

## PETUAL LEASE EADMAN'S ISLAND

Company to Estab-  
lish Industrial Enterprises  
Famous Site.

April 2.—The Ludge lease  
island is for a period of five  
years at a rental of five  
cents a year. It is provided  
that it is renewable at the end  
of five years at a rental of  
one cent, and an endorsement  
provides that if the par-  
ty cannot agree upon an  
rental for the ensuing  
years it is to be determined

by the court. The disability  
question of recent visit to this  
island, Mr. Ludge and  
organized a joint stock  
company with a view to the  
development of the island for  
industrial purposes. They  
will require a large  
sum of money for the work  
and have great difficulty  
in the question of rental is  
the.

Mr. Ludge asked was that the  
land be fixed for a period of  
five years from the date of the  
lease, and that the rental be  
fixed at twenty-five cents  
per acre, and that the rental  
be adjusted every five years  
at a period of twenty-  
five cents at three thousand dol-  
lars possible that the mat-  
ter had been adjusted while Mr.  
Ludge had not been for the  
last entered by the Van-  
couver Trade and the park  
as matters stand the com-  
mittee that he will not  
the existing terms of  
the people of Van-  
couver of his doing so.

At the meeting of the engineer's  
committee has been granted a  
lease of the island, and that to  
be used for all time to come  
as indicated above.

## USE FINES BICYCLE CASES

Jay Thinks City  
Should Fix Higher  
Penalty.

Remarks of Magistrate Jay  
at court bench on Satur-  
day the city council may  
be an amendment to the  
law to raise the fine for of-  
fenders of the side-  
walks. At the morning  
session of the court, the  
magistrate said that he  
thought the city council  
should fix a higher penalty  
for offenders of the side-  
walks. At present the  
fine is \$2, but the im-  
position of the law has  
not been sufficient to  
prevent the nuisance. The  
remarks were made  
after the court adjourned  
and the clerk had announced  
that the fine had been paid in each  
case.

The prosecutor suggested that  
the offenders should be brought  
before the court instead of being  
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which the police  
under this by-law has  
as a preventive, but  
has stopped it. There  
is a large number of  
offenders, as the magis-  
trate had personally seen  
offenders on Fort  
Vancouver when com-  
ing this morning.

been over fifty bicycle  
during the past three  
which have been assessed.  
None of the offenders  
in court, the fines have  
when the charges were

HIBIT OF  
ERALS EVER SEEN

Little Will Establish  
Nucleus of Na-  
tional Museum.

at Saturday's Daily  
of the Dominion  
of the British Col-  
ombia at the Alaska-  
fair. He started in at  
worked through the  
of the Lardo and Oso-  
Revelstoke, Nelson and  
its, and is now engaged  
of Vancouver  
He called on Provin-  
t Robertson to-day.  
t says the Canadian  
for roofing. The de-  
ticularly anxious to  
to the representative of  
minerals of the prov-  
and the collection will  
the best of British Col-  
ombia has ever been got  
to the exhibit from the  
exhibition is already in  
whole exhibit could be  
ready for view by May  
fair the minerals will  
be and will form the  
mineral exhibit in the  
museum.

its name from Mosul, in  
where it was originally

## TO INVESTIGATE ENGINEERING

SAANICH COUNCIL  
TO LOOK INTO SUBJECT

Settlement Has Been Reached  
in Connection With En-  
gine for Crusher.

The Saanich council at its meeting on  
Saturday night decided to look into the  
question of curtailing the expenses in  
connection with engineering work. A  
committee, consisting of Reeve Quick,  
Councillor Nicholson and Councillor  
Scott will go into the whole subject.

The matter came up on a report from  
W. S. Waters, the engineer, who en-  
closed the plans and the award in the  
matter of the Day reclamation.  
Councillor Nicholson wanted to know  
who had authorized Mr. Waters to do  
as he had done. A meeting of those in-  
terested, he believed, had been held,  
and they decided not to go on with the  
scheme until the summer. Yet in the  
face of this Mr. Waters had gone and  
prepared an elaborate plan. He proposed  
to lower Lost Lake. He himself would  
take steps to prevent any such move.  
Reeve Quick asked the clerk if Mr.  
Waters had received instructions.  
The clerk could give no information  
whereupon Councillor Nicholson moved  
that the reeve and a committee be  
appointed to investigate the matter.  
The motion carried and the committee  
named as the reeve, Councillors Scott  
and Nicholson.

Later in the meeting the engineer's  
report on ditches on Blenkinsop road  
was read. It went into the needs very  
fully, but was also referred to the com-  
mittee, and the engineer will be in-  
structed to do nothing further until the  
whole matter is gone into.

The question of the engine supplied  
by Musens has been settled amicably,  
so that the last of that subject has been  
heard of to the infinite satisfaction of  
the council. Actions have been threat-  
ened and delays created until now.  
At the meeting a letter was read from  
Eberts & Taylor stating that the Musens  
Company had agreed to take back the  
engine. A letter was also read from  
J. D. Robb, of Vancouver, repre-  
senting the company. It was stated  
that the company was agreeable to take  
back the engine and refund the amount  
paid. If the friction pulley were allowed  
to be put in the letter stated that it  
was felt that the engine would do the  
work of running the crusher. However,  
they were satisfied to take it back. It  
was asked that the engine be allowed  
to be delivered in Victoria.

The council also decided to purchase  
two new engines for the crusher.  
At the meeting the Cloverdale Muni-  
cipal Engineer reported that a resolu-  
tion had been passed asking that a  
full survey of the area to be drained by  
the Sorenson ditch should be made.  
A communication was read from the  
Wilson Grocery business against the  
paying a license fee under the ped-  
dling by-law. It was urged by the  
company that they do not peddle goods  
nor solicit business in the district.

Councillor Nicholson thought it would  
be unfair to expect the grocers to pay  
a license. Mr. Wall did not peddle  
goods. It was a convenience to have  
the goods delivered. Mr. Wall did not  
take orders.  
On motion that the grocers took or-  
ders, Councillor Sewall said the by-  
laws should be amended so as not to  
apply to grocers or others of the same  
class. These people should not be  
forced to pay because they came in  
and took orders.

The reeve pointed out that as the by-  
law stood if any grocer took orders  
he came within the provisions of the  
by-law imposing a license.  
Councillor Nicholson moved that the  
Windsor Grocery should be exempt  
from the fee, provided they did not  
take orders in the district.

Fred Norris wrote with reference to  
the order to have his fence removed,  
stating that about six years ago the  
government had given him permission  
to use the line where they now were  
and the road was laid out twenty feet  
wide.

Councillor Mannix said he under-  
stood that this road was a 66 foot one.  
Councillor Nicholson said he knew  
Mr. Morris had been given power to  
encroach upon the road at the point  
referred to by the government before  
the municipality was formed.  
Councillor Mannix thereupon moved  
that no action be taken to compel Mr.  
Norris to remove his fence in view of  
the explanation offered by Councillor  
Nicholson.

A request from Walter H. Smith for

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TRACT OF SARS-  
APARILLA

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## VICE ADMIRAL CERVERA PASSES AWAY

Spaniard Who Commanded  
Fleet at Battle of Santiago  
Is Dead.

Puerto Real, Spain, April 5.—Vice-  
Admiral Pascual Cervera, who com-  
manded the Spanish fleet in the Bay  
of Santiago, Cuba, died here on Satur-  
day afternoon. The members of the  
admiral's family were present at his  
bedside, as was also Rear-Admiral  
Bulante, who was commander of the  
Vizcaya at Santiago. Admiral Cervera  
in his last hours asked that no  
military honors be paid him. He  
showed great fortitude, and, despite  
his relatives not to grieve, he retained  
consciousness until within a few  
minutes of his death, which was  
directly due to heart disease. King  
Alfonso has telegraphed his condole-  
nces.

Vice-Admiral Cervera was released  
from the active list of the Spanish  
navy on December 14th last, at his own  
request, on account of failing health.  
Shortly afterwards he proceeded to  
Puerto Real in the hope of improving  
his health, but during the last month  
he had been in a critical condition, be-  
ing kept under the use of morphia and  
hypodermic injections. He suffered  
from affection of the heart. Ad-  
miral Cervera was born on February  
15th, 1839. He graduated from the  
Naval Academy at San Fernando, and  
was commissioned to foreign service  
in 1859. He served in Morocco and in  
the Cuban rebellion, and was recalled  
from Cuba to hold the office of min-  
ister of marine. On the outbreak of  
the war with the United States, he sail-  
ed from the Cape Verde islands with  
four cruisers and three torpedo boat  
destroyers, on April 29th, 1898; entered  
the harbor of Santiago de Cuba on May  
14th and lost his entire fleet off that  
port on July 3rd, in an attempt to force  
his way through Admiral Sampson's  
blockading squadron.

## SUBMIT AMENDMENTS TO PAYNE TARIFF BILL

House Committee Will Endeavor  
to Prevent Vote on Free  
Lumber Question.

Washington, April 5.—Regarding the  
demands which they have made for  
an opportunity to vote on some of the  
principal schedules in the Payne tariff  
bill might result in changes which they  
consider more disadvantageous than  
the provisions now in the bill, nearly  
thirty Republican members of the  
committee on commerce have agreed upon  
the changes which they desire to have  
submitted in the form of a committee  
amendment. At the same time a  
meeting of all the members of the  
committee was held, and the progress  
to pass upon the amendments which  
the sub-committee of Republican  
members had submitted. There  
are about fifty or sixty of them which  
the committee will report, including  
the striking out of the countervailing  
provision for coffee and the duty on  
tea.

Inferring that they would vote  
against any rule to restrict amend-  
ments to the Payne bill unless the  
changes they desire are provided for  
by the ways and means committee, the  
Republicans decided to send the fol-  
lowing petition to Chairman Payne:  
"To the Republican members of the  
ways and means committee: The un-  
derigned request your committee to  
present the following committee  
amendments to the Payne tariff bill:  
"An amendment providing for a duty  
of 45 cents a ton of 2,000 pounds on  
coal, striking out the provision for  
reciprocity."

"For a duty of 25 cents a ton on iron  
ore."  
"For a duty of \$3 a ton on pig iron  
and scrap iron."  
"For a duty of 10 per cent. on hides."  
"The amendment for the lumber  
schedule to be confined to the proviso.  
A rule which will provide for the above  
will receive our support."

It was claimed by most of them  
that nearly fifty signatures of Republi-  
can members would be obtained to the  
petition.

The ways and means committee  
Saturday decided to report an amend-  
ment striking out the countervailing  
duty proviso on lumber, and in their  
petition the opposition expressed the  
desire that the rule for considering the  
tariff bill will limit amendments in the  
lumber schedule to the proviso. This  
would make it impossible to have a  
vote on the question of free lumber.

## FOR THE Easter Bride

No gift goods so highly appreciated  
and generally used as solid  
Silver. Our up-to-date stock  
meets every requirement. Let  
us suggest:

BON BON DISHES  
PEPPERS AND SALTS  
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OYSTER FORKS  
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Put up in high-class leather silk  
lined cases

W. H. Wilkerson  
THE JEWELLER  
915 GOVERNMENT ST.  
Telephone 1406.

Friday afternoon Chief of Police  
John Langley received a post card from  
Antonio Lasciavolo, from Italy, which  
contradicted the statement that Lasciavolo  
had perished in the earthquake in Mes-  
sina, Italy. Lasciavolo will be remem-  
bered here in connection with the High-  
gate over the custody of his children last  
year.

## RAILWAYS MUST USE OIL BURNING ENGINES

Order Affects Companies Op-  
erating Through Adiron-  
ack Forest Reserves.

Albany, N. Y., April 5.—An order was  
issued by the public service commis-  
sion Saturday requiring that all rail-  
roads traversing the state forest pre-  
serves in the Adirondacks must use oil-  
burning locomotives during certain  
periods of the year. The railroads af-  
fected are the New York Central, op-  
erating the Mohawk and Malone, Car-  
thage and Adirondack and New York  
and Ottawa lines; the Delaware and  
Hudson and the Cranberry Lake Rail-  
road Company. The time fixed by the  
commission is during the months of  
each year from April 15th to November  
1st, between the hours of 8 a. m. and  
8 p. m. The order goes into partial ef-  
fect this year, and provides for the  
complete installation of oil burners by  
April 15th, 1910.

The proceedings to compel the rail-  
roads to make this step were brought  
by the forest, fish and game commis-  
sion last summer. The hearings cov-  
ered several months and all practical  
plans of fire prevention were consid-  
ered. The cost of electrification was  
found to be entirely prohibitive, in-  
volving an additional expenditure of  
\$5 million annually. The use of the  
New York Central locomotives was  
found to be the most feasible.  
The remedies proposed by the rail-  
roads, such as improvements in the  
present locomotives, clearing the right  
of way of combustible matter, petro-  
ling and the use of a special telephone  
system and fire trains were found to  
be adequate. The evidence, however,  
shows that coal burning locomotives  
properly equipped can be used at night  
without the danger of fire, and the  
order provides accordingly.

## FERNIE FAVORS GIFT OF DREADNOUGHT

Board of Trade Will Send Res-  
olution to Dominion Gov-  
ernment.

Fernie, April 3.—At the last meeting  
of the board of trade a very ambitious  
programme was laid out for the sea-  
son's work. Among the communica-  
tions read was a letter from the Van-  
couver board of trade enclosing a res-  
olution passed by that body urging that  
the Dominion government to donate a ves-  
sel of the Dreadnought class to the  
British Empire, and asking the co-  
operation of the board of trade in the  
operation of the Fernie board in pe-  
titioning the government to the same  
effect. After a full discussion of the  
resolution it was unanimously decided  
to endorse it, and a petition similar  
to the Vancouver one will be forwarded  
to the proper authorities.

A communication from the Fernie  
district game protection association  
was also read requesting the board to  
co-operate with the association in  
drawing the attention of the depart-  
ment of marine and fisheries to the  
depletion of the Elk river and its tri-  
butaries and the necessity of restock-  
ing these streams with fish, also the  
establishment of hatcheries in the dis-  
trict. It was decided to assist the  
association in every way possible in  
securing the above from the govern-  
ment. Another important matter  
taken up was the appointment of a  
publicity bureau, the need of which  
has been recognized for some time and  
steps will be taken immediately to es-  
tablish one. A new feature to be in-  
troduced by the board will be the  
nightly luncheons after the plan of  
the Canadian Club in other cities at  
which affairs prominent visitors and  
local business men will be invited to  
give short addresses on important and  
interesting subjects.

## REVELSTOKE HOSPITAL TO BE ENLARGED

Directors Have Decided to Add  
Wing at Cost of  
\$16,000.

Revelstoke, April 3.—The hospital  
board has decided to commence nego-  
tiations for the erection of a new  
wing for the hospital. The advisability  
of petitioning for a by-law to be sub-  
mitted to the people for the raising  
of funds in aid of the building of a  
new wing has been voted down and  
the board has decided to commence the  
work with approximately \$16,000 in  
sight, including the government grant  
which will equal half that sum, and  
the balance now in the bank. It is  
claimed that this amount of money  
will be sufficient to erect an up-to-  
date wing. Arrangements are being  
made at once for the drawing up of  
plans for the building to conform with  
the amount of money available and  
when the design of construction has  
been approved, the work will be put in  
hand at once.

Building permits have been issued to  
T. Lubman for a six roomed house on  
Ontario street to cost \$1,800; to Wilson  
Noble for a five roomed dwelling to  
cost \$1,000; the B. C. Land & Investment  
company has taken out a permit for  
additions to premises on Johnson street,  
\$800; and Frank Partridge has received a  
permit for an eight roomed house on  
Cornwall street to cost \$2,700.

Friday afternoon Chief of Police  
John Langley received a post card from