MINISTER MEETS FRUIT GROWERS

ion, Martin Burrell Gives Men of Niagara District Outline of Government's Plans to Aid Hon. Martin Burrell Gives Men Agriculture

ST. CATHERINE'S, Ont., March 5.-Nearly thirty years ago Hon. Martin Burrell was a "green hand" on a fruit farm in the Niagara peninsula. Event ually he became a fruit farmer himsel near the garden city, remaining here fifteen years. Twelve years ago he left for more fruit farming in the golden West. He came back here tonight as minister of agriculture in the Dominion overnment, and was greeted in the warmest terms by nearly 300 fruit growers of the Niagara Fruit Growers' ssociation at a banquet in the Welland house.

It was a triumphant return of a statesman to a place which held for him many happy recallections. He dropped the minister and became once more an enthusiastic fruit grower meeting many old friends and entering with hearty thoroughness into the spirit of the occasion.

Mr. Burrell's speech was full of en couragement. He urged the fruit growers to continue setting the pace they had made, and gave them to understand that the government was willing to help them to do so. A bill he has introduced this session for the en-couragement and aid of agriculture was only a temporary measure. There had not been time yet for the government to do more than that, but he was gathering knowledge upon which to base an intelligent scheme whereby the government can give more generous assist ance, and such constructive legislation on agricultural lines of benefit to all would see the light at the next session of parliament.

The minister was in particularly happy vein, and in accord with the surroundings, and he recalled numerous incidents of the early days in the dis-

DEATH ROLL OF TUBERCULOSIS

Mortality Among Poorer Classes in Paris Due to Insanitary Conditions of Workmen's Dwellings

PARIS, March 6 .- The heavy death-

rate from consumption among the poorer classes in Paris has long been attributed to the overcrowded and consequently insanitary condition of the average workmen's dwelling. In the chamber of deputies M.

was affected, through the agency of Messrs. Lee & Fraser. "It is my opinion," said His Lordship Bishop McDonald, last evening, "that we have in this property the finest ca-thearal site in Victoria excepting the present site of Christ Church Cathe-dral." Charles Dumont, ex-minister of public works, submitted a resolution claiming urgency for a measure to empower local authorities to faise and advance money for model dwellings, and asked the government to accelerate its passage through parliament. and, according to the church representa-

In the course of the debate which followed sinister revelations were made regarding the overcrowded and unhealth surroundings in which, the Paris proletariat lives. M. Dumont himself declared that there were in the city 70,000 apartments and houses which were frightfully overcrowded. They are very without adequate light and air, but the worst feature of all was that the rents of these hotbeds of disease were being constantly increased. At the present moment 15,000 persons,

M. Dumont asserted, lived in apartments which were little better than dog kennels. If the overcrowding evil was to be combated effectively it would be ne-

MANY AMERICANS Passenger in Car That Dropped Through Baskatoon Bridge Badly Grushed Under Debris SASKATOON, Sask., March 5 .- What was thought last evening to be one of the worst accidents yet recorded on the Canadian Northern railway turns out Hastening Across Border by

SEVERELY INJURED

Any Possible Means of Transportation - President persons had gone down with the Pull-man car Kipling when it made its headlong plunge from the north side of the bridge across the Saskatchewan to the loc below, but inquiries this morn-Taft's Warning Heeded DOUGLAS, Arizona, March 5.--Trains, motor cars and vehicles, of all kinds poured into Douglas today, loaded with virtually the entire American' populaing elicit the information that every passenger has been accounted for. Of these one is likely to succumb from the injuries received. This is H. E. Ash-bee, a traveller for Frys Cocoa, with headquarters in Saskatoon, who was bound for Regina, and who went down with the Pullman and received terrible tion of El Tigre, Macozari and Canane All said they would remain here until the Mexican situation cleared up. Réports were brought here today that Col. Francisco Chiapas, formerly a field leader for President Diaz against Madinjuries beneath the load of debris from the car and falling bridge when they fell with a crash to the river below. ero during the last revolution, and who

has been in jail, had been deputised by Madero to organize an army and take Ashbee was crushed almost beyond re-Ashbee was crushed almost beyond re-cognition, his skull being badly frac-tured, his body squeezed almost life-less and his face mangled out of all shape. He is at present in the city flospital hovering between life and death, with no possible hope of recov-ery. Of the other passengers in the wrecked sleeper, Dr. F. G. Sparling, of Baskaton, wis the most soriousis in the field against the rebels. EL PASO, Tex., March 5.-- A train with a large number of American aboard left Chikhuahua this morning coording to Mexican Central officials They are due here tonight. The rebels are reported to be in peaceful posses-sion of Chilhuahua and making ready for an advance on the city of Mexico, if reports brought into this city are correct, hundreds of Americans and other residents in Mexico will flock here within the concept of askatoon, was the most seriously injured, but the information is given this morning that he will recover, his in-juries consisting of a dislocated should-er and several fractured ribs.

there within the course of the week. They have placed the most serious con-struction on President Taft's warning. NEW CATHEDRAL and are getting out of the country, which seems to them doomed to an-SITE BOUGHT archy. The 150 Americans, mostly women and children, who spent the night at Pearson, left Madera, where they had resided, with haste. It was the noon meal hour and to catch the train the meals were abandoned when the pres-

Bishop McDonald Personally - Negotiates Purchase of the Old Dennis Harris Property -Plans for New Edifice

Collinson street, and is known as the

old Dennis Harris property. The price

Building operations on the new ca.

thedral will not be begun at once as

Blanchard street has not yet been sold

the present fine structure at View

ments.

paid was \$40,000 and the transaction

Rev. Father C. M. Pinto, an Ameri-can, was held up in his mission church af Juarez on Sunday, and before he was rescued by Mayor Kelly of El Paso, he promised, under duress, to send a cheque for \$100 to General Roias. The cheque are mailed today send a cheque for \$100 to General Rojas. The cheque was mailed today, as the priest insisted on keeping his word, but not before the cheque had been photographed and a copy of the picture sent to Washington. The site for Victoria's new Roman Catholic cathedral has been chosen and purchased. Bishop Alexander McDon-ald personally negotiated the transac-

tion last week and the sale was con-firmed last night. The new site com-prises 259 feet on Vancouver street, 201 feet on Burdette avenue and 201 feet on Collinson street, and is known as the MEXICAN REVOLT

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ident's message was read.

Provoking Indians GUAYMAS, March 6 .- The Cientificos are making desperate efforts to provoke

trouble in various sections of Sonora Emissaries have been sent to the Yaqui Indians using every means to persuade them to rise against Madero and the established government of this Yaguis large sums of money and the

Yaqui's large sums of money and the exclusive possession of the entire Yaqui river valley, if they will murder settlers, both Mexicans and Americans tives here, is worth more than four times as much as the new site. The plan for the new cathedral is practi-cally laid out, however. It will be alsettiers, both Maxicans and Americans, in isolated places was the word brought today by the peace commissioner, Gen-eral B. J. Viljoen, who returned from an extended trip to the northern part of the state. He said only one Yaqui chief and a few hundred men are now in revolt and asserts that they are urged on by the Clautiford when are urged celly laid out, nowever. It will be al-most an exact reproduction of the pres-ent building which, it is generally con-ceded is perfectly adapted to its pur-pose with, possibly, a few improveon by the Clentificos with promises General Viljoen went as far north as

Punta de Agua, the extreme northern part of the Bacato mountains. LONDON, March 4 .- The war office LONDON, March 4.—The war office has decided to allow the territorials to pursue rifle practice on Sundays, pro-vided the shooting so far as possible is confined to compulsory work to attain proficiency, elso the rules of the fraction of the peace body was done by the

federation had yielded so far as to per-mit a long discussion with the mem-bers of the government of the minimum wage schedule, with a view of finding a basis of compromise. If this diffi-culty can be surmounted it is not ex-pected there will be much further op-position to a settlement, even from the Weish mine owners. **Steamship Service Suspended** 

LEAVE MEXICO

More Refugees

CHRISTIANA, March 6 .- Owing Many Men Thrown Into Idlethe British coal strike the steamship service from Christiana, Bergen and Tromso has been partially suspended. Freight rates have been increased,

# MANITOBA DECLINES Province will Not be Represented Council at Rearing of Ne Temere Reference

OTTAWA, March 5 .- The province of Manitoba has no desire to be represented before the privy council when scheen nations the privy council when the stated case on the ne temere decree yill be argued. Hon C. J. Doherty, minister of justice, has received a com-munication today from the Manitoba government that it has no wish to be represented by counsel like the other provinces.



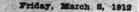
President of Executive Council Nominated by Unanimous Vote at Record Conservative Convention at Ganges

At the most harmonious, best-at

tended and most successful convention ever held in the Islands Electoral Dis-trict the Hon. A. E. McPhillips, K. C., of Victoria, president of the legislative council, was the unanimous choice at Ganges Harbor yesterday afternoon. The convention was attended by dele gates from every polling division of the entire constituency, and the popular minister was accorded a reception never early on Sunday morning last. The Barrs live in a cottage ou McPherson equalled in the hstory of the district avenue, and the would-be assassin stood Forty-five delegates attended, repreon the sidewalk and fired five shots senting Ganges Harbor, Fulford Harbor, from a Winchester 30.30 rifle into the Salt Spring Island, North and South Pender, Gabriola, Mayne Island, Galhouse. Four went through the window of the bedroom where Mr. and Mrs iana, Saturna and Sidney. Mr. Arthur Barr were sleeping, one bullet actually tearing through the bed on which they lay. Another shot was fired across Ward, president. of the Salt Spring Conservative Association pre-Island Bided and Mr. J. Critchley, of Sidney, through a door, the apparent intention acted as secretary. The latter placed being to injure someone on the other McPhillips in nomination side of the house. Miraculously no one was either killed or seriously injured, aithough Mrs. Barr had her fingers in the course of a neat speech in which he referred to the excellent work of the honorable gentlemen in the past. The scratched by the passage of a bullet nomination was seconded by Mr. Spen-cer Percival who made a remarkably There were seven people in the little home at the time, Mr. and Mrs. Barr. good address. As there were no further four young men and a girl about 14 nominations Mr. McPhillips was deyears of ase. Up to date no clue has presented itself as to the identity of the author of the despicable outrage. clared the unanimous choice.

The Hon. M. E. McPhillips was the introduced by Mr. E. Walters, secretary of the Salt Spring Conservative Association . The appearance of the nominee was the signal for a remarkable reception and it was some minutes before Mr. McPhillips was able to make himself heard. He spoke on the gen-eral policy of the McBride administration and dwelt particularly on railroad development in the province. His remarks were received with further applause and Mr. McPhillips concluded a masterly address amid a scene of great enthusiasm.

The nomination papers were signed by every delegate in attendance. Mr. Ward appeared as proposer and Mr. conclusion under which the newly in-W. R. Armstrong, J. P., as seconder. corporated company will take over the Assenting to the nomination were charter rights, line and rolling stock of' Messrs. G. F. Payne, Saturna; Washingthe Howe Sound & Pemberton Meadows ton Grimmer, North Pe Murchison, Gallano, John Cox, Gabriola; C. Macdonald, Mayne and A. Raynes, South Salt Spring. Other names attached were those of Messrs. Rogers, G. F. Wälter, Bennet, Critchley, Night-ingale, Allen, B. V. Layard, Lt. Col., R. B. Young, Smith, Kingsbury, Gehrke, Langdon, Akerman, John S. Rogers, Whiting, Brennan, Cotsford, McKinnon. E. Walter, Hoggan, Coulson, H. C. Layard, Demeine, Wilson, Hooson Speed, Page, J. T. Collins, Peterson, E. C. Collins, Scott, Percival, Buss, H. W. Bullock and others.



ation. Situated amidst such mountain surroundings as are the boast of Nelson the searchlight plan it is believed would operate very similarly to a fixed and de pendable full moon, only brighter. Fond du Lac and other places which have adopted it have been written to with regard to the success of the unusual sys-tem of civic lighting.

Wanaimo Council Approves

SEVERELY FELT

ness by Strike in England-

Railway and Steamer Traffic

LONDON, March 5 .- Railroad work

Blocked

stone and Boulogne.

coal strike.

showed no signs of a break today.

FAMILY'S SLUMBERS

WORK TO COMMENCE

Construction of Pacific Great Easter

Will Commence Not Later Than July 1st-Engineering Difficulties

AT HORSESHOE BAY

NANAIMO, March 5 .- At last night's neeting of the city council a letter accompanied by a resolution from Vic toria in reference to the bridging of Seymour Narrows was read. The reso lution was introduced at the meeting by Alderman Shepherd and adopted by a unanimous vote

#### Bold-up in Ottawa

ers throughout the United Kingdom continue to be discharged from their em-OTTAWA, Ont., March 5 .- This afterployment owing to the shortage of coal necessitating the restriction of train noon a man walked into the real estate office of David Fraser, and pointing a revolver at the 15-year-old office boy, service. At Newcastle today another 1,000 men were added to those who have demanded the contents of the safe. The been thrown out of work on account of boy opened the safe and rushed out for the coal strike. The train service is assistance, returning in time to overfurther curtailed in all directions. The power the hold-up man, who had leis cross channel service between France urely looted the safe. and England has been reduced to one steamer daily on the line between Folke

Japanese Steamer at Manaim

NANAIMO, 'March 5 .- The Japanese The deadlock in the mining dispute steamer Unkai Maru No. 2, Captain N. Katayama, urived here yesterday from Vancouver for bunker coal. The Unkal Maru is the first Japanese vessel to call here for some years. While here The Scattish and Welsh coal miners met respectively at Glasgow and Car-diff, and it was announced subsequently that they remained unaiterably opposed she is loading a shipment of herring, some seven hundred tons, for the The general meeting of the owners is summoned to be held in London to-Orient, and will probably sail tonight or tomorrow morning for the Columbia River, where she will take aboard a SOUTHAMPTON, Eng. March 5 .- The shipment of flour and other general

SOUTHAMPTON, Eng. March 5.— Ine satlings of the American line steam-ships Philadelphia and New York, from this part for New York on March 13 and March 20 respectively, have been cancelled in consequence of the coal strike. cargo for the Far East. **MAJORITY FOR** 



SEATTLE, March 5 .- With George F. Cotterill 1.710 votes shead in the 57.322 ballots counted, there seems no doubt that H. C. Gill, the mayor who was re-

called last year for alleged misconduct in office, has again been rejected. The credit for the result is conceded to be due to the women voters. The

federation of women's clubs and nearly all the women suffragists worked strenuously against Gill, raising the issue of suppression of vice. As far as possible one woman in each city square was as-signed to the duty of looking after the Cotarill voters. Special meetings were held in many churches last Sunday, and workers were assigned to various tasks on election day.

No returns for minor offices have been compiled.

Forty-five referendum proposition were voted on. In some of the precincts the votes for officers were counted, and then the ballots were sealed, and sent to the comptroller's office, where the votes for the various propositions will be counted. Most of the matters submitted Incidental to the plans of the Pacific Great Eastern Rallway company, incor-porated during the recent session of the to the referendum were not of general importance. A single tax amendment to legislature by Messrs. Foley, Welch & legisature by messis, roley, words a Stewart, T. D'Arcy Tate and others, it is understood that negotiations which have been in progress for some time past are now approaching a satisfactory the charter and a proposal to adopt civic center plans were voted on. Probably the result of the referendum vote will be made known tomorrow afternoon Two hundred and fifty-six precincts out of 281 give Cotterill 29,916: Gill.

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GIRL'S HEROISM

FIERCE WOLVES DEVOUR TWO MEN

Mail Carriers on Trail From Lake Nepigon to Northern Camps Fall Prey to Pack of **Ravenous Beasts** 

WINNIPEG, March 4 .- News of one of the worst tragedies of the wilds came to the authorities of Allentor from Nepigon. It tells of the terrible ending of two mail carriers whose duty it was to traverse the lonely trails to outlying posts and camps.

In the middle of last week two mail carriers were reported missing at Port Arthur. Several parties started .north and after travelling some distance, noticed the snow broken up, and every indication of a struggle having taken place. Blood spots showed here and there, and brushing off the thin covering of snow, the hands, feet and other portions of the bodies were exposed. The remains of four big wolves were found close by, shot dead, and investigation proved that others had been wounded. The mail carriers had som their lives dearly. After a wide search, letters and brass locks were picked up, but no trace of the mail bags or strap were found, and it is supposed they had been devoured by the hungry wolves That was all that was found of the iwo mail carriers (one a white man, the other a half breed) or their packages. A reign of terfor exists among railway construction and survey parties, and they do not dare leave their shacks at night. Wherever there are human beings, an unearthly chorus of howls continues throughout the night, the camps being girdled by packs of feroclous denizens of the wilde. On Friday one of the cont

came into Sand Point, Lake Nepigon, with his horses exhausted, having been chased a mile from close in shore by a pack of thirty wolves. A companion on a sleigh shot three and kept them off. He never saw so many wolves before

Their Boyal Highnesses and Colonial

TORONTO, March 4 .- Mrs. Edward Blake was the recipient today of the following message from Ottawa: "The governor general has been re-quested by the secretary of state for the colonies to convey to you Mr. Harcourt's sincere condolence on the death of your distinguished husband. The governor general desires me to convey to you their Royal Highnesses "(Signed) ARTHUR SLADE. "Private Secretary."

Lions at Fontainebleau PARIS, March 6 .- The inhabitants of Fontainebleau are protesting against some of the uses to which the picturesque forest, with its huge volcanic boulders, is being put by some of the cinematographic companies. There was a lion hunt with a real lion in the forest of Fontainebleau a few days ago, and the people who live in the neighborhood think that freedom in trade matters is being pushed somewhat too far. The other afternoon near the Round Point, a nurse and children were terrified at the sight of a big hon with a leg pr mutton in its jaws, slinking across a clearing. A few feet away was a horse tied to a tree and shrieking with terror The lion sprang at the horse, and a appeared on the scene and shot the lion lead. The scene was performed by the Gaumont company for reproduction on the cinematograph. The lion was the famous d'Artagnon, which had been giv-ing trouble to a menagerie owner for some time, and was therefore sold cheap to Messrs. Gaumont after having hurt five lion tamers one after the other. But even for a few moments it is rather a dangerous experiment to allow a live lion to roam freely in so frequented a forest as the forest of Fontainebleau and the people of Fontainebleau and of Barbizon have registered an angry protest. Device for Submarine PARIS, March 6 .- A private soldier n a Cambrai regiment has invented an ingenious apparatus for bringing speedy help to a submarine when an accident occurs, Armand Daudu's invention consists of a telephone, a ventilator, a safety bell, all of them small and all of them quite portable. The telephone is screwed into a buoy, which, if an accident occurs, can be let up to the surface of the water in an instant. The wire unrolls as the buoy rises, and communication can be established from the surface with the men below. The ventilator is a kind of valve which a diver can screw open in a moment and adapt a pipe to it, through which fresh air may be pumped, and the bell is a kind of diving bell in two compartments, in which food can be stored and men from a wrecked submarine be sent up in couples to the surface. Daudu's invention is being examined by a special commission appointed by M. Delcasse, and will very probably be adopted.



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and pull down 5,000 houses, which were lutely unfit for human habitation. The owners of these premises obtained as much as 10 per cent. return for their capital.

M. Dumont also quoted figures show ing that the cost of building for the poorest class of dwellings had in ten years increased from \$140 to \$200 per square metre, consequently the average property owner was loath to increase the cost, and had no inducement to build sound, well-ventilated workmen's dwellings.



### Cheng Ting in is Burned by Mutineer British Missionary Killed by Soldiers

PEKIN, March 6 .- Cheng Ting Fu important city on the railroad about 160 miles to the southwest of Pekin, was ided yesterday to the list of those places which have been looted and barned. No details have reached here, but it is thought that there need be no fear for the foreigners there.

The Nanking delegates say that, Presi dent-elect Yuan Shi Kai will go to Nanking in September. They add that he republic will be inaugurated at Nanking, but that the cabinet will be formed here.

missionary named F. Day, belongto the Church of England and at ed to the district of Pao Ting Fu was killed today by mutinous soldiers. Mr. Day, Bishop Charles H. Scott, of North China diocese, and another ionary, F. S. Hughes, were making a regular tour of the mission station the vicinity of Pao Ting Fu. Ar, riving at Tien Chwang Yang, Bishop Scott sent Day and Hughes to Chin Chow to fetch the letters. The two missionaries found mutinous soldiers sacking the town. These commandeered the missionaries' carts and in the mis sionaries' attempts to recover them, Mr. Day was killed. Mr. Hughes took refuge in the general hall, where he still remains.

A British attache from the legatio here, accompanied by a detachment of British soldiers, left today for Chin Chow to rescue Mr. Hughes.

W. A. Mackenzle has been elected president of the Nicola Valley Conservative association.

ncy, also the quiet of the Sab bath is not to be needlessly disturbed and the men are to be given an opportunity of attending church parade. This decision was reached after conferring with the Archbishop of Canterbury, other prelates and leading nonconformists.

Bife Fractice on Sundays

New Bifle Sight

OTTAWA, March 5 .- The Dominion Rifle association secretary expects in a few days to receive a new rifle sight for attachment to the Ross rifle which will overcome the N. R. A. objections to Canadians at Bisley. They are made by the Birmingham Small Arms company and approved by the N. R. A., and will be tested here before the D. R. A. gives its opinion. It is understood that the sight fits along the side of the barrel of the rifle, doing away with the objection to the sight on ton

### Manitoba Telephone Bates

WINNIPEG, March 5 .- The advances in telephone rates in Winnipeg may not be enforced. The royal commis-sion appointed to investigate the Manitoba government telephones has is-sued an interim report. Without giving any expression as to the result of the investigation at the present stage, the mmissioners state that it would be inadvisable to put in effect any change in telephone rates until the investigation is completed and reported up

Therefore they recommend that the operation of the rates announced to come into effect April 1 be postponed until the commissioners have fully exe-cuted their commission. Thousands of patrons have signed petitions against the advance, which is a measured sertoba.

### Eumboldt Company's Case

WASHINGTON, March 4 .- The Hum boldt Steamship company case, involving the question whether the interstate commerce commission has jurisdiction over common carriers in Alaska, was advanced today for hearing by the supreme court of the United States on April 1.

vice

#### Kills His Wife and Himself

1 North

CONRAD, Mont., March 5 .- Harvey Sissler, a well known resident of Con-rad, shot and fatally wounded his wife today and then committed suicide. Family disagreement, extending over a long period, is believed to have been the cause of the double tragedy.

they fell victims to bandits in - the mountains. Sonora sent 1,500 troops from near Cananea to attack the rebels are marching on Mexico city from Chihuahua. Reports from Sinaloa ar contradictory. It is believed that several groups of rebels are robbing the ranches and they are threatening larger places with the hope of diverting the government's attention from the rebel-

Yaquis. General Viljoen declares tha

EL PASO, March 6 .- At 8 o'clock to night the refugees from Chihushus arrived at Juarez and swarmed by car riages, automobiles and street car to the American side. There were about 120 of them, mostly men. Most of the latter are not residents of Chihuahua marooned there since trains ceased running.



cognition of the claim of the Maritime provinces with regard to representa

The house adjourned at 11:30, with out voting on the amendment. Mr. Mondou gave notice he will move an amendment guaranteeing the rights

already existing in the added territory Opposition in Quebec QUEBEC, March 6 .- A campaign will be opened in Quebec in a few days when public meetings will be opened for the purpose of denouncing the way Keewat-in territory is to be annexed to Mani-

NEARING HOPE OF SETTLEMENT

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Pressure from the trade unions of many industries, especially the railways and the cotton trade, the funde of which are threatened with serious depletion through the loss of employ. nent on account of the coal strike seems likely to play an influential part

toward a settlement. Today, for the first time, Ramsay Macdonald and other parliamentary labor leaders came into the negotiations, supposedly in behalf of the atfected unions, and it was annour on good authority that the miners'

## FRANCE HAS CLAIMS

Paris Temps Hopes that Sec Enor Will Influence Venezuela and Cuba to Arbitrate

PARIS, March 5 .- Whatever may the results of Secretary of State Knox's trip to Central America and northern South Africa, the Paris Temps this afternoon says the relations between the United States and Europe will be favorable so long as Europe's rights and interests are safeguarded. But it is hoped, the newspaper adds, that Mr. Knox will influence the governments of Venezuela and Cuba to arbitrate the long-standing French claims against these countries.

France's claim against Cuba is for lamages resulting in the destruction of property of French subjects in the Cuban war of independence. The claims of France against Veneziela arose from the expulsion of sever

al French citizens from Carupano in February, 1908.

### Skagway Anti-Trust Cases

JUNEAU, March 5 .- United States District Judge T. R. Lyons granted yesterday a further continuance of the hearing of anti-trust indictments brought against officers of seven steamship, railroad and wharf companies, which are alleged to have obtained a monopoly of the wharf and transportation facilities at Skagway. The heating was set for March 20, when the defendants will demur against the indictments. Most of the ndicted men have appeared in federal courts in the States and have given bonds for appearance at Juneau.

Athalmer is erecting a first class skating rink

been steadily nush ing its steel inland from Newport durng the past few years.

It is expected that construction operations proper for this new road to link North Vancouver with Fort George will begin not later than July 1, next, at a point on Horseshoe Bay, at the eastern entrance to Howe Sound and directly north of Point Atkinson lighthouse. The work from North Vancouver to Point Atkinson presents no formidable engineering difficulties as compared with that on the section along

Howe Sound to its head. It is expected that the ilne will be los cated just above high-water mark in order to secure minimum grade from North Vancouver to Newport, a distance of about 23 miles. The coast line along the east shore of Howe Sound is so rugged and sinuous as to necessitate the boring of a considerable number of tunnels. This will, however, enable th engineers to lay out a comparatively straight line across the guiches and ravines which deeply cut the coast to the north as far as Newport.

Railway men familiar with the route state that much of the work between Point Atkinson and Newport will in volve expenditures of more than \$60,000 a mile. In This respect, however, it will not be as heavy as most of the cor struction along the Fraser river above Yale and along the main Thompson river. Exclusive of one long tunnel, a single mile of the C. P. R. roadbed on the Thompson near Spuzzmum costs something over \$300,000.

CIVIC SEARCHLIGHT

Plan to Illuminate Nelson's Streets Fron Mountain Facing Town

The most unique and almost unprecedented system of street lighting, of which Canada has as yet had actual exher. Schmitz Asquitted

SAN FRANCISCO, March 5.-Former Mayor Eugene E. Schmitz was acquitted in Judge Lawler's court here today of fixed and illuminating the entire city. the charge of having bribed former Sup-It is stated that Fond du Lac, Wisconervisor Wilson in a case growing out of sin, and a portion of Philadelphia are the San Francisco graft prosecutions. In instructing the jury to bring in a versimilarly illuminated. The chief advantages advanced for the unusual plan dict of not guilty, Judge Lawler said that sufficient evidence to convict had are the low cost of maintenance, and the eveness and brilliancy of the illumin-

Plunges Into Biver and Saves Eightyear-old Brother From Drowning But for the courage and the presence

of mind of his 12-year-old sister, Agnes, little Fred Service, of Merritt. aged eight, would have been drowned last Friday afternoon. The near tragedy occurred on the Coldwater river, just below the bridge on the Middlesboro road. The little lad and his two brothers with their sister were playing by the river, when, youth always seeking adventure young Fred attempted to walk on the ice crusting the fast-flowing stream. It was not strong enough to support his weight and he disappeared with a cry into the chill water. Without the slight est hesitation, his sister plunged after him and with great difficulty succeeded in getting him to the bank. Efforts are being made at Merritt to secure for the youthful heroine the much-prized medal of the Royal Humane Society.

Five Burned

BEAVER, Pa., March 5 .- Five person were burned to death today when a boarding house at Koppel, Pa., near here, was destroyed by fire. The dead include the landlord, his wife and their three children. Two other children were saved by boarders who threw them from the second storey windows into the arms of persons in the street.

#### Bigamists in Toronto

TORONTO, March 5 .- An epidemic of bigamy is prevalent in the city at pres ent, no less than sixteen cases being before the courts in a fortnight. This morning John Howell, who married a domestic here after deserting his wife in England, was sentenced to a year in jail; to be followed by deportation. Mrs. Mary Mullen was arraigned this afternoon charged with marrying Owen Jones, who three months after deserted

2000 men are affected

net been offered.

#### Toronto Labor Troubles

TORONTO, March 5 .-- A general strike of telephone girls of the city is threatened unless more wages and shorter hours are granted. The threatened carpenters' strike is not likely to take place. A joint executive board of the big carpenters' unions has received a reply from the employers which con ceded that a substantial increase in wages was due to the men this year. The matter will now have to be ne sotiated as to the amount. The men are out for 45 cents an hour and 1500 to

A new \$100,000 hotel is nearing com pletion at Penticton, President J. J. Warren of the K. R. V. lines being also president of the hotel company.

perience is projected for the city of Nelon, the details being now under serious consideration by the city council. Nelson; thanks to the pioneering foresight of the late John Houston, owns its electrical system, and it is proposed to erec a huge searchlight on the mountain directly facing the town, the light being