

MUCH WORK SET FOR COUNCIL

FRIDAY'S SESSION TO BE A BUSY ONE

Engineer to Report on Work Costing \$1,000,000 Already Authorized

Friday business is in preparation for Friday evening's meeting of the newly constituted board of works, and the will get a comprehensive idea of the nature of the tasks which will confront them throughout the year in respect to local improvements.

City Engineer Smith will submit a complete and detailed report on what has been done and other work has been passed by the last council, what portion thereof has been completed, and what is still under way or not yet commenced.

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The area in which the principal extensions will be undertaken is that lying north of Edmonton road and east of Quadra street, an area comprising the whole of the northern section of the city, including the Smith's Hill section.

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Fertilizer Plant of Packing Plant Destroyed—Loss \$50,000.

Tacoma, Wash., Jan. 18.—Fire destroyed the fertilizer and packing plant of the Carstens Packing Company last night, entailing a loss of approximately \$50,000.

Thomas Carstens, president of the company, said today that the plant would be rebuilt immediately.

HOME RULE QUESTION.

Donald MacMaster Speaks at Montreal in British Elections.

Montreal, Jan. 18.—Speaking on "British Elections" before the Women's Canadian Club yesterday afternoon, Donald MacMaster, member of the House of Commons, said there was apparently no reason for the last elections except that John Redmond promised to make the government to the mark, and did make them do so.

"Unquestionably there must have been a promise of Home Rule given him," said Mr. MacMaster, who was the only man who was present when the House of Lords would never have passed a Home Rule bill, and if the power of the Lords is reduced, but if the power of the Lords is reduced, then a Home Rule bill could be passed."

THE CZARINA.

Her Majesty Arrived Reported to Be in Critical Condition.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 18.—Confirmation of reports that the Czarina is again in a critical condition was obtained today from attaches of the palace. Her Majesty's recent trip brought only temporary relief, and her nervous system has since returned to its normal state.

ONTARIO COUNTY JUDGE DEAD.

Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., Jan. 18.—Judge Johnston, senior judge of the District of Algoma, died here yesterday, aged 62. He was born in Goderich, studied in the law offices of the late Judge Snyder of Hamilton, and practiced in Goderich for 20 years with John Davidson, K. C. In 1880 he was made junior judge for Algoma.

"WHITE SLAVE" TRAFFIC.

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 18.—With two alleged "white slaves" held in custody, San Francisco's police authorities have entered upon a crusade with the object of stamping out the traffic in women here, and, if possible, the arrest and conviction of the men "higher up."

Indications that the hunt will be pushed to a finish was found in the heavy bond \$30,000, in which Police Judge Shortall held Luke H. Orthman, whom the police charge with being a scout for the "white slave" powers, and who is accused of bringing a woman to a life of shame.

So far as has yet appeared, the federal authorities have not been active in the case, but it is understood they are acting in concert with the police of the different Coast cities, and that such a crusade against the traffic in women is to be prosecuted to a conclusion at once.

Every man truly lives so long, as he acts his nature, or some way makes use of the facilities of himself.—Sir T. Browne.

CONSENTS TO ADDRESS OREGON LEGISLATURE

Joseph Fels, Noted Philanthropist, to Speak on "Problems of Poverty"

Frank I. Clarke, honorary secretary of the local Canadian club, received this morning that Joseph Fels, the millionaire philanthropist, has consented to accept the invitation which had been extended that he address the club during his forthcoming visit to Victoria.

The club has therefore arranged a luncheon to be held on Thursday of next week, January 26. Mr. Fels on that occasion will take as his subject "Problems of Poverty."

The distinguished American philanthropist, who, by the way, amassed a huge fortune by the manufacture of the well-known household article which bears his name, is said not only to be a very fluent and pleasing speaker, but to be master of the subjects with which he deals, mainly those having to do with the great social and industrial problems.

The luncheon will be held in the Broad street hall, and the tickets may be obtained from the secretary or at Hibben's book store.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN.

In the report of the annual meeting of the congregation of First Presbyterian church inadvertently omission was made of the fact that the secretary of the adult Bible class, reported that the number in the class is 48, that it is connected with the International Sabbath School Association of America, and the Presbyterian Bible Class Association of Canada from the corner of Government and Cormorant streets, to cost \$3,250, and to G. H. Bissell, alterations to store front on Douglas street, to cost \$500.

On Saturday afternoon next the Scouts will carry out field manoeuvres. Operations will cease at 4 o'clock, when all the scouts will assemble at the drill hall. After the umpire's decision has been rendered, the scouts, headed by the band, will march along Government street.

Col. A. W. Jones has just completed a real estate deal involving the transfer of the old Loewen property, Pandora avenue, for a consideration somewhat over \$60,000. The property is 160 feet by 280 feet and adjoins the Congregational church. The real estate market remains firm and steady.

ANTI-ALIEN LABOR LAW IS INVALID

Spokane City Ordinance is Declared to Be Unconstitutional

Spokane, Wash., Jan. 18.—As the result of a contest waged by Joseph Plastino, a wealthy Italian citizen, Spokane's so-called anti-alien labor law has run counter to the treaties of the United States with Italy. Word was received here yesterday to this effect from Governor Hay, who had been served with notice to that effect by Secretary of State Knox. This will probably end all further efforts at this time to enforce the ordinance, as but little public work is in progress at this time and on the jobs running nearly all of the aliens have been dismissed.

The ordinance, passed in August, 1909, was permitted to rest on the statute as a dead letter until about two months ago. It was passed at the request of the federal labor unions of the city, with a joint membership of fifteen hundred men, most of whom work at construction labor. No effort was made by Mayor Pratt to enforce the ordinance until on the eve of the city election in March, and now it is charged that politics has inspired the zeal. The ordinance not only bars aliens but non-residents who may be citizens of other states.

The validity of the ordinance has been called into question by one Hedberg, a Scandinavian, who was employed as foreman for years for one of the large firms of contractors. Hedberg has been in America ten years, but had not qualified as to citizenship. Judge J. D. Hinkle, of the Superior court, yesterday held invalid the city ordinance barring aliens from city work. He held that the ordinance was against both the state and national constitutions.

FIGHT WITH MADMAN.

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 18.—Battling with a madman, W. Reichald, a steward at the Central emergency hospital, was choked almost to death here yesterday. Archibald entered the ward of James Alexander to prepare the patient's breakfast, and as he leaned over the bed the man seized him by the throat. A terrific struggle followed. Archibald, his throat compressed in the man's vice-like grip, was unable to call for help and he gradually choked to unconciousness, when a fellow steward heard the struggle. It was not until half a dozen attendants joined in the fray that Alexander was confined in a straight jacket.

AGAIN PREPARED.

Sacramento, Cal., Jan. 18.—Standing under the shadow of the gallows for the fourth time, Louis Augustine, an Indian youth, sentenced to death for the murder of a Lake county sheriff, was yesterday reprieved by Gov. Johnson. In granting a reprieve, the Governor said that the case had been neglected by his predecessor, who had given the time to consideration of ill-timed appointments.

"It has been impossible for me to give the matter consideration," continued the Governor, "and therefore a postponement to February if it is necessary to enable me to look into the case involving the life of a fellow human being."

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Right of Foreigner's Wife to Compensation for His Death in B. C. Mine Argued

The right of a wife residing in a foreign country to claim compensation for the death of her husband, also a foreigner, killed while working as an employee in British Columbia, was again before the Court of Appeal Tuesday on appeal from a decision of Mr. Justice Clement, who heard a stated case from the County court. At the Supreme court trial Mr. Justice Clement held that the wife, through her husband's legal representative residing in British Columbia, could succeed. The Court Appeal, after hearing B. P. Davis, K. C. in support of the appeal, and S. S. Taylor, K. C., and C. W. Craig for the respondent, reserved judgment.

The action is that of Kruzus against the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company, Limited, and the claim is made under the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1902.

The appeal in the case of McClay against McLuckie, a Vancouver case, was dismissed. It was an action arising over a sub-contract for the construction of the normal dock at Vancouver. The plaintiff claimed he was to have that portion of the contract relating to the preparation and supply of stone, and the contract was based on the plaintiff's figures, \$13,000. The plaintiff wrote the contractor later saying he would supply the stone for \$13,000, but would not complete the building at his own cost.

The trial judge found that the contract was made at the commencement of the work and not through the letter written later. From this judgment the plaintiff appealed, and the appeal was dismissed Tuesday. Edgar Bloomfield and P. A. Jackson appeared for the appellants, and J. H. Semple, K. C., and R. C. Spinks for the respondent.

OUTBREAK OF TYPHOID.

Ottawa, Jan. 18.—The capital is threatened with a serious outbreak of typhoid, there being at present 38 cases in city hospitals. The outbreak is attributed to contaminated water supply.

TUG PETREL USED AS AN ICE-BREAKER

Dominion Government Vessel Freed Fraser River of Ice During Cold Snap

During the recent cold snap which swept over Vancouver Island and the mainland, the Fraser river, on which there is considerable steamboat traffic, froze. Vessels lying alongside the docks at New Westminster were encased in ice and were unable to move from their moorings. The Dominion government tug Petrel, tender to the dredge Algonquin, was dispatched from this city to the Fraser river and succeeded in freeing the river of ice as far as Stevenson's wharf. On the journey up the river on Saturday afternoon the ice was found to be solid, in some cases six inches thick, from Woodward's slough right up to New Westminster. The vessel was used to break the ice, and was successful in doing so. The tug Petrel is a 100-ton vessel, built for this work, but she is of steel construction and has a powerful steam steering gear. By working this gear continuously from port to starboard, the tug was able to roll heavily, and as she rolled the ice was crushed and broken in a wide lane. The first trip practically did the work, and all the broken ice went out without forming any obstructions. Another trip was then made to complete the job.

The practicability of keeping the Fraser open to navigation even in the severest winter is in question, according to the opinion Superintendent of Dredges Bayfield has formed from his experience of Saturday. In ordinary winters, the use of any steel tug will be sufficient, while in winters such as was experienced four years ago, the new tug now being built at North Vancouver, to replace the Petrel as tender to the dipper dredge Algonquin and the other tender for the elevator dredge First Narrows, tenders for which will be called shortly, will take charge of anything in the nature of ice that is ever likely to be encountered on the lower reaches of the river.

ENGAGES IN RANCHING.

Retirement of John Trotter, After Twelve Years' Service With C. P. R. Telegraphs.

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Mr. Trotter is well known and popular in Victoria, and during his long service with the C. P. R. Telegraphs has been practically everywhere with practically every resident along the E. & N. where the wires of the company run. Eight of the twelve years service in the employ of the company has been spent on Vancouver Island, where he has many friends. He will wish his hearty success in his new venture. He is succeeded in the local telegraph office by J. Macdonald, who recently came to the province from Nova Scotia.

LUMBER RATES QUOTED.

Shipowners' Association of Pacific Coast Arranges Figures.

Shipping rates for various ports are quoted by the Shipowners' Association of the Pacific Coast as follows: From Mendocino ports to San Francisco, \$2.75; to San Pedro, San