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TWO GALA DAYS.

Victoria Decides on a Royal Celebration of the Queen's Birthday.

An Enthusiastic Meeting at Which the Citizens Decide on Two Days' Celebration.

"Gentlemen, there is no use in wasting time in preliminaries," remarked Mayor Grant, as he took the chair Friday night in the city hall, where a large number of enthusiastic citizens had gathered to discuss what arrangements could be made for the proper celebration of the 24th of May.

His worship then went straight to business by referring to the correspondence which had passed between himself and the crack oarsmen of America in regard to a regatta in this city on the Queen's Birthday. He had guaranteed, on his own responsibility, that financial inducements would be held out for the oarsmen to come; and, as it would no doubt be a good financial investment for the city, he thought it would be well for those present to at once get together, nominate a chairman and secretary, and get to work in the matter of raising the sinews of war. The oarsmen would sign agreements to come, as soon as they were notified that a fund would be raised. He himself, with the assistance of those who were always ready to put their shoulders to the wheel, would guarantee the collection of the money required.

On motion, Mayor Grant was requested to act as chairman, and Mr. W. J. Dowler as secretary.

Mr. James Seeley suggested that the chairman select a committee to consider the advisability of offering the financial inducements required by the crack oarsmen who had been communicated with.

Mr. Charles Hayward moved, seconded by Mr. W. Dalby, that in the opinion of this meeting it is desirable to offer the financial inducements referred to, and to celebrate in a proper and worthy manner the 24th of May.

Mr. James Seeley thought that a regatta such as was suggested would be a lasting benefit to the city, and would advertise Victoria in every part of the civilized world. All America was at present watching O'Connor, and the reports of his doings were published in every newspaper of the east.

The chairman endorsed Mr. Seeley's remarks. The regatta would prove a wonderful advertisement to the city, he felt sure, and a very cheap one, considering its value.

The resolution was carried unanimously and with enthusiasm.

Mr. Alex. Watson enquired if it was proposed to give the purse collected or make the oarsmen compete for it.

The chairman explained the suggestion in regard to the distribution of the money, thrown out by Mr. Hamm, which he considered a very fair one. By it the winner of the race was to receive 40 per cent. of the money, the second 30; 3rd, 20; 4th, 10.

On the suggestion of Mr. Dalby, the chairman named a committee to consist of Hon. Chas. E. Pooley, Hon. Robert Dunsmuir, Hon. F. G. Vernon, Hon. A. E. B. Davie, Hon. John Robson, Hon. J. H. Turner, Senator Macdonald, Theo. Davie, M.P.P., Lieut.-Col. Prior, M.P., E. C. Baker, M. P., F. S. Barnard, M.P., Capt. Roberts, Capt. John Irving, Capt. Rudlin, Capt. Anderson, R. P. Rithet, Thos. Earle, T. R. Smith, Wm. Dalby, D. M. Eberts, J. S. Yates, W. H. Ellis, Robt. Ward, J. H. Innes, Chas. A. Vernon, Supt. Roycraft, P. E. Irving, E. B. Marvin, E. A. McQuade, C. E. Redfern, A. C. Flummerfelt, James, Fell, Alex. Wilson, A. J. Smith, H. E. Croasdaile, A. G. McCandless, Jno. Boyd, F. Campbell, Joshua Davies, Chas. Gowen, T. J. Partridge, Chas. Hayward, G. Hartnagle, E. O'Reilly, H. Mansell, G. Maynard, J. Longhurst, W. F. Bullen, T. B. Hall, George Walker, B. F. Drake, J. G. Brown, J. Sayward, W. R. Grahame, D. W. Morrow, D. Hart, D. C. Jones, Thos. Baker, E. E. Blackwood, Robert Irving, Conductor Black, Ben. Gordon, Thos. J. Burnes, Robert Mitchell, W. Murray, Thos. Deasy, Dr. Jackson, John L. Smith, D. Campbell, C. Macdonald, Morris Moss, W. J. Phillips, J. Muirhead, James Seeley, F. Gouge, D. F. Fee, Robert McIntosh, W. C. Anderson, A. G. Richardson, W. Whittaker, Wm. McNiffe, W. Lorrimer, Ed. Shade, F. Wolfenden, C. N. Gowen, W. G. McKenzie and H. W. Sheppard, a committee to make the necessary preliminary arrangements for the celebration.

Mayor Grant also stated that the committee would associate with them, in addition to those already named, those who in the past had taken a *working* interest in similar demonstrations, besides the officers of Her Majesty's navy at Esquimalt, and the officers of "C" Battery, R.C.A., and the B. C. Garrison Artillery.

The appointment of the committee having been concluded, the chairman stated that the city hall or the Mayor's office would always be open for the accommodation of the general or sub-committees.

It was decided to hold a meeting of the general committee on Monday evening next, when the city and neighborhood will be districted and the sub-committees in each named and put to work.

Mr. W. Dalby was nominated as treasurer of the general committee.

"What's the amount of the bonds required?" enquired Mr. Dalby.

The election was unanimous.

The question of holding a two days' celebration—one day for field sports, the other for aquatic—next came up for discussion, the general feeling of those present being strongly in favor of two, or even three days.

It will be well to decide on the two days at once, remarked Supt. Roycraft, as the announcement will greatly affect the amount of the contributions.

Although no definite action was taken, it was understood that two days it should be, before the gathering broke up, everyone enthusiastic and ready for work.

It is proposed to have the celebration of the Queen's Birthday extend over two days—Friday and Saturday. The first day can very well be devoted to field sports on Beacon Hill—racing, athletic games and contests of skill and strength. For the evening—fireworks, torchlight parades, Chinese lantern parades, and an exhibition by the Victoria Athletic Club. Music by the Battery band. The flagship will be at Esquimalt before the gala days, and in all probability naval manœuvres and a sham battle can be made features of the grand programme. For the second day, aquatic sports alone will make a grand programme: The great professional race, with O'Connor, Lee, Gaudaur, Hamm, Peterson, and perhaps Hanlan. The local races, shells, out-riggers, canoes, naval races, swimming races, and in fact every feature that goes to make up a splendid water carnival. There is no doubt but that thousands will be drawn to the city by the celebration, which requires work only to make it a success. Let everybody help.

SLAUGHTERED BRAKESMEN.

Six Thousand a Year Killed or Mangled by Present Railway Appliances.

WASHINGTON, March 7.—At the conference of the State Railroad Commissioners and the Inter-State Commerce Commissioners yesterday, ex-Railroad Commissioner Coffin, of Iowa, now representing the Brotherhood of Brakesmen, delivered an address, which was received with marked attention. He said:—"I want to state this fact, that any labor looking toward the passage by the national legislature of a law compelling the observance of safety appliances on freight cars will be in the proper direction, and that if such a law were passed it would not at all be detrimental to the railway companies. The only question is that of dollars and cents. I refer to the wonderful slaughter of men by the old link and link coupler and the hand brakes. In ten years we have killed and maimed 2429 men in the State of Iowa by these two causes alone. We think in Iowa our roads are managed as carefully as any roads. We are a temperance State and our railway men are temperate and careful, and still last year there were over 349 men killed by the causes I have spoken of. There are 150,000 miles of railroad in the United States, and over 6000 active, strong men were either killed or maimed for life from these two causes alone last year."

THE "TIMES" CASE ENDED.

The Last Witness an Embezzler—O'Brien's Release Ordered—The Court Adjourns Until April.

At the sitting of the Parnell commission on Wednesday, a man named Levy, who was a member of the Fenian supreme council, testified as to his experience while a member of that body.

On cross-examination he admitted that he had been imprisoned for years for embezzling his employer's money. The admission caused laughter.

At 3:20 p.m. Attorney-General Webster announced that the case for the *Times* was finished.

At the request of Sir Charles Russell, Presiding Justice Hannen ordered the release from prison of Wm. O'Brien and Timothy Harrington, whom it is necessary for Sir Charles to consult, on condition that they abstain from agitation during their liberty. The court adjourned until April.

WESTMINSTER NEWS.

(From the Columbian.)

Mr. Max Mowat left with the steamer Fairy Queen this morning to deposit 300,000 spring and sockeye salmon in Pitt Lake.

The steamer Irving arrived down from her winter quarters on the Coquitlam, this morning, and will be placed in repair for resuming her regular trips between this city and Chilliwhack.

Reports from Chilliwhack say the farmers are hard at work seeding and planting. Nearly all have finished ploughing and if fine weather lasts for a couple of weeks the bulk of the seeding will be over. An early harvest is expected.

ANGLO-JAPANESE SUBSIDY.

Encouragement to the Canadian Pacific Mail Steamers.

LONDON, March 12.—The English and Japanese governments have arranged to subsidize the new lines of steamers which are to run between Liverpool and Japan via Vancouver.

LICENSING BOARD.

(Before His Worship Mayor Grant; presiding: Hon. A. N. Richards, Q.C., P.M.; and Messrs. Robert Ward, Thos. Shotbolt and Noah Shakespeare, J. P.'s.

A transfer of the license issued to the Victoria saloon, corner of Pandora and Douglas streets, from W. Harrison to W. Field, was, on application, granted.

The license held by the Gordon hotel, Johnson street, was transferred from Messrs. Kirk & McNeil to Mr. J. McKeon.

George E. Smith applied for a transfer of license held by E. Legg, at the corner of Government and John streets. Granted.

The application of John McCartney for a license for the Snug Tavern, corner of Douglas street and Queen's avenue, was refused.

Stephen Jones, Jr., asked for a license for the Dominion Hotel, Yates street. Application refused.

William McHugh applied for the transfer of the license issued to the Victoria Hotel, corner of Fort and Douglas streets. The application was refused.

R. J. Ferguson asked that the license for the premises known as the Rock Bay House, recently destroyed by fire, be transferred to a house lately occupied by Mr. Booth, near the bridge. Refused.

Messrs. Fox & Dowley applied for a license to sell on the premises recently erected by J. W. Carey, on Cormorant street. The application was refused.

Supt. Sheppard had no complaint to make except that in several cases, hotels were in the habit of supplying liquor to Chinamen, who in turn dealt it out to the Indians.

The court adjourned at one o'clock.

ALBERTA CATTLE.

The New Source of Supply for This Market—An Extensive Cattle-Raising District.

The importation by Van Volkenburgh Bros. of a train-load of cattle from Alberta, N. W. T., to this city will naturally cause general inquiry as to the capacity of that district to furnish the coast with a portion of its meat supply. Hitherto Oregon has furnished the deficiency, and a great deal of money has been paid to Oregon stock-raisers, and to the American transportation companies. It is trusted that the experiment of the Messrs. Van Volkenburgh will result in further importations from the ranchers on the eastern slope of the Rockies, thus keeping the money in the Dominion, and furnishing our own railway and steamers with traffic. Although still a new district Alberta is possessed of a large amount of stock. Several of the ranches cover an area of from 100,000 to 200,000 acres, the Cochrane Co. having 205,500. The last report of the department of the interior shows that there are 108 leases in existence, covering 3,252,378 acres. On the ranches are 108,361 head of cattle, 23,868 horses and 31,436 sheep. During last year 5,000 cattle were shipped, bringing from $40 to $50 per head. From the above figures it can be seen that there will be a constant increase in the number of head, and that sufficient fat cattle can be raised to supply all demands that may be made from this province. It is understood that the present freight charges have been fixed at a very reasonable figure.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

CAPITAL NOTES.

Prorogation of Parliament Expected to Take Place April 18th.

Col. Bacon Commandant of the Wimbledon Team—Van Horne Lobbying in Favor of the C.P.R. Bill—A Case of Blackmail.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, March 15.—In the House, today, several government measures were advanced a stage. The Premier announced that prorogation will take place on April 18th, if possible.

Col. Bacon, secretary of the Dominion Rifle Association, has been appointed commandant of the Wimbledon team.

Consideration of the Canadian Pacific bill has been postponed until Thursday. Mr. Van Horne and five officials are lobbying in favor of it. The government will oppose the measure unless a clause is inserted pledging the company to commence forthwith and finish the line immediately from Harvey to Salisbury in order to give Halifax the benefit of the new short line.

Eighteen bills have passed both Houses.

The suit of Mrs. Bell *vs.* Sir Chas. Tupper came up at the assizes to-day. The judge said the case was one of blackmail, and gave a verdict in favor of Sir Charles Tupper.

CABLE NEWS.

Threatened Hostilities Between Austria and Servia Cause a Fall in London Stocks.

A Young American Pupil at Berlin Suicides Owing to Remarks Made by Her Teacher.

Heavy Drafts on the Bank of France Owing to Other Banks Being Pressed.

Le Caron's Documents.

LONDON, March 15.—In the Commons to-day Mr. Mathews, secretary of the home office, in answer to a question, said that he never knew nor sanctioned the action of Anderson, one of the home officials, in giving to Le Caron, the *Times* witness, the documents which the latter produced at the Parnell commission. Mr. Mathews further said, that he considered that Anderson acted properly in the matter.

A Gladstonian Victory.

LONDON, March 15.—In the election of Kenning division of Lambeth, which took place to-day, Mark H. Beaufer, (Gladstonian candidate,) received 4,069 votes, and Hope, Conservative, 3,939. The Gladstonians regard this as the most important victory their party has yet achieved, as the Irish issue was the only one brought forward in the canvass.

The Parnell Commission.

LONDON, March 15.—Lord Salisbury, Earl Carnarvon and Sir Wm. Vernon Harcourt have been subpœned as witnesses before the Parnell commission by Sir Charles Russell, counsel for Mr. Parnell.

Will Remain Silent.

LONDON, March 15.—None of the counsel for the Parnellites will participate in the attack to be made upon Attorney-General Webster in the house of commons. It is expected, however, that should Wm. O'Brien accept his release upon the terms prescribed by the commission he will appear in his seat in the House and relate the story of his experience in prison.

A Belgian Statesman Dead.

BRUSSELS, March 15.—M. Mathieu Nicholas Joseph Lecleroy, the famous Belgian statesman, jurist and politician, died to-day, aged 83 years.

Sad Case of Suicide.

BERLIN, March 16.—The body of Helen Buttry, an American student of music at the Berlin Academy, and who has been missing for several days, was taken from the River Spree to-day. She went away while in a gloomy state of mind, caused by remarks of her teachers on her low class standing, and left a note saying she would not return. It is believed she suicided. The dead girl came from Milford, N. H. She was usually in good spirits and a favorite companion of the other pupils. The body was taken to the morgue, and the news of her death cabled to her friends in America.

German Naval Appointments.

BERLIN, March 16.—Rear-Admiral Haltman has been appointed chief of the training squadron; Rear-Admiral Von Kail, chief of the manœuvres fleet; Duke Frederick William of Mecklenberg-Schowren, commander of the man-of-war Deutschland; Prince Henry, commander of the corvette Irene; Captain Batandon, chief of the torpedo flotilla.

Intend to Resign.

BERLIN, March 16.—The *North German Gazette* says that Doctor VonGosster, Prussian minister of ecclesiastical affairs, instruction and medicinal affairs, and Herr VonSchlotz, Prussian minister of finance, intend to resign.

French Finances.

PARIS, March 16.—Seventy-five million francs have been taken out from the Bank of France in addition to the 100,000,000 francs advanced to the Comptoir d'Escompte. This is supposed to indicate that other credit deposit banks have been obliged to discount their paper heavily. At one o'clock p.m. the society "Des Metaux" shares were quoted at 85 francs. At three o'clock p.m., Comptoir d'Escompte shares were quoted at 250 francs.

The Cossack Expedition.

PARIS, March 16.—*Clairon*, the organ of the patriotic league, published a letter from M. Atchinoff, leader of the Cossack expedition to the Red Sea, in which he protests against the French bombardment of the position occupied by his expedition at Lagallo, and complains of the action of the governor of Obock in refusing to permit the transmission of despatches from him to the Russian government.

A Bad Mining Accident.

PARIS, March 16.—An explosion of fire damp took place in the colliery near the mines in the department of Gard, to-day, in which 15 persons were killed and wounded.

The Patriotic League.

PARIS, March 16.—Republican newspapers commend the senate and chamber for authorizing the prosecution of three deputies and a senator connected with the Patriotic league. The *Paix* and *Siecle* regret the prosecution as an anti-liberal step. The conservative journals declare that the republicans are departing from republican principles. The *Presse* says that yesterday was a great day for Boulangism, and declares that now the Boulangist platform is complete.

The Stock Market Depressed.

LONDON, March 16.—Fears of hostilities between Austria and Servia have had a dampening effect on the stock exchange, and at this hour the stock market is flat.

The New Catholic University.

ROME, March 16.—The Pope, to-day, gave a special audience to Bishop Keane, who is to be rector of the Roman Catholic university which is to be erected at Washington. Bishop Keane presented Miss Caldwell, her sister and aunt to the Pope, who specially blessed Miss Caldwell for her generosity in endowing the university, and promised that he would assist in the services of a private mass, to which his holiness invited the ladies and the bishop. Bishop Keane will leave Rome on Wednesday. A papal brief, approving of the statutes of the proposed university, has been issued.

Austria and Servia.

VIENNA, March 16.—The assertion that Austria is pressing to make war upon Servia is officially denied.

To Have the Divorce Annulled.

VIENNA, March 16.—Queen Natalie will shortly make application to have the divorce obtained from her by her husband through Metropolitan Theodosius annulled.

CONDENSED DESPATCHES.

The strike among the factory operatives at Lille is spreading.

Henri Tamberlik, the celebrated Italian tenor singer, is dead.

Five hundred immigrants arrived at Winnipeg on Thursday.

Two more deaths have occurred at Southwold, Ont., from smallpox.

John McDonald's residence, Winnipeg, was totally destroyed by fire on Thursday night.

Hon. T. B. Pardee is slowly dying at his home in Sarnia. He is mentally and physically a wreck.

A terrible explosion occurred at Brynnally colliery, Wales, on Wednesday. Twenty miners were killed.

Three men lost their lives by an explosion of natural gas at Pittsburgh, Pa., yesterday.

The Architectural Iron Works, New York, were destroyed by fire last night. Loss $25,000.

Russell B. Harrison, a son of President Harrison, has purchased a controlling interest in *Frank Leslie's Weekly*.

Geo. Sudrow, editor of the Baltimore *Daily Journal*, and one of America's best known newspaper men, died yesterday.

Ex-President Cleveland spoke last night at the anniversary dinner of the New York Sons of St. Patrick.

Two freight trains collided at Clifton, S. C., yesterday, and two men lost their lives in the crash.

M. de Freycinet, minister of war, has assumed the duties of minister of marine, made vacant by the death of Admiral Jaures.

The Ontario government has granted $3,000 per mile to the Ontario & Rainy River and Nipissing & James Bay railways.

The striking weavers of New York are making preparations to stay out for six months, or even longer if need be, to bring the operators to their terms.

In the Ontario assembly Mr. Meredith's resolution proposing to take the liquor licensing power from the government and grant it to county courts, was defeated by 43 to 23.

A large number of people, bound for the Pacific Coast, were on the west bound train which passed Winnipeg on Thursday.

It is rumored that one of the Prince of Wales' sons will accompany Sir George Stephens to Canada and make an extended tour.

The heavy rains in California have caused quite a series of washouts and landslides on the railroads and seriously impeded traffic.

Admiral Jaurez, French minister of marine, was suddenly seized with a fit on Wednesday, and died in a few hours.

The governor of the province of West Prussia, in view of the scarcity of farm hands, has suggested the introduction of Chinese labor.

After Wednesday next, trains between Winnipeg and Vancouver will be run on the C.P.R. every day in the week, instead of missing one day, as at present.

It is stated that Hon. Mr. Jones will shortly retire from the Manitoba cabinet. Col. McMillan is mentioned as his probable successor.

Frank Varey, accountant in the employ of the liquidators of the Exchange Bank of Montreal, is missing, and so is $800, the proceeds of a cheque which he was sent to get cashed.

The wreck of the Portland bark "E. L. Pettingill" was found yesterday in Chesapeake bay. No trace of the crew of thirteen could be found and it is supposed all were lost.

Five hundred Ontario settlers arrived at Winnipeg yesterday. One thousand are expected next week in three trains, the first of which will go through to British Columbia.

A bad blockade is reported on the Southern Pacific, near Delta, Cal. The river is higher than ever known, the track is submerged, and telegraph poles are washed away north and south.

The state legislature of Nebraska yesterday telegraphed congratulations to Parnell on his vindication in the great *Times* case. A copy of the telegram was also sent to Gladstone.

Miss Langtry was too ill to appear on the stage in New York on Thursday evening. An operation was performed on her throat during which she swooned twice, and she cannot now speak aloud.

The secretary of the navy has under consideration the proposal to furnish a war vessel to convey the remains of the late Capt. Ericsson to Sweden for burial.

By a fall of coal at the Alberta anthracite coal mines Wm. Harding, a miner, was instantly killed. In future the whole output of these mines will be sent to San Francisco.

Word has been received from Ottawa that Orangemen employed in the penitentiary at Kingston, Ont., will receive permission to walk in the 12th July procession on giving two days' notice that they wish to do so.

A strong southwest gale prevailed off the California coast on Wednesday. Several vessels which left San Francisco were forced to put back, and all vessels arriving from coast ports reported exceedingly rough weather.

In the Nova Scotia house of assembly on Thursday wild language was indulged in. McCoy, member for Shelburne, made a fiery personal attack on Weeks, member for Guysboro. Weeks retaliated by calling McCoy a skunk. Order was finally restored by the speaker.

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AMERICAN NEWS.

Serious Cave-in of a Colliery Beneath the Centre of the City of Scranton.

No Change in the Weavers' Strike at Fall River—Both Sides Continue Firm.

Another Big Lumber Firm Assigns with Heavy Liabilities—Patrick Egan on Home Rule.

The Irish Outlook.

WASHINGTON, March 16.—"The events of the past three weeks in England, have, in my belief, made Home Rule for Ireland a question of a very short time," Patrick Egan said to-night. "The collapse of the *Times* case against Parnell has stunned the Tory and liberal-unionist bodies, while it has brought to Parnell sympathy from sources bitterly hostile to him. The outlook of Irish affairs was never before as bright as to-day. I believe the defeat of the government in parliament may be expected almost any day now. It is impossible to foreshadow the exact course of events or say what question Salisbury will go down upon. It is the unexpected that always happens in politics, and especially in British politics, and the Tories some day will suddenly find themselves without a majority on some apparently unimportant question, as they did in 1885. Tories and Liberal-Unionists can hold together on broad general principles, like coercion in Ireland, in order to hang on to office, but when questions involving vital local interests arise, members of parliament will find themselves forced to vote as their constituents desire, and coalition will fall to pieces. The only real point of sympathy between liberal-unionists and tories is their common hatred of Ireland, and alliances founded on hatred have always proved short lived. There are a hundred questions on which they do not and cannot agree, and if any of these questions are forced into prominence down will the government go at once."

American Pilgrims at Rome.

NEW YORK, March 16.—The *Catholic News* received the following from Rome on March 16th: "The pilgrims will be received by the Pope on Monday. This morning the leader of the pilgrims, Very Rev. Chas. A. Vissanix, O. S. F., was received by Cardinal Rampola, papal secretary of state. The Vatican authorities gave him a very cordial welcome and expressed themselves as pleased at the visit of the Americans."

A Beer Syndicate.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., March 16.—The sale of the Bartholomay and Rochester breweries to an English syndicate was completed to-day by the signing of the papers. The sum paid is about $3,000,000.

Bribing Aldermen.

NEW YORK, March 16.—The jury in the case of Thos. B. Kerr, charged with bribing aldermen in connection with Broadway railway privileges, to-night brought in a verdict of not guilty.

The Weavers' Strike.

FALL RIVER, Mass., March 16.—The first week of the weavers' strike closes without any appreciable change in the situation, and the question now settles down to one of endurance. The manufacturers still express confidence that the weavers will begin to show signs of weakness by Tuesday or Wednesday. The strikers deny this and assert that they are as strong as ever.

Land Sales.

TACOMA, March 16.—To-day the N. P. R. land office was crowded with settlers eager to buy land, mostly Scandinavians and Germans. Sales were in 40 and 120 acres tracts. Over one hundred applicants were present to-day. All purchasers are located in this county.

Lumber Firm Assigns.

ST. LOUIS, March 16.—Methudy and Meyer, one of the oldest and best known lumber firms in the city, assigned this afternoon. Assets placed at $248,500; liabilities not given.

Scranton Mines Cave In.

SCRANTON, Pa., March 16.—Eight chambers in the 14-foot vein and those directly above it, in the Rock vein of the Central colliery have caved in, and the crush is still in progress. The damage that may ensue cannot be determined, as the cave-in is almost in the very centre of the Hyde Park section of the city. The convulsion was almost under the Washburn Street Presbyterian church, and the north wall of the edifice is dangerously pitched out of plumb and ceilings have given away. The residence of the pastor and that of the mine superintendent, was thrown askew by the crush.

Back From the Grave.

SHAMOKIN, Pa., March 16.—After suffering untold tortures since Wednesday morning, Peter Mearchelskie, the last of the miners entombed in the Black Diamond colliery, was rescued at one o'clock this afternoon. He is now lying in a precarious condition at his home in this city. His escape from death was one of the most remarkable in the annals of mining history. When the gangway was closed in, he with the rest of his comrades, made a rush to escape. Mearchelskie was struck by a piece of falling coal, and his companions saw him fall into the hole which buried him to the neck. When about to climb out, the entire roof over head began to crack, making a noise like a hundred cannons, and paralyzed with fear he was unable to rise, as a mass of rock began falling, wedging the unfortunate man into a niche. Suddenly a monstrous fall took place, and a large piece was hollowed out in the middle which covered him up completely. This formed a barrier against a number of falls which fell down directly afterwards. The enclosure wherein Mearchelskie was confined was nearly air-tight, and he sank into a stupor. Soon after a piece of rock struck the side of the hollow lump of coal, breaking it open through which fresh air brought him back to his senses. He remembers nothing else until at 5 o'clock this morning he heard a dull sound, which grew plainer as the hours drew on, when he again swooned. Gaining consciousness, he begged men to cut off his legs, which were yet fast, and get him out. His rescuers worked with a will, and shortly after four o'clock, Mearchelskie was lifted out again. He lapsed into unconsciousness and has remained so since being rescued. During his imprisonment the only thing he had to sustain life was a small lamp full of oil, of this he drank very sparingly, but when rescued the lamp was drained. The men taken out yesterday are all doing well.

LATEST FROM SAMOA.

Everything Quiet at the Disputed Islands—The Germans Discontinue Their Domineering Methods, and the Feeling of Anxiety is Lessened.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 16.—The steamer Zealandia, which arrived from the South Pacific this afternoon, reports everything quiet at Samoa up to the first of March. Two more of the Germans wounded in the fight with the followers of King Mataafa have died, as have also a number of the wounded of Chief Tamasese. Both Mataafa and Tamasese remain in their strongholds, and beyond occasional skirmishes, no fighting of consequence has occurred.

The German authorities, acting presumably under orders from Berlin, have discontinued their domineering methods, and the feeling of anxiety which has prevailed throughout the islands for so many months has considerably lessened.

WESTMINSTER NEWS.

Protest Against the Burnaby Lake Improvement Bill—Progress of Clearing the City Park—The Royal City Building Society.

[From our Own Correspondent.]

WESTMINSTER, March 16.—A public meeting which was largely attended was held here to-night to protest against the passage of the Burnaby Lake Improvement Company's Bill through the Local Legislature. Enthusiastic speeches were made and resolutions carried unanimously. It is considered the lake should remain as a health resort for the citizens of Westminster and Vancouver.

The city park is being rapidly cleared of stumps and will soon be in readiness for grading.

The ninth drawing of the Westminster building society was held to-night, J. R. Gilley being the lucky owner of share No. 181, drawing the $1,000. The society is now in a flourishing condition. Nearly 40 shares were taken up during the week.

The weather is beautifully clear and warm.

ESTIMATE OF REVENUE AND RECEIPTS

Of the Province of British Columbia for the Financial Year Ending 30th June, 1890.

HEADS OF RECEIPT.	AMOUNT.
Dominion of Canada, annual payment of Interest @ 5 per cent.	$ 29,151 05
Dominion of Canada, annual payment of subsidy to Government and Legislature	35,000 00
Dominion of Canada, annual payment of grant per capita	48,000 00
Dominion of Canada, annual payment for lands conveyed for railway	100,000 00
Land sales	85,000 00
Land revenue	3,500 00
Timber royalty and licenses	40,000 00
Survey fees	250 00
Rents (exclusive of land)	90 00
Rents (timber leases)	15,000 00
Rents (ferries)	100 00
Free miners' certificates	12,000 00
Mining receipts, general	8,000 00
Licenses	22,000 00
Marriage licenses	2,500 00
Real property tax	105,000 00
Personal property tax	40,000 00
Wild land tax	18,000 00
Income tax	3,500 00
Provincial revenue tax	60,000 00
Registered taxes (all denominations)	200 00
Tax sale deeds	400 00
Revenue service, refunds	100 00
Fines and forfeitures	10,000 00
Law stamps	4,500 00
Probate fees	2,500 00
Registry fees	18,000 00
Assay office fees	1,500 00
Asylum for the insane	300 00
Printing office receipts	2,500 00
Sale of Government property	300 00
Reimbursements in aid	700 00
Interest	5,000 00
Interest on investment of sinking funds	10,000 00
"Chinese Restriction Act, 1884" (Dominion Government refund)	1,500 00
Sale of consolidated revenues	1,000 00
Education refunds from city districts (Victoria, New Westminster, Nanaimo, Vancouver)	13,500 00
Miscellaneous receipts	1,500 00
Total	$609,491 05

SUMMARY

Of the Estimated Expenditure of the Financial Year Ending 30th June, 1890.

SERVICE.	AMOUNT.
Public debt	$133,831 55
Civil Government (salaries)	82,220 00
Administration of justice (salaries)	78,876 00
Legislation	16,250 00
Public institutions (maintenance)	16,050 00
Hospitals and charities	25,780 00
Administration of Justice (other than salaries	49,000 00
Education	130,550 00
Transport	5,000 00
Rent	48 50
Revenue services	9,000 00
Public works	277,075 00
Miscellaneous	41,080 00
Total	$884,431 05

CONDENSED DESPATCHES.

Hon. Moses W. Field, the original greenback advocate in Michigan, and the man who called the greenback movement into prominence in the United States, is dead.

Some Indians arrived at West Selkirk yesterday, conveying news that Tascott, the murderer of Snell, was captured on Lake Winnipeg by detectives who are now on the way in with him.

The funeral of the late Rabbi Cohn, of San Francisco, took place on Thursday, about 2,000 people being present. The funeral oration was delivered by Rabbi Jacob Versanger.

George Rees, the foreman at the squib factory at Plymouth, Pa., where an explosion recently occurred, has confessed that he caused the explosion by dropping a match, after lighting his pipe, in the powder room.

In the commons, Lord George Hamilton, first lord of the admiralty, announced that Australia promised to give $35,000 annually for ten years toward the building of the proposed new ships of war; also, to fully maintain the vessels when completed.

At Kelso, W.T., a Chinaman took improper liberties with a logger's children during the father's absence. When the parent returned and learned of the crime, he attacked the Chinaman with an axe, and inflicted wounds which caused the Mongol's death.

Mr. Gladstone has written a long letter to Beaufoy, candidate for parliament in Kensington, in which he reviews Irish matters and recent developments, and says every one able to read the signs of the times must clearly see the way in which the present struggle must terminate.

A general row has taken place among the American troops stationed at Fort Niagara. The men complain that they have been treated "worse than dogs," and many have deserted and made their way across the line to St. Catharines, Ont.

The rumor that Lord Lonsdale, who is now exploring in the Arctic, has starved to death is a pure invention. Lonsdale is not within a thousand miles of the place where the two trappers are said to have starved to death and no unfavorable reports have been received from him.

John A. Kasson, of Iowa; William Walter Phelps, of New Jersey; and George H. Bates, of Delaware, have been appointed by President Harrison commissioners to represent the United States at the conference to be held in Berlin concerning affairs in the Samoan Islands.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

CAPITAL NOTES.

Meeting of the Cabinet to Consider the Supplementary Estimates.

Railway Mail Clerks Want an Increase in Their Salaries—Mrs. Bell Arrested for Perjury—Railway Subsidies Will be Light.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, March 16.—A delegate of the Canadian Copyright Association was here to-day with reference to further amendments to the government bill.

The railway mail clerks waited on the postmaster-general to-day and asked for an increase of their salaries and compensation to their friends in the event of the clerks being killed while discharging their duties.

The divorce committee had three bills before it and decided to report favorably.

The cabinet met to-day to consider the supplementary estimates. The premier said the railway subsidies will be light.

Mrs. Bell, who tried to email Sir Charles Tupper, has been arrested for perjury. Her husband has been bounced from the employ of the commons.

OUR OTTAWA LETTER.

The Week's Record of Work at the Capital.

The Budget Debate—A Senatorial Joke—An Obnoxious Proposal—The Wrecking Bill.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, March 9.—The big thing of the week has been the budget and the budget debate. Of the former much may be said in terms of commendation, of the debate itself little. Hon. Mr. Foster's first effort is one of which he has every reason to be proud. It was somewhat lengthy—occupying four hours in delivery—but his material was exceptionally good, and the statistics which he gave to show the progress Canada has made since 1867 are well worthy of being recorded in the pages of Hansard. The drybones of the financial statement are simply these—a deficit of $810,000 for last year; an estimated surplus of $1,900,000 this year, and a similarly estimated surplus of $2,675,000 next year. Mr. Foster took Laurier's Oakville speech of last August, in which that gentleman affirmed that Canada had not made the slightest progress since confederation, and showed by the most unimpeachable testimony the gross exaggeration of which the opposition leader had been guilty. Sir Richard Cartwright, who followed, delivered one of his customary speeches, which, as Mr. Tupper subsequently pointed out, was nothing but a rehash of a speech of his delivered in 1886. Since then the debate has gone on languidly, the back bench ever seizing the opportunity to fire off their one speech of the session.

PROGRESS OF BUSINESS.

The session is getting on apace and still quite a number of lively discussions are in store for the House. Before this letter reaches Victoria, Col. O'Brien's motion on the Jesuits question will likely have been thrashed out. Then we are promised a debate on some aspect of Imperial Federation, and lastly there is big Herman Cook's motion in reference to Irish Home Rule. In the discussion on the latter it is said Mr. Blake will take part. With three such important questions undebated at the time of writing one may well wonder how Parliament is going to get through its labors before Easter. It may be said, however, that a good deal of work is being done for which the public records give no credit. Private bill legislation is very well advanced. The committees are meeting every day and all those bills—miscellaneous in their character, but none the less important in effect—are being steadily pushed forward. There are strong hopes yet of concluding Parliamentary business in a session of eleven weeks' duration.

"C" BATTERY BARRACKS.

I telegraphed THE COLONIST late last night that Lieut.-Col. Prior, by dint of pertinacity, had at last succeeded in securing Sir Adolphe Caron's promise that the buildings for "C" battery shall be gone on with this year. Although the extent of the buildings may not be everything that the people of Victoria require, or rather that are essential for the comfort and effective housing of the officers and men, still on the principle that half a loaf is better than no bread, the promise of officers' quarters, guard-house and cook-house is something. Sir Adolphe Caron has been confronted with his own solemn promise made to the people of Victoria at the banquet given to him on the occasion of his visit and customary as it is for him to make promises and wriggle out of the performance of them when he conveniently can, there was no going behind this promise. People hereabouts are beginning to realize something of the position of affairs with you and it would not surprise me if the Minister of Militia comes in for some hard knocks when the estimates are again taken up. It is known that he was desirous of crowding the entire battery into the three huts already erected, but the Headquarters staff declined to father the proposal and Sir Adolphe had not the effrontery to do it, however much it may have been his heart's desire. Come what may, the full amount of $50,000 which the departmental officials say is necessary to give adequate accommodation to the Battery will have to be spent sooner or later, and Sir Adolphe had better face the music now.

CONSUMPTION OF CHINAMEN.

One of the curiosities of the Capital is undoubtedly the Senate in session. Yesterday I spent half an hour there listening to Senator Poirier, on the oyster question. Mr. Poirier is the youngest member of the venerable body, as well as its Artemus Ward. Take the following extract from his speech:—

"We imported, hon. gentlemen, of $312,735 worth of oysters for 1887-88, while our own production did not reach for the same year $200,000. Where is our National Policy in all this? Now, I believe in National Policy; therefore I wish to see it applied here. From the above figures I have omitted, for reasons obvious, 3,433 lbs. of oysters, worth $539, imported from China into British Columbia, and which I do not wish to mention, lest some personal application might be made to some one of colleagues from the remote Province, whose healthy corpulence speaks volumes in favor of the consumption of the savory bivalve. Between brackets let me tell you that for the same year our British Columbian colleagues have imported 280 heathen Chinamen, at $50 per head, which shows a considerable advance on the consumption of Celestials over oysters on the western slope of the Rockies."

People will believe that this witty(?) observation was received with the most stolid indifference by the Senators, not even a smile breaking over the countenance of a single one of them.

"British Columbia continues to be in great favor with intending emigrants on account of its salubrious climate and the favorable reports of the settlers there. Mr. H. L. Mahon, whom I sent out five years ago, returned to spend the Christmas with