedule states that, on the through route between Liverpool and Hongkong, dates of departure from all ports other than termini are only approximate. Following is a list of vessels leaving Vancouver for the Orient, as scheduled, with dates of departure:

Glenfarg, July 2nd; Empress of India, July 15th; Lennox, July 26th; Empress of Japan, August 5th; Monteagle, August 15th; Empress of China, August 26th; Empress of India, September 16th; Glenfarg, September 23rd; Empress of Japan, October 7th; Lennox, October 19th; Empress of China, October 28th; Monteagle, November 7th; Empress of India, November 18th; Empress of Japan, December 9th.

The Empress of China, which was scheduled to arrive from Hongkong on the 22nd inst., has been delayed eleven days in quarantine at Nagasaki, and will not arrive until July 2nd. The Empress of India is due two days after the China, which will probably stay only a short time in port. Having two Empresses on their way across the Pacific within two days of each other will be a new experience for the C. P. R. service, but the early departure of the China after arrival may retain the schedule times.

The Lennox is due from Hongkong on July 19th; Empress of India, July 4th; Monteagle, August 4th; Empress of Japan, July 25th; Empress of China, August 15th; Glenfarg, September 8th; Empress of India, September 5th; Lennox, October 12th; Empress of Japan, September 26th; Monteagle, October 27th; Empress of China, October 17th; Empress of India, November 7th; Empress of Japan, November 28th; Empress of China, December 19th; Monteagle, January 5th; Empress of India, January 16th; Empress of Japan, February 13th.

As the charters of the Glenfarg and Lennox expire at the end of November no schedule has been arranged for them after that month, pending a decision respecting rechartering.

When the Imperial government failed to renew the subsidy for the overseas mail it was thought that the railway company would make further representations, and that a satisfactory agreement would be reached. It now appears that the mail will be carried by the Empresses on "passenger" time, 21 days between Honkgrong and Vancouver and vice versa. The schedules arriving by the Glenfarg are the first issued since the C. P. R. transferred the head office of the trans-Pacific service to Yokohama.

ACTOR'S BANKRUPTCY.

New York, N. Y., June 17.—Arnold Daly, the actor and theatrical manager, filed a petition in bankruptcy in the United States district court to-day. The petition places his liabilities as $40,246 and his assets at $1,355. Among his creditors is Lole Fuller, the actress. He owes her $7,300 on a contract for services.

CAPILANO WILL CALL FOR LOCAL FREIGHT

Camosun Being Inspected at Vancouver — Henriette Loaded Here To-day.

To-morrow morning the steamer Capilano of the Union Company's fleet will call at the outer wharf to take on 20 tons of freight for Port Essington, Prince Rupert and northern British Columbia ports. The Capilano will also embark the local passengers for the steamship Camosun, which will sail from Vancouver on Friday night for the north.

After transferring the passengers the Capilano will proceed north to discharge the freight. The Camosun, which was due here this afternoon, did not make her usual call owing to her presence at Vancouver, to undergo annual inspection, being required. The Camosun will call here next Wednesday as usual.

To-night the steamship Vadso will sail for the north, carrying a fair cargo of miscellaneous freight. She will carry Chinese from Vancouver for northern canneries.

This morning the McKenzie freighter Henriette made her second call for freight and loaded one hundred tons for Prince Rupert and Essington. The Henriette, as previously stated, will make regular calls if freight offers and, from the size of her last two local cargoes, it appears that she is carrying a large amount of the provisions and general supplies for Prince Rupert from this port.

CIVIL SERVICE BILL.

Ottawa, June 17.—The civil service bill, introduced in the Commons this morning, which follows the lines previously announced, provides for an independent commission of two supervising all appointments and promotions by competitive examinations to complete the reclassifications of service, and involves new salary schedules with increased maximum salaries for most of the present officials.

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HALF A MILLION ATTEND PAR

MONSTER SUFFRAGETT GATHERING IN LO

Climax of Year's Moveme Women's Right to Vote.

London, June 22.—Favored by ful weather and again display expected genius for organizati suffragettes' demonstration in park yesterday was an unpa success. Encouraged by previo cesses, suffragettes planned the stration as a climax of the yea for women's suffrage. It is ha much to say that never before w a demonstration seen in Lond

Fully half a million people bled in and around Hyde park tive or passive participants great meeting, while for two h the middle of the day the wh tre of the city was in a fermen lous processions appeared, eac a mile long, and the streets which they passed were densely ed with spectators.

After arriving at Hyde park t ers and speakers of the vario tions had literally to fight t platforms. Probably there wer twenty speakers in all, and the rangued the masses on the ri women to vote and the neces forcing parliament to adopt a tion on the question. The demonstrations are far more at from a spectacular point of vie those held by men. Almost all suffragettes wore white dresse sashes of their colors, green, wh purple, inscribed: "vote for w form was quite a feast of colo was much good-humored chaff the speeches were practically ible.

The attitude of the onlooke one of amused tolerance. Amb were kept busy dealing with fainting and minor injuries, o the great pressure of the cro no serious accidents occurred.

Considerable scuffling and ro occurred around the platform by Mrs. Pankhurst, the leade suffragettes, and it finally be serious as to need reinforcem police. Similar scenes were around Mrs. Martel's platfor owing to the general noisy tions few of the speakers were get a hearing.

TRAIN IS STALLED BY CATERPILLAR BATTA

Pests by the Million Are elled Away to Clea Track.

St. John, N. B., June 22.—Ca are creating havoc in some se the province. A regular army It is reported from York cou tween Tracy and Cork statio line between Frederick and on Thursday evening, started the tracks and a heavy frei that came along and rushed in them was soon stalled. Three a distance not greater than a train was stopped by the pest

The train crew were forced shovels to clear the tracks. port that there were millions pillars, and that they had eate every green thing in sight and particular havoc among the tr an hour was spent in getting over the spot shovelling the lars off the line and sanding

SYNOD BARS PRESS

Says Statements Made About Gathering Have Been Inacc

Toronto, June 22.—The Anglic of Toronto has adopted a which in effect will exclude from all future meetings to the cause of alleged misstatements correspondent will hereafter f reports of the proceedings.

Hon. S. H. Blake, said that and reporters would simply re their ten commandments the nin shalt not bear false witness a neighbor," there would be a provement.

"NOT GUILTY" BECAUSE

Author of Summerside Tras mains in Custody.

Summerside, P. E. I., June second trial of Alonzo Dohe shot and killed Joseph McMi was at the time walking with woman on the way home fro ended in a verdict of not guil ground of insanity. The judg against the prisoner, and ord to be placed in custody until ure of the lieutenant-governo known.

DEATH OF I. O. F. OFFI

Toronto, June 22.—Harry C preme treasurer of the I. O. F after a week's illness of neph