# PRESS MEN FROM THE ANTIPODES

## PARTY REACHED CITY BY STEAMER MARAMA

### Delegates to Imperial Conference Pay Visit to Victoria.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

The Australian and New Zealand press delegates to the Imperial press conference in London arrived here last night on the R. M. S. Marama en route for England, and were met at the outer wharf by a delegation of Victoria newspaper men and George Ham, of the C. P. R., who is delegated to see to their comfort and entertainment while on the way across the Dominion. The party was taken this morning for a tally-ho ride round Victoria, and were the guests of the Canadian Club at luncheon. This afternoon the ladies of the party will be the guests of the Alexandra Club, and other functions are planned for their entertainment prior to their leaving for the East tomorrow afternoon, when the party, numbering eighteen, will start over the C. P. R., staying off at Vancouver, Field, Banff, Calgary, Regina, Winnipeg, Fort William, Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa, where they will reach May 19th, and be the guests of Earl Grey, governor-general of Canada, at a banquet. The party will leave Quebec on May 21st, and the convention will convene at the foreign office June 5th to discuss matters of importance to the newspapers of the British Empire.

The convention originated through the visit of some three years ago of English pressmen to Canada, who on their return took up the question of a return to the courtesy extended them. A conference of the most influential English newspaper proprietors resulted in invitations being extended to 60 British journalists from all parts of the Empire to be present at an Imperial conference where matters of moment could be discussed, and the newspaper men of the kingdom could get into personal contact and have a fuller understanding of the problems and aspirations of each other's countries, and the greater Imperialistic problems of the world.

Edward S. Cunningham, editor of the Melbourne Argus, and one of the most influential newspaper men of the southern hemisphere, in an interview this morning said the principal matters that would come up for discussion at the conference in the foreign office would be the cable rates throughout the world and Imperial defence. On the former he said the Australian delegates were not as a whole in favor of the adoption of the Pacific service, but all were of a like opinion on the question of cable rates, and on this matter the sixty delegates are bound to have considerable discussion.

The idea of an Imperial news service with headquarters in London, which has been suggested by Sir Sanford Flemming is, said Mr. Cunningham, on the lines of a huge bureau with branches, but from the point of view of practical journalism it is regarded as visionary. The lines on which it is suggested to be planned are far too formal to be satisfactory to the conditions of progressive journalism, and it would practically amount to government control, which would be a disadvantage. The matter will be brought up for discussion, but it is unlikely the Australian delegates will look on it with favor.

With regard to the employment of the Pacific cable for Australian news, Mr. Cunningham says the Australian papers are served better by the Eastern extension service, over which there are three routes, as against the single Pacific line, and while the press rates are the same, the Eastern extension service is held to be more reliable in case of a break down.

In connection with Imperial defence and the support by the federation of Australian states of the mother country, Mr. Cunningham says Australia has to view the question as much more important than Canada, owing to the geographical position of the Australian continent. Australia and New Zealand are so far isolated from British protection and have so much dependence on the sea power, that the question has to be viewed from another point of view. The question divided itself, he says, into two parts—the establishment and maintainance of a high state of efficiency of the Australian naval forces to protect its own coast and to make the flag paramount in the Southern Pacific ocean. Australia is within easy distance of the teeming millions of the Orient. Java has thirty millions, and is a Dutch possession. Holland might be absorbed by Germany, and Java would then become a German possession. These matters bring nearer the possibilities of serious complications, and even now Germany is getting a footing in the north of the east half of New Guinea, and the surrounding islands, and while the present situation contains no menace, still the fact is coming home to the Australian people that closer relations with foreign powers are there. This stimulates the spirit of self-defence for safe-guarding the magnificant heritage of the Australian born, and any interference from an outside nation on the ocean would have the effect of tying up the Australian continent. The seas must be kept open for the shipment of Australian produce to Europe, otherwise the Australian states would be thrown in a state of commercial paralysis. For these reasons the question of Imperial defence will be the subject of discussion at the conference.

Preferential trade, Mr. Cunningham says, will not be considered by the conference as far as the Australian delegation is concerned, as the matter is a political one, and the introduction of politics into the conference would not be within its scope.

The members of the party which arrived last evening are:

New Zealand: Dunedin—George Fenwick (Otago Daily News) and Mrs. Fenwick; Mark Cohen (Evening Star); Wellington—Gresley Lukin (Wellington Post); Auckland—Henry Brett (Auckland Star) and Mrs. Brett.

New South Wales: Newcastle—Mr. Hudson Berkeley (Newcastle Morning Herald) and Mrs. Berkeley; Bathurst—Thomas Temperley (Bathurst Daily Argus and Provincial Press Association).

Victoria: Melbourne—Edward S. Cunningham (The Argus) and Mrs. Cunningham; Ballarat—Norman Clark (Ballarat Courier).

South Australia: Adelaide—Robert Kyffin Thomas (The Register). Mrs. and Miss Thomas.

Tasmania: Hobart—Hon. Charles Ellis Davies, M.L.C. (The Mercury.)

Western Australia: Kalgoorlie—Hon. John W. Kirwan, M.L.C., (Kalgoorlie Miner).

## LOCAL JEWELLER LOST VALUABLE DIAMOND

### Wily Chinese Took Ring From the Store of C. E. Redfern.

C. E. Redfern, the local jeweller, was recently victimized to the extent of $390 by a wily Chinese who while, examining some diamond rings in the store secreted one on his person which was not missed until after he had left the store.

The police are endeavoring to locate the thief, but have so far been unsuccessful, and it is thought the stone will have long ago been taken from its setting and now be beyond means of identification. Police enquiry, however, discovered two other stores where unsuccessful attempts to carry on the same fraud had been tried, but without success.

The Chinese entered the store boldly and assumed the air of an ordinary customer on making an enquiry for diamond rings. A tray of expensive jewels was placed before him. The rings, however, did not please him, and no purchase was made. It was not until the Celestial had left the store some time that the theft was discovered. In the other cases the Chinese behaved suspiciously and was ordered to leave the premises.

### CHARGE AGAINST JUDGES.

Washington, D. C., May 4.—The house yesterday adopted a resolution introduced by Murphy, of Missouri, directing that the speaker appoint a committee to investigate the conduct of federal judges Smith, McPherson and John Phillips of Missouri. These judges are accused of being subject to the corrupt influence of a railroad lobby. The committee will be directed to report not later than December 14th.

## IMPROVING THE DEFENCES OF POLAND

### Russia Decides to Make Number of Important Changes.

St. Petersburg, May 5.—The unexpected display of military vigor by Austria-Hungary during the Balkan crisis, and the realization of her own weakness since the Russo-Japanese war, has led to a farreaching readjustment of Russia's military policy, which is engaging the attention of members of the general staff.

The position of the Russian troops in Poland, which projects nearly three hundred miles west of Russia proper, and which is surrounded on three sides by the Austrian and German frontiers, has been found to be too precarious under the new conditions, and it has practically been decided to abandon the extended lines of defence and adopt a new line further to the east, with more powerful fortresses at Kovno and Brest.

In case of war the most isolated parts of Poland would be abandoned without serious defence, and mobilization would be carried on behind the new chain of fortresses. The change involves the abandonment of many advanced fortified positions, which will be dismantled, several of them being destroyed.

## DATES FIXED FOR NEXT POULTRY SHOW

### Elmer Dixon Has Been Named for the Judgeship.

The Victoria Poultry and Pet Stock Association plans to enlarge its next show to greater size than any heretofore held in Victoria. The date of the next show has already been fixed and it will be held from January 17th to 24th. The association held the regular monthly meeting Tuesday at the Queen's hotel and arrived at the foregoing conclusion.

The engagement of Elmer Dixon, the poultry expert, as judge at next year's show was desided on. Mr. Dixon officiated here as judge two years ago, coming here from Oregon City, where he resides, and he has informed the association of his willingness to come here again next year. The association took up the question of the cat show and decided that if possible the two shows should be held together next year. It was decided that judging next year should be done by comparison and not on the score card plan. In this way the awards will be made much earlier, which is deemed necessary, as the entries are yearly becoming greater.

The poultry show at the B. C. Agricultural Society show will as usual be under the direction of the Victoria Poultry and Pet Stock Association. Hereafter the monthly meetings of the association will be made more interesting by discussions on breeding and the best breeds of various kinds of poultry. The association hopes to always add to the interest being taken by the members.

India and Ceylon now furnish nine-tenths of the supply of tea consumed in the United Kingdom.

# TOWN ISOLATED BY BUSH FIRES

## FLAMES CAUSE HEAVY LOSS ON MAINLAND

### Two Sawmills and Number of Houses Have Been Destroyed.

(Times Leased Wire.)

Vancouver, B. C., May 4.—All last night the people of Salmon Arm spent the hours of darkness fighting the flames which are sweeping around the town in every direction.

Two sawmills destroyed, a number of ranch houses wiped out, orchards devastated and fifteen miles of timber up Silver creek in flames is the report received on the incoming transcontinental to-day. Yesterday all business at Salmon Arm was abandoned and stores closed down while the male inhabitants went out to fight the fires.

The little town of Mara is completely cut off, and the greatest fears are entertained for the safety of the inhabitants.

## WOMEN CONTRIBUTORS TO Y. M. C. A. FUNDS

### Additional List of Ladies Who Gave to the Proposed Building.

In the successful completion of the Y. M. C. A. campaign for the funds for the new building the Women's Auxiliary had a very prominent part. That society raised over $3,000 during the fortnight devoted to the campaign. In addition to the subscribers previously mentioned the following contributed: Mrs. R. S. Day, $50; Three Friends, $10; Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. H. S. Pringle, Mrs. P. H. Ash, Mrs. J. J. Sparrow, $5 each; Mrs. Wm. Spring, $15; Mrs. J. Barnsley, $20; Mrs. E. J. Harte, Young Ching, Miss Edith Harte, Mrs. W. H. Harte, Miss Daisy Ware, Mrs. C. L. Durick, Mrs. R. F. Loenholm, Miss A. G. Barker, Mrs. H. C. Barker, Mrs. Bowen, Mrs. M. J. Burkholder, $5 each; Mrs. Edward Parsons, Mrs. P. F. Johnston, Mrs. M. S. Tuck, Miss Norah McCoy, Mrs. W. D. Currall, Mrs. Marion Robers, $10 each; Mrs. Mary T. Jessop, Miss Isla Tuck, Friend Mrs. W. H. Taylor, Mrs. Collinson, Mrs. H. P. Simpson, Mrs. J. G. Brown, Miss Isabella Jones, Mrs. J. M. Jones, Mrs. Ida Snyder, Miss A. T. Martin, Miss M. Smith, Miss Ambler, F. Bagshaw, Miss H. Workman, Mrs. Painter, Miss L. H. Short, Mrs. M. A. Greenhalgh, Mrs. E. Payne, Mrs. Conyers, Mrs. T. Cusack, Miss Elsie Harte, Mrs. J. Scott, Miss F. B. Bailey, Mrs., Missses N. and A. Hendry, Miss Myrtle Hendry, Mrs. S. W. Edwards, Mrs. M. McCarter, Mrs. R. W. Clarke, Mrs. Jesse Longfield, Mrs. Kayton, Mrs. A. Thornton, Friend, Mrs. R. Howell, Mrs. Durham, Mrs. Clarke, Mrs. Clyde, Friend, Mrs. Munroe, Miss Edna Henry, Mrs. A. Armstrong, Mrs. Huckell, Lee Pie Moon, Mrs. J. W. H. King, $5 each; Mrs. Toller $20; Mrs. F. Andrews, Mrs. W. C. Bond, Mrs. F. T. Thompson, Mrs. J. M. Campbell, Mrs. P. D. Hillis, $25 each; Mrs. Toller, Mrs. Audain, $20 each; Mrs. S. M. Trimen, Mrs. C. Bradshaw, Miss Murton, Mrs. J. A. Grant, Miss McBrae, Mrs. W. Graham, Mrs. J. Frank, Miss Edith Howell, Mrs. McCandless, Mrs. G. D. Christie, Mrs. Gideon Hicks, $10 each; Mrs. Harry Harris, $30.

### KILLED BY EXPLOSION.

(Special to the Times.)

Skagway, Alaska, May 5.—H. T. Wendell was killed by an explosion of dynamite in Atlin, B. C., while blasting stumps.

### ATTEMPTED MURDER.

Pittsburg, Pa., May 3.—Frank Ross, a miner, who has been assisting the police in getting suspected Italian out of McKeesport, a suburb, was mysteriously shot early to-day while passing a row of tenements occupied by Italians, and is not expected to recover. He said a dozen shots were fired, but none close to him. They were fired after he was down with a wound in the abdomen. It is believed the shooting was done by Black Hand members, who feared him.

## EIGHT MONTHS ON VOYAGE TO COAST

### Contrary Winds and Calms Delayed Barque Hawthornbank.

Port Towsend, Wash., May 5.—After eight months contention with calms and contrary winds, the British barque Hawthornbank, Captain Ballantyne, is in port to-day, 247 days from Terneuzen, Holland. She came in last night. The vessel brings a cargo of creosote for the Pacific Creosoting company of Eagle Harbor.

The bark has been for several weeks on the overdue list with re-insurance quoted at a low rate.

Upon her departure from Holland the Hawthornbank was chartered to load lumber in British Columbia for the west coast of South America. The terms of the charter party have been cancelled by reason of the delayed arrival.

No hardships were encountered on the voyage. Captain Ballantyne's report of the passage is one continuous recital of delays.

### ENTERTAINING VISITORS.

Japanese Officers Will Be Guests on Board Vessel of American Fleet.

San Francisco, Cal., May 4.—Sixty officers of the Japanese warships were driven to various points of interest today in automobiles decorated in American and Japanese flags.

Cadets and enlisted men started early to-day for Mount Tamalpais and other points of interest on the bay.

To-night officers of the Pacific fleet will entertain the Japanese officers at dinner aboard the American vessels.

## BUSINESS BEFORE ORPHANAGE COMMITTEE

### Ladies Discuss Plans for Advancing Interests of Institution.

The usual monthly meeting of the women's committee of the Protestant Orphans' Home was held at the Home Monday afternoon. The following ladies were present: Mesdames McTavish, McCollough, Higgins, R. Croft, J. Langley, Huckell, Vigelius, D. Miller, Dickson, Latimer, Spragge and Toller.

The reports from the visiting ladies proved highly satisfactory and interesting. Friends had not forgotten the little ones at Easter and on Good Friday 67 dozen hot cross buns were sent in, Mr. Hanbury, of the Vancouver bakery, headed the list with 52 dozen. The ladies called attention to the need for kalsoming the kitchen and three dormitories. Three children were received during the month and two were taken to homes. The resignation of Miss Laycock, the assistant matron, was received with great regret, she having most faithfully and conscientiously performed her duties during the three years of her residence in the Home. Special thanks were given to Tony Silvene for his frequent most generous donations month by month, the larder this month being enriched by him by the gift of 12 lbs. of creamery butter, two hams and one side of bacon.

The president urges the ladies to make their attendance a matter of conscientious duty, so that the visiting should be more equally allotted. Bills were paid amounting to $22.30. Arrangements were discussed regarding the annual pound party to be held at the Home in June.

Mrs. Thornton Fell and Mrs. D. Miller were appointed visitors for May.

The following donations were recorded for April: Tony Silvene, 12 lbs. creamery butter, 2 hams, 1 side bacon; Mrs. J. H. Helmcken, high chair and go-cart, clothing and shoes; Mrs. W. R. Higgins, 4 doz. hot cross buns; Mrs. G. A. McTavish, 5 doz. hot cross buns; Mrs. H. D. Helmcken, 2 doz buns; Mrs. Waitt, Chambers street, 2 doz. buns; Mr. Hanbury, Vancouver bakery, 52 doz. buns; Mrs. Robert Croft, 2 doz. buns; Mrs. R. Porter, sr., Burnside road, 10 doz. eggs; Mrs. T. Earle, 4 doz. eggs; Mrs. Judge Irving, hats, shoes and clothing; Victoria Circle King's Daughters, per Miss Edith Fell, 25 bird's nests for Easter; Mrs. W. F. McCulloch, 1 doz. tins tomatoes; Mrs. Reid, clothing; A Friend, clothing; Dr. D. B. Holden, professional services; Mr. Denman, Victoria theatre, 40 children to see moving pictures; Mrs. R. Croft, hats, shoes and clothing; Capt. Elleston, clothing; Rev. E. G. Miller, St. Barnabas, 40 children to S. P. C. A. entertainment; from the Nurses' Union ball, per Miss Turner, cake and jelly; Mr. Blythe, Oaklands, onions; Mrs. Bond, 2 gallons of milk twice a week; Times and Colonist, daily papers; Our Animal Friends, S. P. C. A.

After the closing prayer the meeting adjourned.

## ENTERTAINMENT PROVED SUCCESS

### Clever Sketches Presented in Hall at Cowichan Station.

Cowichan Station, May 4.—A dramatic entertainment, followed by a dance, was held in the hall here on Wednesday evening last. The first part of the performance was a dialogue sketch by Mrs. Gibbons and Mrs. Waldy, entitled "A Brown Paper Parcel." A play called "Chisselled" was then ably performed by Mrs. Neel, Miss Neel, Messrs. Gibbons, Souper and Drake. After the play refreshments were served and dancing was engaged in for several hours. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mrs. C. T. Gibbons for so successfully organizing the entertainment. A handsome sum was netted which is to go towards paying off a small debt on the piano recently purchased for the hall.

C. Drake, who has been in this district for some time, has left for Metchosin, where he is to take charge of Dr. Jones' farm.

On Sunday last D. McPherson and E. H. Forrest got very good baskets of trout at the mouth of the Cowichan river.

The weather until a few days ago has been too cold and dry for vegetation, consequently the season is a very backward one, and farmers would like to see some rain. The dry season, however, must be favorable for the nesting of the game birds, and to judge from the number of "hooters" that are heard in the woods here, the crop of blue grouse should be a good one.

—A social was held on Tuesday in the Institute hall under the auspices of the Seghers Council, No. 85, Y. M. I., in commemoration of the inception of the organization here 21 years ago. An interesting programme was given and an enjoyable evening was spent by those present.

Two hunderd and fifty miners at the Beaver asbestos mines in Theford, Quebec, are out of work as a result of the mine being closed, owing to the refusal of the men to work an extra half day to pay for the insurance on their lives arranged by the mine owners.

# MURDERED BY UNKNOWN PERSON

## VERDICT OF JURY IN KINRADE CASE

### Authorities Are Requested to Continue the Investigation.

Hamilton May 5.—The prolonged inquest into the cause of death of Ethel Kinrade was brought to a conclusion last night when the jury returned the following verdict:

"We, the jury, assembled to inquire into the death of Ethel Kinrade hereby find that the deceased met her death by shot wounds inflicted by some person or persons unknown to the jury. Owing to the fact of the unreliability of the evidence produced, the Crown is especially requested to continue the investigation, and we also desire to express our heartiest appreciation of the able, courteous and kindly manner in which this investigation has been conducted by Coroner Anderson and counsel for the Crown."

The only witnesses called were James Baum, who told little that was startling, and stood loyally by the girl who had jilted him, and Detective Pinder, the detective who was detailed by the government to look up Florence's movements in the south.

George T. Blackstock addressed the coroner in a most diplomatic way, and Coroner Anderson belabored those who had insinuated that the proceedings had not been conducted in a seemly manner, Mr. Blackstock stated that he believed that in a short time the law would make it compulsory for witnesses to give evidence and submit to cross-examination. As the case was now drawing to a close, he considered it the most disagreeable he had ever been engaged in, but that it had been conducted with dignity and fairness. Proceeding to speak of the murder, he stated that Mr. Washington and himself had seized upon every particle of evidence that might possibly have thrown light on the tragedy, much of it that they themselves had considered valueless. The crown had worked on no theory.

The situation was this: The young woman was in the house at the time of the tragedy, and she stated that the circumstances were so and so. If her story was received with implicit faith then it was obvious that to ask her questions other than those designed to identify the criminal were cruel. But there were two other views, one of the person who refused to believe the story at all. The moment there was doubt as to the truth of the story it was obvious that it became important to proceed much further and see what doubt or refusal to believe involved.

"Jimmy" Baum was the first witness placed upon the stand. He said he knew that Florence Kinrade never sang at any church in Manchester or Richmond. She had told him that she was married and divorced and lived in dread of her former housband, as he had threatened to drag her off the stage if he found her on one. She also told him that Ethel was endeavoring to influencee her parents to make her marry Wright against her (Florence's) will. He did not know Miss Elliott, and the only person he had seen Florence with was a tall blonde woman. She left the theatre, she told him, because a man, whose name she would not give, threatened to throw a dagger at her on the stage. He regarded his love affair with Florence seriously, and it was understood that when she left home she was to meet him in Philadelphia, marry him and go on a tour. They corresponded until she broke off the engagement. His Christmas present was returned by Mrs. Kinrade, who told him that Florence was engaged to Wright. She sent him a stick pin and asked him to address her as Mildred Dale, her stage name, at the general postoffice.

His evidence ended, Baum asked permission to address the court, and said: "If you think Florence killed her sister you are mistaken. You should get the thin person who followed her from Virginia. That person did it."

Detective Pinder, who investigated the girl's travels in the South, testified that her evidence that she had sang in a church in Manchester or Richmond was untrue.

### LUMBER FOR PRINCE RUPERT.

Large Shipments are Being Made From Chemainus

Chemainus, May 4.—The Victoria Lumber and Manufacturing Co. are loading their barge Pioneer No. 1 with 200,000 feet of lumber for Prince Rupert, and C.P.R. Transfer barge No. 1 is expected in this week to load 500,000 feet for the same place.

The ship Elisa Lihn now on voyage from Antofagasta, is fixed to load at Chemainus for the West Coast of South America.

## STEAMER KATANGA WILL DOCK HERE

### Capt. McBride Bringing Wife and Daughter to Spend Holiday in Victoria.

Andrew Weir liner Katanga, is due here from Guaymas to go into drydock for inspection and repairs. She will be surveyed by Lloyd's officials for her second class rating.

Captain McBride who has charge of the Katanga is one of the pioneer captains of the Andrew Weir company. He is well known here having visited the city on many occasions. He sends word that he has his wife and daughter with him, and that he expects to spend a pleasant holiday in this city while the steamer is being overhauled.

The gas engine was invented by a French workman called Labon, in 1799. This invention was modified and improved by Lenoir and Siemens.

### SEARCHING FOR CONVICT.

Benicia, Cal., May 4.—Officers with dogs are scouring the country near here to-day in search of Forest Tucker, alias Tupper, who escaped from the guards at the Ingleside quarry near San Francisco. Tucker's escape was the second at Ingleside within a week and every effort is being made to find him. He broke away from his guards last Tuesday, although it was not made public until to-day, and Edward Biggs followed his example on the Thursday following.

Higgs has disappeared and no trace of him can be found, but Tucker has been pursued here and it is believed that he is concealed in the woods.

## LONSDALE ARRIVED AFTER ROUGH VOYAGE

### Returning Canadians Bring Poor Accounts of Conditions in Mexico.

Steamer Lonsdale arrived Monday afternoon from Mexico, after naving to put into San Francisco twice, the first time for coal and the second for ballast, it being found too rough off Cape Reyes to continue the voyage. Speaking of the event the captain said:

"The weather was very rough, so rough that we felt it best to return and take on more ballast. The wind was blowing 60 miles an hour off Cape Reyes and the seas were very heavy. There were four steamers besides ourselves that put back out of the same gale. The steamer got away finally on the 28th, and even then the weather was anything but good."

The Lonsdale brought a small quantity of freight from Salina Cruz. A quantity of salt was offered, but the rates on that commodity was low, and they received a message from the manager to come north and leave it behind.

There were in all seven passengers. Mrs. Shelts, the wife of a mining man at Mexico City, came north for the sea voyage, and she said she got it all right. She much enjoyed the rough wind and heavy sea. She is going on to New York. The other six passengers were in the steerage. Canadians who had been for some time in Mexico, and they do not bring a very good account of the country. They say that the Mazatlan-Culiacan branch of the Southern Pacific railway has been completed, and the trains commenced running on April 4th. Since that most of the white men have been paid off.

While wages are about the same down there as they are here, there is not much work to do and everything is very quiet. They are unanimously of the opinion that Mexico is nothing like such a good place in which to live as is Canada. They strongly advise Canadians to stay at home rather than look to Mexico for a living.

## BRAKEMAN STOPPED RUNAWAY TRAIN

### Crawled Over Cars and Shuts Off Steam After Engineer Had Been Hurt.

Phoenix, May 4.—Lewis J. Stalls, engineer on one of the dinky engines at the No. 2 tunnel of the Granby mines, had a narrow escape from death. He had turned off the steam, but not completely, and when near the front of the locomotive it started. He made a spring for the cab, and while hanging on the window was crushed when passing some timbering in the tunnel, falling to the side of the track. He was taken to the hospital and on examination his pelvis was found fractured. It will probably be some months before Mr. Stalls will be able to be around again.

Edward Harroll, a brakeman, was the hero of a daring feat, which not only saved the destruction of much property, but probably some lives as well. The dinky engine, from which Mr. Stalls had fallen, was headed out of the tunnel hauling several cars of ore, and was gradually gaining momentum. Mr. Harroll climbed on the rear car and crept through space barely large enough for his body between the top of the ore and the roof of the tunnel, getting to the engine in front and stopping the train while in the tunnel. Had the train been let run wild without its bell ringing, lives would have been in danger, and with gaining speed until the ore bins were reached, much damage to property would have resulted.

## CHINESE COOLIES DO NOT ENTER CANADA

### Mexico is Absorbing Large Numbers That Come This Way.

Those who saw a horde of Chinese coolies coming into the outer dock on board the C.P.R. liner Empress of Japan might have imagined that there was a Chinese invasion, but as a matter of fact only 27 entered Canada, and most of these were returning. Only three were liable for the $500 tax.

All the other Chinamen were bound to points outside of Canada. There were 203 going to Mexico, mostly to Mexico City; 179 were bound to the West Indies, and 69 were booked through to the United States, a country which claims to have absolute exclusion of Chinese as one of their laws.

They were a motley looking crowd those Orientals. Most of them were coolies being taken in by immigration companies, who forward a large part of their fare and collect it later from their wages.

The death occurred on Tuesday at the Royal Jubilee hospital of Bertha Larsen. Deceased was a native of Victoria and was 22 years of age. Miss Larsen was well known in this city and her death will come as a great shock to her many friends. For the past few months she had been residing in San Francisco and only returned to Victoria a few days ago.

## E. McGAFFEY WILL VISIT DUNCAN

### Secretary of Development League to Address Meeting.

(Special Correspondence.)

Duncan, May 4.—Ernest McGaffey, secretary of the Vancouver Island Development League, will give an address in Nanaimo to-morrow evening, and on his way to Victoria will stop off at Duncan and address the board of trade in the council chamber on Thursday evening.

The Cowichan branch of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals will give a concert to-morrow (Wednesday) evening in the Duncan opera house. Miss Miles from Victoria, will play a number of the accompaniments and Mrs. Drysdale from Nanaimo, will sing. Mr. Barrington-Foote from Thetis Island, will give some comic songs. Of local talent Mrs. Morten, Miss Hermann, Mr. Hale and Mr. Allin will take part. Mr. Lindley Crease, of Victoria, will give a short address and Mrs. Scriven will present prizes that have been awarded to children for essays on "Kindness to Animals." After the programme there will be a supper followed by a dance.

Splendid fishing for steelhead and trout is reported in the Cowichan river.

H. D. Irving, of Cowichan Bay, has returned from a six months visit to England.

Yesterday afternoon high wind caused flames to spread from a number of fires which had been smouldering among slashings for weeks. At Westholme a fire raged near the Lloyd's home but this was put out by the section men. Sparks from a freight engine set the forests around the sawmill ablaze and the men worked at the mill until after midnight. Two fires about Quamichan like, one at Mr. Halfpenny's house, and one on F. Price's property, where clearing was being done, were reported. Beyond the loss of some very fine trees no serious damage has been done.

## MONTREAL DOCTOR WILL USE RADIUM

### Secured Small Supply of Precious Material in Paris.

Experiments in the use of radium for medical purposes are being made for the first time in Canada by Dr. George E. Armstrong, who has just returned from Paris, where he has been studying its possibilities at the famous Radium Institute, says the Montreal Gazette. Dr. Armstrong brought back a small supply of the precious material with him, and is already experimenting with its use, but as yet has not secured any marked results, as he has only been using it a coulpe of days. He, naturally, did not bring a very large supply of the stuff back with him, as it is worth $100 a milligram, which is about the size of a pinhead.

Discussing his trip, Dr. Armstrong said he found the work at Paris very interesting. He spent some time at the Radium Institute watching experiments with the new material for the cure of various forms of skin diseases, cancerous growths, etc. The use of radium, however, he stated, had not yet passed the experimental stage, and while good results had been secured in some cases not enough was as yet known about it to give it a definite place for medical work.

"There is unquestionably something in radium for medical purposes," said Dr. Armstrong, "but it is almost too soon yet to give it a definite place. It is being thoroughly investigated at Paris, and it seems to be of use for various superficial skin diseases, cancerous growths, etc. The doctors there have secured very good results in some cases, but enough is not as yet known to compare it with results obtained from other things, so that as yet it is impossible to say just what it will do."

Dr. Armstrong brought back several milligrams of the precious stuff in a tiny glass bulb. It is in the form of a grayish powder, very much like ordinary dirt off the street. The radium, however, is practically indestructible, it being calculated that it will keep on giving up radio-activity with only a loss of about half its original energy in 1,750 years.

### MOTHERS' DAY.

Special Service Will Be Held at Metropolitan Church on Sunday.

One of the newest institutions, is that known as "Mothers' Day," originated only last year in the United States but which promises to be one of the great days of the world. The second Sunday in May is the day chosen as Mothers' Day.

The floral emblem is a white flower, preferably a white carnation. The day is intended as a tribute to "mother". The white carnation is a fitting emblem of a true mother's attributes; its whiteness stands for purity; its form, beauty; its fragrance, love; its wide field of growth, charity; its lasting qualities, faithfulness.

The idea seems to have gripped the hearts of most women wherever it has been suggested.

The Rev. T. E. Holling is going to have a special service in harmony with this idea next Sunday evening in the Metropolitan church.

He will preach on great men who have had good mothers. There will be a large choir of married people and the old hymns and tunes our parents loved to sing will be used.

Mr. Holling is asking for 1,600 people to attend and wear a white flower as a tribute to the best earthly friend—mother. The service promises to be one of unique interest and profit. The church will be appropriately decorated with white flowers for the occasion.