NOTHING FROM BRIDGE COMPANY

Dominion Able to Realize Nothing on Guarantee of Corporation Which Built Structure Lately Collapsed

PLANS FOR REBUILDING INDICATED IN THE HOUSE

Estimates for Hudson Bay Railway Passed and Statement of Country's Revenue and Expenditure Brought Down

OTTAWA, ONT., Feb. 4.—A singular discovery was made this afternoon with regard to the Quebec bridge. In brief it is that the government was outwitted in the dealings with the Phoenix Bridge Company, the corporation which was engaged on that ill-fated structure. The Government thought the contract was with the famous and very powerful Phoenix Iron Company of Philadelphia and found when it came to investigate the question of responsibility that the contract was with a subsidiary company with capitalization of only $50,000. To this company some $3,000,000 was paid.

The bridge fell down and there is little hope of anything being realized. About the bond of $100,000 which the company deposited as security technical difficulties have arisen and no payment has been made as yet.

The vote of $1,000,000 for the Quebec Bridge was before the committee of supply. After some discussion Mr. Blaine raised the question of responsibility for the lives sacrificed and money lost in that catastrophe. "Who was responsible?" he asked. Mr. Graham's answers disclosed the fact that something over $3,000,000 had been paid out to the Phoenix Bridge Company up to the time the government took the work over. Technically the money was paid by the Quebec Bridge Company but the government furnished the money.

Mr. Baker recalled the fact that there had been no expert oversight. The engineer put in charge to represent the public interests had been a very respectable man, but one who had been employed exclusively on railway work and probably had never in his life built a bridge exceeding 200 feet span.

The Ultimate Responsibility.

Mr. Borden put the question to Mr. Graham: "Where was the ultimate responsibility to be found?" The Quebec bridge had been a gigantic undertaking. Its construction should have been preceded by precautions, the greatest care known. The government financed the whole work. The government left the letting of the contracts to the Quebec Bridge Company, a company with a small capitalization. It proved unable to meet its obligations. Thereupon the government took it over. In doing so the government actually handed back to the company a capital which consisted of directors fees, not cash, and paid 10 per cent. bonus and interest. This company had made a contract for construction. Some one must be responsible for the defective design which had caused the collapse, and the loss of five or six millions. Was there not some revenue accruing to the people in respect of the defects of design?

"If the Quebec Bridge Company proceeded with ordinary business prudence," Mr. Borden continued, "it would have had a contract under which it would have some remedy if design or execution proved defective." Mr. Graham said that there was in the contract a clause providing for penalties in event of non-fulfilment. The regrettable part was that there seemed reason to fear that the government could not enforce it. The "Phoenix Bridge Co.," with which the contract had been made, was not the Phoenix Iron Company which had the great works.

The Phoenix Bridge Company was a subsidiary company of the large company. It was capitalized at $50,000. "Paid up?" asked the Opposition. Mr. Graham had no information on this. It was a limited liability company. Mr. Graham said that it seemed to be a practice among the large American companies to have subsidiary companies for these large works.

When the wreck occurred, Mr. Graham went on, he thought that he was dealing with the big, strong, Phoenix Iron Works. He found that he was dealing only with the "Phoenix Bridge Company."

"Any security?" asked Mr. Crocket.

The "Phoenix Bridge Company" gave bond for $100,000 to the Quebec Bridge Company, Mr. Graham explained. On attempting to realize, on the making a demand for it, the company had set up a technical claim as to notification.

Mr. Graham said that they had not quite lost hope yet. He went on to say that there was a drawback of $100,000 and the metal at the bottom of the river was an asset. Inasmuch as the company had a capitalization of only $50,000 he had no great hope of collecting anything from it. Mr. Foster asked if the minister had realized on the drawback.

"We have it," said Mr. Graham.

Plans For Rebuilding

Earlier in the discussion of this item some interesting information came out. The vote of a million will be spent on the sub-structure. One pier will be completed next autumn, the second in the autumn following. These two piers will be available whatever type of bridge selected. It will be four years from the coming autumn before the bridge is completed.

The National Transcontinental from Moncton to Levis will be completed before the bridge is ready. Mr. Graham was informed that pending the finishing of the bridge a ferry was practicable. Discussing the rest Mr. Graham recurred to Mr. Haggart's estimate that the bridge will cost in all $17,000,000 or so, that is $7,000,000 expended and $8,000,000 or $10,000,000 to come.

Mr. Graham said that so far as he could tell this was $1,000,000 short. In addition there was the $3,650,000 paid to the Quebec bridge shareholders.

Considerable Additions

It developed that considerable additions will have to be made to the existing piers. The old piers which were uninjured when the structure collapsed, was 150 by 50 feet, but it must be enlarged 30 feet each way to 180 by 80 feet. From this Mr. Borden deducted that the piers were strong enough for a bridge that fell down, but not strong enough for a bridge that would stand up. Mr. Crocket wanted to know when the minister expected transcontinental trains from the East to run into Quebec. The matter was important for the Maritime Provinces, as if the traffic began before the completion of the Quebec bridge link, it would go to Portland and get set there.

Mr. Graham would not commit himself to any estimate, but admitted that he expected the railway to be completed before the bridge is ready.

Before having the vote Mr. Foster commented upon the statement put into the King's speech that the Winnipeg to Port Arthur portion of the Transcontinental is "open for traffic." The line was not finished, only one train had passed over it. It was not open for traffic. It had been a grave abuse.

Vote to French Sufferers

On going into supply Mr. Fielding put through the committee the vote of $50,000 for aid to the sufferers by the floods in Paris. The money will be paid through the Paris office to the British ambassador, who has expressed himself as ready to transmit it to the French government.

Hudson Bay Railway

On taking up the estimates the first matter of general interst discussed was the proposed Hudson Bay railway for which there is a vote of $180,000. Mr. Lennox asked if Mackenzie and Mann were in town with that in view. Mr. Graham said that Mr. Mann was in town on other business and there had been no consultation with him. Thereupon the opposition wondered why the line was to start from the Pas Mission, access to which is only over a line owned by the C.N.R.

Mr. Templeman introduced a bill to amend the gas inspection act. The most important changes proposed are one designed to increase the accuracy of meters, another designed to afford a test of the calorific power of gas, hitherto only the illuminating power has been tested.

Revenue for January

The revenue for the month of January, 1910, was $8,120,441 as compared with $6,639,053 in January, 1909, while the expenditure was $12,250,342 on current and $3,233,078 on capital account as compared with $12,608,592 and $10,499,220 respectively in January, 1909. For the ten months of the fiscal year which have elapsed, the revenue has been $81,510,522, as against $68,937,636 in the corresponding period of 1908-09. The expenditure on current account has been $59,678,472 and on capital account $27,259,215, as against $63,041,215 and $36,815,549 respectively last year.

The Trent Canal came into the line light. The vote this year is $1,750,000. The plan is to construct two more sections to complete the canal from Lake Simcoe to Lake Ontario. All this is expected to be under contract this year, hanks to his recent observations in Europe, Mr. Graham had a high opinion of the future value of canals of this type. The Newmarket canal came in on this also. $150,000 will be spent next year. Last year the expenditure was $57,000, and the year before $190,000. Water, his engineer assured Mr. Graham, there would be in plenty. Germany works canals with water obtained by drainage.

Throws Out Wireless Bill

The marine committee today threw out the bill of E. N. Lewis, requiring wireless telegraphic equipment on all coasting and sea-going vessels of 1,200 tons freight or over, and on all coasting and sea-going steamers of 400 tons and over. The tenor of the opposition was that the proposed legislation is premature.

The bill requiring marking of load tons was discussed and laid over the question being referred to the marine department.

The Richibucto sawdust wharf case was touched on again in the public accounts committee today. Mr. Crocket moved to summon Mr. Andrew Loggie, of Dalhousie, who had sent recently a doctor's certificate of his illness. Mr. Crocket said his advices were that Mr. Loggie was about his business. Chairman Warburton understood the case had been closed, and reported to the house. Mr. Crocket replied that this was not his understanding. It was agreed to again summon Mr. Loggie.

COST OF LIVING

Figures Show Advance in Prices of Articles of Everday Consumption

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—That there has been a very general increase in the price of both wholesale and retail articles of food between the years of 1899 and 1908 is indicated by a report sent to the senate today by the department of commerce and labor in response to a resolution introduced by Senator Crawford, of South Dakota.

For purposes of comparison the prices in 1899 are used as normal. The percentages of increases were about as follows:

Bread, wholesale, 25.1; retail, 4.9; butter, wholesale, Elgin, 29.8; creameries, extras, 27.5; dairy, 24.6; retail, 30.6; cheese, wholesale, 26.9, retail, 20.2; coffee, wholesale, 3.9, retail, 5.0; eggs, new laid, wholesale, 39.8, retail, 36.2; wheat, wholesale spring, 43.6, winter, 26.8, retail, 24.4; lard, wholesale, 63.3, retail, 38.2; beef, wholesale, fresh 11.8, salt 49.9, retail, fresh 14.9, salt 10.6; dressed mutton, wholesale 21.4, retail 26.8; bacon, wholesale 54.5, retail 52.9; ham, wholesale 21.9, retail 31.8; milk, wholesale 30.1, retail 18.1; potatoes, wholesale 70.6, retail 25.5.

Prices on sugar, tea, spices and soda crackers have been slightly reduced.

FIEND CONFESSES

Negro Suspect Admits to Brutal Triple Murder—Victims Struck Down With Hammer

SAVANNAH, Ga., Feb. 4.—The mystery of the murder of the three women, Mrs. Amanda Gribble, her daughter, Mrs. Ohlander, and Mrs. Maggie Hunter, on Dec. 10 last, was cleared up today by the confession of Bingham Bryan, a negro, arrested last month, and held on suspicion. Bryan said he entered the house bent on robbery and carrying a hammer as a weapon. Mrs. Gribble caught him in the kitchen. He struck her several times with the hammer before she died. When the daughter ran in and after striking her down with his fist, he beat her with the hammer before she died. As he was trying to leave the house, the third woman came in and grabbed him. He said he caught her by the throat and choked her and struck her with the hammer.

Sir Charles H. Tupper from Vancouver is a guest at the Empress.

WARBURTON PIKE SAFE AT YUMA

Telegram From Him at That Point Received by Hon. Dr. Young—No News of Trip Down Colorado

Warburton Pike is safe at Yuma. A telegram from him accepting charge of the provincial exhibit in the Sportsman's Show at Vienna this year was received by Hon. Dr. Young from Yuma yesterday.

Fears had been entertained that the intrepid Victoria hunter had met death in his attempted trip down the Colorado river with Lord Beauclerc. The trip is a most dangerous one, and the non-return of the party to civilization finally resulted in the dispatch of a search party for them.

All particulars are lacking of the success or failure of the expedition. But the party is safe.

The exhibit at Vienna will comprise specimens of provincial big game and is designed to advertise the province abroad amongst sportsmen.

Treaty Now in Force.

OTTAWA, Feb. 3.—The exchange of ratifications in respect to the Franco-Canadian treaty took place at noon yesterday and in consequence the treaty is now in force between the two countries.

Australian Colonists

MELBOURNE, Feb. 3.—The Victorian cabinet has adopted a scheme for settling 4,000 British and American agriculturists on irrigation blocks within two years. It has arranged for special steamers which will transport the farmers and their families at low rates.

Railway to the Bay.

OTTAWA, Feb. 3.—Wm. Mackenzie, of the firm of Mackenzie & Mann, is expected here tomorrow to confer with the government regarding the building of the Hudson's Bay railroad, the Canadian Northern line to Pas Mission, from which point the railway to the Bay will start as announced by Mr. Graham in the house.

Impending Shake-up

NEW YORK, Feb. 3.—Police Inspector George McCluskey, whom Chief Devery once nicknamed "Chesty George," because of his associations with several millionaires, is said to be slated to succeed Inspector McCafferty as head of the detective bureau. "The crime wave," murders, robberies and assaults is said to have brought about the impending shape-up.

Grows Acute

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—It was announced at the State Department today that either a complete agreement or a rupture between Germany and the United States in the present tariff negotiations might be expected tomorrow. The cattle and meat inspection issues are the sole stumbling blocks.

Attempts Suicide.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Feb. 3.—F. E. Pear, division agent of the Chicago and Alton railroad at Chicago, was found in his room at a hotel here today with a bullet wound over his heart. Despondency is believed to have caused him to attempt to commit suicide.

Attacks British Minister.

ATHENS, Feb. 3.—The Acropolis makes a remarkable attack on the British minister, Sir F. E. H. Elliott, alleging that he is encouraging the King's antipathy to a national assembly. "Happily," says the paper, "the King's patriotism caused him to reflect upon what all Greece desires."

Ends Reconciliation

TORONTO, Feb. 3.—William Bell, a laborer, cut his wife's throat, and then his own in a quarrel in their apartments this afternoon. Both may die. The couple had recently become reconciled after a separation, and were looking over the premises preparatory to renting them when the quarrel started. Bell used a razor for the deed.

To Meet Operators.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Feb. 3.—The convention of the United Mine Workers of America late today notified the operators of the bituminous coal mines of Western Pennsylvia, Ohio, and Indiana, now assembled at Toledo, for the joint wage conference, the miners' representatives will arrive there tomorrow to complete the business of the conference. A special session was held tonight.

Spanish School Crisis.

MADRID, Feb. 3.—A monster meeting of Catholics, including many women of the aristocray, was held today in protest against the re-opening of the Lay schools which were closed after the rebellious outbreak at Barcelonia. Carlists and Conservatives both declared that the schools were in reality anarchistic in their teachings and the enemies of social order. They demanded the intervention of the church in all questions pertaining to education. The republican convention is organizing counter demonstrations.

In Worse Plight.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., February 3.—Another attempt to secure the release from prison of Ferdinand Cohen, the waiter who is accused of kidnapping Reberta De Jaron, the sixteen-year-old heiress of this city, failed again today, and as a result of the hearing Cohen faces additional serious charges. Council for the waiter made application for his release on a writ of habeas corpus and after an extended hearing Judge Staatke held him on $16,000 bail on the charges of conspiracy to entice the girl from the custody of her lawful guardians, attempted kidnapping and aiding and abetting in kidnapping.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 3.—A legal clash developed in the sensational Swope case today when at the request of Frank P. Walsh, attorney for Dr. B. C. Hyde, the circuit, at Independence, Mo., dismissed the first suit brought recently by the physician against John G. Paxton, executor of the Swope estate, asking $100,000 for alleged slander. Mr. Walsh's move was made. It was stated, to prevent the opposing attorneys from securing the depositions of Dr. Hyde, whose wife was a niece of the late Colonel Swope. Dr. Hyde's second suit, which is for $600,000 damages, was directed against Mr. Paxton as well as against Drs. Stewart and Hall.

UNEARTH ANCIENT RUINS

Remarkable Discovery of Pre-Historic Remains Is Reported From the Transvaal

JOHANNESBURG, Feb. 3.—Much interest has been aroused thoughout South Africa by the reported discovery of a buried city near the Vaal, in the Western Transvaal. It appears that as a farmer was digging a grave he came upon a large slab, which, on being exhmued, proved to be of a kind of marble unknown in the neighborhood. It was beautifully worked, evidently by highly-skilled hands. Further excavations disclosed another similar slab. Subsequently a trench was driven from the spot, which led to the discovery of an ancient well of massive masonry.

A Johannesburg syndicate has been formed which will direct systematic excavations. Near the spot are several mounds and ridges. The slabs discovered and said to resemble ancient Grecian work, and with other remains, appear to belong to an entirely different civilization from that responsible for the Rrodesian ruins.

PRESIDENCY OF BANK OF MONTREAL

Sir Edward Clouston Said to Be Likely to Succeed the Late Sir George Drummond

MONTREAL, Que., Feb. 3.—There is a good deal of speculation in financial circles as to what changes are likely to follow in the Bank of Montreal owing to the death of the president, Sir George Drummond. It is generally believed that Sir Edward Clouston, the present vice-president and general manager, will be appointed president in succession to Sir George Drummond, but whether he will retain the general managership or not is problematical. In the event of his relinquishing the general managership, it is expected that H. Vincent Meredith, the present local manager, will become general manager and that Mr. Stavert will be appointed assistant general manager.

Aeronaut's Suicide.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 3.—With his head thrust into the envelope of a balloon into which a stream of illuminating gas was pouring, A. Farrer, an aeronaut aged 30 years, was found today on the roof of the house where he lodged. It is thought ill-health caused him to commit suicide.

Minister Breaks His Arm.

TORONTO, Feb. 3.—While leaving the Parliament buildings after delivering the budget speech and listening to some Liberal criticisms on it, Col. Matheson, provincial treasurer, slipped on the icy walk a little out of the building, and fell heavily, breaking his left arm a little above the elbow. As quickly as possible Col. Matheson was taken back into the building, where his colleague, the Hon. Dr. Pyne set the broken arm.

Setback to Cretans

ATHENS, Feb. 3.—The Royal message of sanction for the convocation of a national assembly is not likely to be issued until next March and it is practically certain that the assembly will not be convoked before December. Any action on the part of the Cretans, provocative of a crisis in the future, therefore, is out of the question. The Greek government has decided to withdraw several diplomatic missions abroad in accordance with the demands of the Military League, but it is understood that the ministers at Constantinople, Sofia and Washington will be retained.

Bishops and French Schools.

RHEIMS, France, Feb. 3.—The judge advocate in the trial of Cardinal Lucon, who was accused by the public school teachers' association with attempting to cripple the public schools through the agency of an Episcopal letter submitte this conclusions today. He described the charge and the court proceedings as a grave affair, attracting the attention of all France. He characterized the Episcopal letter as nothing less than a declaration of war against the public schools, inciting them to insurrection. He defended the schools against the attacks of the bishops who signed the letter and while admitting that some of the text books were imperfect, perhaps, insisted that the bishops should have made their complaints to the authorities to permit of corrections, as Bishop Bailey had done.

Miners' Wage Scale

TOLEDO, O., Feb. 3.—Hope of an amicable adjustment was expressed today by Thomas L. Lewis, president of the miners, while acting as temporary chairman of the joint wage scale conference of the operators and miners of the Ohio, Indiana and Western Pennsylvania districts. He said:

"I hope that we will proceed calmly, dispassionately and deliberately, and that we will be able to arrive at a proper and intelligent settlement of any differences existing."

John H. Jones, president of the Pittsburg-Buffalo Coal Company, and one of the principal operators present, expressed a belief that a peaceable agreement will be reached, and a strike averted. Aftr a disposition of preliminary business, the conference adjourned until tomorrow morning, to await the report of the credentials committee, which deadlocked on the question of admitting to the conference the Illinois miners in the absence of the operators of the state.

NO TEAM FOR ENGLAND

Canadian Artillerymen Will Not Compete in Old Country Owing to Lack of Funds.

OTTAWA, Feb. 4.—It is regarded here as probable that no artillery team will go to England next summer for the artillery competition there. At the last annual meeting of the Canadian Artillery Association the executive was instructed to make arrangements during 1909 in order that everything would be in readiness for sending a team over in 1910. However, the executive has not been successful in making such arrangements. Sending a team to England would entail considerable expense, and it was expected that the government would increase its grant to the association in order to make the return visit of Canadian Artillery team possible. This increased grant has not been forthcoming. A special meeting of the executive of the artillery association has been called for next Tuesday.

Revelstoke is considering school building plans, and of course will want an increased appropriation from the government.

PROVINCIAL HAPPENINGS

Erection of a new Baptist church has begun at Peachland.

Further washouts on the C.P.R. line are reported from Cascade.

Deer herds are increasing in the Lillooet country.

A shortage of cars is much inconveniencing the Nicola valley.

Penticton's council is experiencing much difficulty in securing a cemetery site.

Phoenix is preparing to hold the first tax sale in that city for several years.

A. C. Pearce, later of the Walke Theatre orchestra of Winnipeg is the new Summerland bandmaster.

The uniform of the Kamloops division of the Rocky Mountain Rifles is to be changed to khaki.

One hundred and fifty-nine patients received treatment during the year in the Kelowna hospital.

Aldermanic compensation in Rossland is at the rate of $4 per meeting—union scale.

J. Adair, late of Walkerville, Ont., is the new manager of the Home Bank at Fernie.

The payroll of the Nicola Valley Coal and Coke company at Middleboro is now $15,000 per month.

Phoenix is petitioning the government for a grant of $2,000 for a new school.

Ladysmith's Knights of Pythias will erect a new castle.

Revelstoke's city council has decided to transact public business on a cash basis hereafter.

A citizens' meeting to advance the incorporation project is to be held at Merritt on the 10th.

Snowslides are causing delays in traffic in the Slocan and East Kootenay.

Richmond and Point Grey municipalities will unite in the formation of a board of trade.

Mr. and Mrs. Disdero, of Ducks, have just celebrated their golden wedding.

Mr. Archie P. Clark, of Okanagan Centre, and Miss Hermione Caron have become man and wife.

The Anglicans of Quesnel are agitating for the establishment of a church at that place.

The Fort George sawmill has closed down until March, by which time the frost will be out of the logs.

The Sardis portion of the congregation of the Methodist church at Chilliwack has applied for separation.

Burnaby municipality is sending a deputation to the Capital to press the special advantages of Deer Lake as a university site.

Poles are being got out for the Prince Rupert telephone company, which will have its lines in operation by the first of May.

Mr. John Boyd, president of the Moyie miners' union, was married last week to Miss Mildred Smith, the Rev. G. O. Main officiating.

The marriage of Mr. M. J. Bonner and Miss Isabella Whitehead was celebrated at Moyie on Wednesday last by the Rev. Father Beck.

Three trainmen were slightly injured by a work train of the B. C. E. R. Co. jumping the rails in Vancouver yesterday.

A special grant will be asked from the government towards initial expenses in connection with Ladysmith's new general hospital.

Miss J. Goddard, a member of St. Jude's choir, Greenwood, was presented with a ring last week on the occasion of her departure from Greenwood.

Swan Swanson, through his agent, is laying out a fine orchard in the Creston district. Five thousand four hundred and sixty fruit trees will be planted this spring.

New Westminster's city council has been asked by Vancouver to give an expression of opinion on the question of provincially owned telephone systems throughout the country.

The Nanaimo Herald has issued an interesting and well illustrated special number devoted to the promotion of the intersts of the Coal City and contiguous district.

A shooting case now under police investigation occurred on the Skwi reservation Thursday night, Joe Mathews receiving a flesh wound which will not prove especially serious.

The Anglican synod in session at New Westminster has passed a resolution providing that the minimum stipend to any incumbent in the diocese shall not be less than $1,000 per anuum.

The continuation of the C.P.R.'s Phoenix to Wellington line on through to the B. C. Copper Company's Lode Star mine in Washington is receiving serious consideration by the railway company.

Creston amateurs are playing "The Private Secretary" on the evening of the 12th inst., half of the proceeds to be devoted to the advertising fund of the district board of trade.

Creston is desirous of securing the appointment of a county court judge, Ladysmith enjoyed the first annual hospital ball given in that city lact evening.

and has asked Mr. Schofield, M.P.P., to do what he can to advance the request.

Approximately $1,250,000 worth of New Westminster property changed hands during January.

Hastings street property in Vancouver, is now selling at from $2,800 and $3,000 per front foot.

The death occurred at Nanaimo Wednesday evining of Mrs. Thomas Kitchin.

The residents of Barnston island are asking the Dominion government to build wharves for them.

Emil, Harry and Edward Wilcox of Mission have been jointly committed for trial for the murder of Harry Garner at Nicomen island.

Major Anderson, right-of-way agent for the Great Northern, has completed the acquisition of the necessary properties in the Welch and Stewart contract through the Tulameen.

If the Cranbrook Electric Light Co., fails to supply 600 horse power by May 22 next, it forfeits a deposit of $3,000. Extensions and improvements are, however, so well advanced that the deposit money is regarded as safe.

Five hundred mineral claims have been located in the Omineca district, and the larger part of that district is still unprospected. Winter work is this year being carried on for the first time.

F. R. Giertzon of the G.T.P. who recently completed the location of the line of the Telkwa, has been appointed assistant engineer in charge of the 50-mile section from Hazelton to Telkwa.

James McGill was caught under one of the elevators in the Trail smelter last week and instantly killed. The inquest jury recommended that in future the company should have a warning notice posted, cautioning employees not to go near the elevators.

Nelson city council is demanding a check of $564.53 from the local school board to cover the amount obtained by the board from the sale of the old school, which amount the council claims has been wrongfully appropriated. The board shows a tendency to fight the council and insists upon its financial independence.

"If the call for ties on the part of the Portland Canal line does not bring forth sufficient response," says the Prince Rupert Optimist, "the McKenzie & Mann company will put in a sawmill at Stewart and make their own ties. There are very fair prospects of them putting in a mill anyway, as there will be considerable demand for lumber, and the mills in the south are tied up filling existing orders."

Mail bags are alleged to have fallen off the stage in transit from Nanaimo to Alberni and the Alberni Pioneer News says: "The people of the two Albernis may be compelled to stand for the arrogance of the Ottawa administration in regard to the inefficiency of the schedule, and the indifference of the carrier as to his arrival on time, but careless handling, such as has been occurring, cannot long be tolerated."

The Inland Sentinel of Kamloops has been the victim of an amusing error in the transmission of a telegraphic despatch in connection with the recent meeting of the Central Farmers' Institute in this city. A resolution was passed at that minor parliament that a five cent bounty should be paid for the destruction of crows. The Sentinel makes it five dollars, which would put crow hunters in the way of becoming rich in a surprisingly short space of time.

Kitselas has a weekly mail service and Hazelton receives a mail only twice a month. The difficult part of the journey to Hazelton is from Prince Rupert to Kitselas and Hazeltonians are urging that they ought to have a weekly service as well as Kitselas. Then again Prince Rupert obtained a reduction of 50 cents on a ten-word telegraphic message; but the Dominion government is charging Hazelton the old schedule of rates. Representations will be made to the Dominion government for the redress of these grievances, under which the inhabitants of Bulkley valley appear to be laboring.

Ladysmith's new postoffice is now in use.

Nakusp Masons are erecting a new temple.

Nakusp is building a new sawmill with 50,000 feet daily capaciay.

Trail wants $10,000 from the government for a new school building.

Three wagon loads of silver were shipped from Trail for China last week.

Vernon's 1909 council left a surplus of $12,000 for the benefit of the present year's board.

Nelson's chess club has challenged Spokane to a six-a-side telegraphic match.

Commander Harrison, R. N., is erecting a handsome residence on his estate at Crawford Bay.

It is stated that the C. N. P. Coal Co. will shortly reopen the mines at Morrissey.

New Westminster is to proceed with the erection of a $25,000 Y. M. C. A. buildin.

There will be no salary increases this year for Vancouver's public school teachers.

Vancouver's park commission has asked authority to strike an independent tax rate for park purposes, the proposal being received with extreme disfavor by Comptroller Baldwin.

Rev. J. S. Henderson of New Westminster on Wednesday performed the ceremony which made Miss Cora J. Davenport of Seattle the bride of Mr. M. B. Kelley.

The cabinet of mineralogical specimens donated by the Dominion Department of Mines to the Ladysmith high school has been placed on view at the school.

Domestic differences in a Ladysmith family are to be aired in court, the woman accusing the man of unlawfully taking possession of their four-years-old child.

The home of David Lillies, 16th St., and 5th avenue, Vancouver, was on Tuesday damaged by fire to the extent of $2,500, with $1,500 insurance.

Antonia Rayzie proves to have been name of the stranger killed while attempting to steal a ride on a freight train out of Grand Forks a few days ago.

The Provincial Police are prosecuting inquiries as to the present whereabouts of one George Smith, formerly of Stump lake and later at Chilliwack.

Mayor Taylor of Vancouver is to go to Ottawa as representative of the interested municipalities in pressing forward the project for a bridge across the Second Narrows.

"Dutch" Kline has just taken in to Kitselas the first mail under the new contract with allows Kitsumkalum, Lakelse, Little Canyon and Copper City 75 lbs. fortnightly, and Kitselas 200 lbs.

Mr. George Sinclair of Fernie has taken to himself a wife in the person of Miss Etta McEachren formerly of Peticodiac, N.B. Mr. and Mrs. Sinclair will make their home hereafter at Wardner.

A member of the Vancouver chaingang, a man named Wallace serving 30 days for vagrancy, escaped from custody while the gang was engaged in clearing land at Grandview, and has made good his escape.

"There are a number of idle characters in the vity at present," says the Ladysmith Chronicle, "and they are being asked by the police to move on. Some of these fellows are going around at present selling lead pencils, etc."

Nelson is vigorously inforcing the Curfew law. Ten youngsters, charged with being on the public streets after 9 p.m. and also with the heinous crime of snowballing, were before Magistrate Bullock-Webster a few days ago, pleaded guilty, and stand remanded for sentence.

The secretary of the provincial health Board is urging Vancouver City to make a grant equal to three cents per capita of population, towards the support of the Tranquille sanitarium. With the additions now provided for the sanitarium will have accommodations for 120 patients.

James Conley, alias Carter, will probably be sent up from Vancouver for buncoing a farmer out of $300 and a check for $1,500 during the Minoru Park races. Overton and Stanton, his two associates, drew straws to see which would do time, the Crown having a clear case against them, and Overton won freedom. He thereupon turned State's evidence with the good wishes of his partner, who by his testimony was sent to prison.

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