CHILDREN STARTED DESTRUCTIVE FIRE

THIRTY FAMILIES RENDERED HOMELESS

Unknown Italian Murdered in Montreal--Fire Ranger Shot in Mistake for a Bear.

Montreal, Sept. 26.—A fire caused by children playing with matches in a wood yard on upper St. Lawrence street, late this afternoon, destroyed 14 buildings and rendered 30 families homeless. The burned section was the suburban municipality of St. Louis and a defective water supply hampered the brigade. The loss is $100,000, with 60 per cent. insurance.

Killed by Car.

Montreal, Sept. 26.—Randolph Campbell, four years old, son of Robert Ross, Metcalfe avenue, Westmount, was struck and instantly killed by a street car last night. The child had gone to a corner store for candy, and was returning when struck by the car.

Murderous Assault.

Montreal, Sept. 26.—As a result of a murderous attack made upon him during a quarrel in the Dominion ranger in the northern part of the prov- Tietro Torchia, an Italian, is lying at death's door at Royal Victoria hospital, and the police are looking for his assailant, Guiseppe Meltroianno.

Italian Murdered.

Montreal, Sept. 26.—A shocking and coldblooded murder was committed late last night or early this morning at 155 Chatham street in a four-roomed lower flat in a house adjoining the Grand Trunk railway track. The murdered man is an Italian, but nothing was found to identify him. He lived with his wife and child. There were also other Italians who boarded in the house but all had fled.

Bank Employee Missing.

Montreal, Sept. 26.—One of the employees at the head office of the Bank of British North America on St. James street is missing since Monday and the bank authorities declared to-day that they are several thousand dollars short in accounts. Unofficially members of the bank staff have estimated the amount which it is alleged is missing at $25,000.

Mistaken for Deer.

Toronto, Sept. 26.—The mystery surround ingthe doTmasK fho athe rounding the death of Thomas Keyes, of St. Catharines, government fire fanger in the nothern part of the province, has been solved by the receipt of a telegram at the attorney-general's office yesterday to the effect that Joseph Bellair had given himself up to the police authorities at Sudbury saying that he had shot Keyes, mistaking him for a deer. Keyes was a Toronto university student and did fire ranging during the summer months.

The Civil Engineers.

Winnipeg, Sept. 26.—The party of Canadian Society of Civil Engineers who have been touring the West for several weeks left to-night for the East.

Jury Failed to Agree.

Toronto, Sept. 26—Disagreeing among themselves, the jury in the court of special sessions, yesterday afternoon informed Judge Winchester that they could not agree upon a verdict in the case of George Finlayson, the Montreal lacrosse player, charged with assault upon Charles Querrie, of the Tecumseh Lacrose Club in a game some weeks ago. After satisfying himself that delay was useless his honor discharged the jury. Finlayson was released on bail, but it is said the case will not likely be heard of again.

SENT TO PENITENTIARY.

Former Bank President Pleaded Guilty to Two Indictments, Both Charging Embezzlement.

Chicago, Sept. 26.—Paul O. Stensland, former president of the Milwaukee Avenue State Bank, arrived here from New York this morning. He was taken immediately to the criminal court building.

Stensland appeared before Judge Kersten in the Supreme court this afternoon and pleaded guilty to two indictments, both charging embezzlement. The judge sentenced him to an indeterminate period in Joliet penitentiary. The maximum penalty under the law is fourteen years.

NEW YORK TRAGEDY.

Bodies of Man and His Wife Found With Heads Nearly Severed.

New York, Sept. 27.—With their heads nearly severed and their arms slashed with a razor, the bodies of Ernest Swenson and his wife were found at their home in Brooklyn last night. Swenson was 32 years old and a machinist. His wife was 24 years old. They were married last April. The husband is said to have been jealous of his wife.

MILLIONAIRE'S DEATH.

Chatham, Ont., Sept. 27.—William Haggerty, the millionaire oil man of Lima, Ohio, died at Merlin yesterday from the effects of inhaling oil gas at Tilbury a few days ago.

ENGINEER KILLED.

Freight Train Wrecked Near Macleod—Victim Crushed to Death.

Macleod, Alta., Sept. 25.—A bad wreck occurred at the junction east of this town last night. Conductor Harvey pulled out with a heavy train, with Engineer Fairley at the throttle and A. Folsom as his fireman. Approaching the junction, where freight trains pull up, Front Brakeman George Henderson stepped on to the gangway of the tender, remarking to the engineer that the switch was not far ahead. There is a heavy down grade at that particular point, and the engine had gained considerable headway during the two and a half mile run from the old station. Instead of reducing speed and coming to an entire stop the engine dashed ahead and into an open switch. The brakeman held on until he felt the engine over-turning when he jumped, and got clear of the mass of coal which followed him from the overturned tender. The fireman also jumped and escaped, but the engineer was caught beneath his engine and instantly killed. It is thought that escaping steam from the engine obscured the vision of the engineer, who failed to see the signal lights ahead, but this will never be known. Six cars loaded with coal were badly wrecked.

FOR ONE PENNY.

Heir of Victim of Grantham Disaster Receives Ten Thousand Dollars Insurance.

New York, Sept. 27.—A special cable from London to the Times states that the heirs of one of the victims of the Grantham disaster have received $10,000 insurance which was effected at a cost of one penny. The insured was a regular subscriber to a London penny weekly which insures its readers against accidents and deaths. The day of the disaster he sent his bag containing a current copy of the paper duly signed to the hotel at Redford, where he expected to pass the night. Within a few hours of his death the claim was examined, allowed and settled.

INQUIRING INTO FORESTERS' AFFAIRS

COMMISSIONERS DEAL WITH SPECULATIONS

Women Watched Men Fight in Montreal--Teamster Accused of Stealing From Employers.

Toronto, Sept. 26.—In the insurance inquiry yesterday the time of the commission was occupied in investigating the speculations of officials of the Independent Order of Foresters, the Union Trust Co. and other gentlemen more or less directly interested. At one stage of its career, in the years 1903-04, the I. O. F. had about two million dollars invested in 400,000 acres of land in Manitoba and the Northwest.

Teamster In Custody.

Toronto, Sept. 26.—Edward Martin, a teamster, was arrested last night on the charge of wholesale theft of stove fixtures from his employers, the Gurney Foundry Co., Ltd. Martin has been with the company for eighteen years. The police found no less than five tons of grates, castings and hot water appliances on the premises and at the residence of John Riley, a plumber. Martin exonerated Riley of any complicity in the thefts. Martin's stealings have been going on for three years, but the firm was not aware of it until the arrest was made.

Compelled to Take Rest.

Toronto, Sept. 25.—Bishop Audrey, of Japan, under whom missionaries of the Church of England in Canada are laboring in that Oriental country, has been ordered home to England for a year owing to ill-health.

Prize Fights in Montreal.

Montreal, Sept. 25.—Twelve hundred spectators, including twenty or more women, two with infants in their arms, saw two gruelling battles at Riverside park last night between George O'Malley, an Irishman, and Dan Deluca, an Italian, and Billy Frawley and Billy Kearns. O'Malley and Kearns were knocked out.

Candidate For Quebec.

Quebec, Sept. 25.—Dr. Neilson, of Cape Rouge, states that he is a candidate in the field in Quebec county for the House of Commons, rendered vacant by the appointment of Hon. C. Fitzpatrick to the Supreme court bench. He says he is there to stay.

CZAR GOING TO FRANCE.

Quarters Being Prepared at Biarritz for Emperor and Imperial Family.

Paris, Sept. 26.—A dispatch to the Echo de Paris from Biarritz, on the Bay of Biscay, says that quarters are being prepared there for Emperor Nicholas and the Russian Imperial family, who will join the Grand Duke Alexander Michaelovitch and his family, who recently arived at Biarritz.

Agrarian Disorders.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 26.—Grave agrarian disorders have broken out in the province of Viatka, the centre of disturbances being the important district of Mulbuish, with a population of over 100,000, where the inhabitants of seventy villages are reported to have joined in the uprising, have disarmed and expelled the police and are pillaging and destroying the residences of the land owners and devastating the country.

Details are difficult to obtain, but it is rumored at Viatko that the administrative police commissioners of Mulbuish district and eight of their subordinates have been killed.

Disorders have also broken out in the adjoining district of Chistopol, in Kazen province.

INVITED TO VICTORIA.

Chamber of Commerce of United Kingdom May Visit Here.

London, Sept. 25.—The Chambers of the United Kingdom to-day received from the central associations a circular inviting them to make known their views regarding four invitations for holding the next international conference three years hence. The invitations are from Melbourne Chamber of Commerce; The Victoria, B. C. Board of Trade; The Associated Chambers of Commerce, Cape Town; and the Toronto Board of Trade.

FIRE IN ONTARIO.

Business Portion of Severn Wiped Out —Loss $22,500.

Severn, Ont., Sept. 27.—Fire at noon yesterday wiped out the business section of the village. The loss is $22,500; insurance, $14,200.

LARGER SALARIES FOR CLERGYMEN

METHODISTS DECIDE TO INCREASE STIPENDS

Missionary and Educational Reports Dealt With—New Board of Education Elected.

Montreal, Sept. 26.—The Methodist general conference at its session to-day finished consideration of the report of the missionary committee.

Rev. D. Norman, of Japan, submitted various changes arising out of the Methodist union in that land. It is expected that all the Canadian missionaries in Japan will remain.

The report of the committee on course of study recommended that young ministers spend a five year probation, three at college and two on circuit. The salary of young ordained men, not married, was placed at $600, and probationers at $400. This means an increase of $150 and $100 respectively.

The conference decided to wind up the union church relief fund by an assessment on all the churches.

The various reports of committees are being rushed through, and the delegates hope to see the finish on Thursday.

The conference adopted the following recommendation of the education committee with reference to the memorial from the University Club of Nelson, B. C., regarding the establishment of a provincial university in British Columbia. "That the general conference commit this matter to the board of the Columbian Methodist college to co-operate in the building of a common university as in their wisdom may seem to be in the best interests of higher education of the province, and in the meantime to carry on the present work with the greatest possible efficiency, with a view to ultimate co-operation with a common university of the province; and for this purpose we recommend their work to the board of education."

The conference also approved of other recommendations of the committee and elected a board to be known as the board of education of the Methodists church, which will have control of all works of the educational society. The new board of education follows: Rev. Dr. Potts, Chancellor Burlison, Principal Shall, Dr. Andrews, Dr. Tory, Principal Riddell, Rev. Jas. Allen, Rev. Alfred Lavell, G. F. Johnston, Prof. Osborne, H. H. Fudger, N. W. Rowell, K. C., W. J. Robertson, C. B. Keenleyside, Dr. James Mills, Principal Sipprell.

PROSPECTORS BUSY.

Many Men at Work in Interior of the Island.

Alberni, Sept. 27.—Leonard Frank and party have returned from the interior of the Island after an unusually successful trip. Mr. Frank states in an interview that there is great activity around the Big Interior mine. When he visited the camp the Arrastra on the adjoining gold property was running day and night. Many prospectors are exploring the interior of the Island, and several parties representing English capital were met going in. W. J. Sutton and party were also met going up to the Big Interior.

Mr. Frank succeeded in getting about 36 of the best views ever taken in the interior of Vancouver Island. He took among others a series of views from the peak of the highest glacier, showing the west coast, Great Central lake, Alberni canal, Crown mountain, etc. A beautiful photo was taken of ptarmigan on the snow on top of Big Interior mountain.

STEAMERS IN COLLISION.

The Maude Sunk in the Ottawa River—Two Passengers and the Engineer Drowned.

Hudson, Que., Sept. 27.—One of the worst accidents in the history of navigation on the Ottawa river occurred about 1.30 o'clock this morning opposite here. The steamer Athewan collided with the steamer Maude going in the opposite direction, smashing into the latter right to the wheel-house.

The Maude sank immediately, her top deck only remaining above water.

Capt. Gauthier called the alarm to all those on board, but nevertheless three were drowned. Miss Benson, of Oka, lady's maid, fell into the wreckage among the cattle and was never seen again. The engineer and an unknown passenger were also lost. The engineer's name is not known here. The passenger who was drowned died beside his horse.

None of the bodies have so far been recovered.

Eight horses and all the cattle perished.

The officers of the Maude claim they gave the proper whistles and put the blame on the Athewan, but as she continued her course nothing has been heard from her as yet.

FOREST CONSERVATION.

Convention Opened in Vancouver—Prominent Men in Attendance.

Vancouver, Sept. 26.—In opening the forestry convention this morning, Earl Grey took occasion to compliment President Roosevelt in sending a special representative of the United States forestry department. President Stewart's address was mainly a plea for legislation against forest fires. Other papers are being read this afternoon.

Hon. James Dunsmuir and Hon. R. McBride spoke briefly, emphasizing how important is the timber industry in British Columbia.

SUICIDE IN SEATTLE.

Despondent Tailor Ends His Life With Revolver.

Seattle, Sept. 25.—M. C. Heiber, a tailor, 60 years of age, who had lived in Seattle for many years, last night committed suicide by shooting himself in the head in his room in the Mansfield Hotel, on James Street. The bullet, a 32-caliber ball, entered the brain. Death was probably instantaneous.

Heiber had carefully planned his self-destruction. He had first folded up his clothing carefully placed the same in his trunk, locking it. Then he locked the door to the room and pulled down the blinds on the windows. Climbing into bed, he pulled the covers carefully over his head, placed the revolver to his right temple, and fired. Someone in the hotel heard the shot and notified the police.

Heiber notified the landlady at the hotel that he intended to give up his room last night. Several other persons who knew Heiber say that he had been despondent for some time. His widow and a married daughter live in Seattle.

FREIGHT TRAIN WRECKED.

Grand Forks, B. C., Sept. 25—A freight train was wrecked this morning on the Great Northern Railway near Marcus, Washington. No one was injured, although considerable damage was done to the train. The cause of the derailment of the train is not yet known. The passenger train from Spokane, which should have arrived here at 5.15, is expected to arrive some time this evening.

NO TRACE OF DOCTOR.

Ottawa, Sept. 26.—Dr. Savignac who attempted to murder his wife and mother-in-law has not been found. The police think he must have committed suicide in the bush.

RYAN REFUSED TO ANSWER QUESTIONS

AT SITTING OF THE INSURANCE COMMISSION

Further Details Regarding Investments by the Foresters in Land and Timber.

Toronto, Sept. 27.—At the insurance inquiry yesterday afternoon Mr. Stevenson, supreme councillor, I. O. F., said the Union Trust Co. had gone out of the lumbering business, having sold the Kamloops Lumber Co. at a price which will repay the principal and interest and $75,000 profit, in addition to which they expect to recover $55,000 out of which Mr. Stevenson said the I. O. F. had been swindled in the purchase.

The actual profits of the I. O. F. on Northwest land and British Columbia lumber investments were, according to a statement submitted by Mr. Stevenson, $652,000, which when the remaining lands are sold will be increased to $750,000.

Peter Ryan, after much persuasion, admitted that Mr. Fowler, M. P., had, months after the transaction, informed him that he had to divide up $55,000, the difference between the actual price paid for the Shields-Ryan property and the amount paid by the Union Trust Co., to Mr. Ryan. Mr. Ryan refused to give the names of parties mentioned by Mr. Fowler as sharing in the amount on the ground that the statement was slanderous, and he did not believe it, but thought Mr. Fowler got it all himself. Mr. Ryan was given until Monday morning to make up his mind whether or not he will give the information.

RIVER STEAMER BURNED —TWO MEN MISSING

Seattle, Wn., Sept. 27.—A dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer from White Horse says that the steamer Columbia, owned by the White Pass Company has been burned near Five Fingers on the Yukon river.

The chief mate, Joseph Welch, and one of the firemen are missing.

A cabin boy named Murray was fatally injured. Others were badly burned, and all on board had narrow escapes.

METHODIST FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Dr. Sutherland Decides to Accept the Secretaryship—The Superannuation Fund.

Montreal, Sept. 24.—At Saturday's session of the Methodist general conference Dr. Sutherland announced amid applause that he had decided to accept the position of secretary of foreign missions.

The statement made in the local papers that the superannuation fund was bankrupt was stoutly denied by Dr. W. S. Griffin, the treasurer. He declared that the fund still was prepared to pay every claim upon it. Nevertheless it will be subjected to close scrutiny by the conference.

The conference on Monday decided to establish a publishing plant and paper at Winnipeg whenever in the judgment of the special committee such a paper is necessary. The committee consisting of representatives of the four western conferences is to be appointed by the general conference. This decision will not affect the Western Methodist Recorder.

WORK OF TERRORISTS.

Prof. Ular Says Number of Russian Officials Are Dying From Fright.

New York, Sept. 25.—A special to the Times from Paris states that in a letter from St. Petersburg, Professor Ular, who is regarded in Paris as the mouthpiece of Count Witte, says that many of the highest Russian functionaries are dying from fright or are on the point of leaving the country. In their cases bombs and knives are no longer necessary.

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MAIL AND FREIGHT TRAINS IN COLLISION

OPEN SWITCH WAS CAUSE OF ACCIDENT

According to the Official Report Eight Persons Were Killed in the Wreck.

Indianapolis, Sept. 26.—A special to the News from Peru, Ind., says that ten persons were killed and many hurt to-day when the Wabash fast mail train No. 8, running 70 miles an hour, dashed through an open switch and into a freight train at Catlin, Ill.

Official Report.

Chicago, Sept. 26.—At the offices of the Wabash railroad here it is said that eight persons were killed in the passenger train wreck at Catlin, Ill., this morning.

Forty-one Persons Injured.

St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 26.—A special from Danville, Ill., gives the following partial list of casualties in the Wabash wreck at Catlin, Ill.:

Dead—Engineer Jonas Butler, Peru, Ind.; Fireman Walter Ellison, Lafayette, Ind.; Clerk Ira Harding, Ivesdale.

Forty-one persons were injured, mostly concussions, cuts and burns. It is believed that three or four of twelve badly burned children will die.

All the injured were brought to Danville on a relief train.

Recovering Bodies.

Indianapolis, Ind., Sept. 26.—Three dead bodies have been taken from the wreck and eight persons are missing. The injured list is large.

Bridge Collapsed.

Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 26.—A bridge over the tracks of the New York division of the Pennsylvania railroad at 31st street and Columbia avenue, collapsed to-day as a heavy work car of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company carrying six men was passing over it. The car was precipitated into the tracks below and all the men were hurt, one of them, Walter Dillon, receiving fatal injuries.

BRAZIL'S COFFEE CROPS.

Plans Made to Maintain Article at a Remunerative Price.

New York, Sept. 27.—The announcement was made to-day by the Journal of Commerce that the financing of Brazil's coffee valorization plan had been arranged. Bankers and merchants internationally known, and all identified with the coffee business are named who will advance the money needed, about $20,000,000. They are located in New York, London, Havre and Hamburg. The object of the coffee valorization plan is to maintain coffee at a remunerative price to the growers by the establishing of a minimum quotation which is to be held by purchases of coffee on account of the three coffee states of Brazil, namely, the states of Sao Paulo, Rione and Minas. Interest on the loan made is guaranteed and paid by a tax on every bag of coffee shipped. The contracting states bind themselves to restrict or discourage by discriminating taxation the exportation of coffee of inferior grades, and they further bind themselves to pass laws preventing the extension of coffee acreage for two years after January 1st, 1907.

PRAYER BOOK AS SECURITY.

Winnipeg, Sept. 27.—An unusual occurrence happened here yesterday when a Scotch immigrant, a member of the Anglican church, was relieved of his pocketbook by pickpockets. He became possessed of a thirst subsequently and ordered two drinks at a hotel bar, but having no money wherewith to pay for them he put up his prayer book as security with the bartender.

CANADIAN COACH.

J. C. Rice Will Have Charge of Columbia's Oarsmen Next Spring.

New York, Sept. 27.—Jas. C. Rice, of Toronto, was yesterday engaged to coach Columbia's crews next spring. Rice's experience in teaching has been extensive. His most conspicuous work has been in Detroit, but nowhere in American rowing circles is he not well known and well regarded.

MAY BUILD NEW STEAM YACHT.

Vancouver, Sept. 26.—Although not fully decided, Lieut.-Governor Dunsmuir this morning said he was considering the building of a new yacht. The Thistle is not fast enough, he says, and for that reason he is considering the construction of a larger and finer yacht with large deck room. The Thistle got off the sand in the north without damage on the next tide.

CHANGE OF SCHEDULE.

Vancouver, Sept. 26.—The Princess Victoria will make her last triangular run of the season on October 6th. After that the Indianapolis will run between Victoria and Seattle, and the Princess Victoria between Victoria and Vancouver.

STORMS IN SOUTH.

Streets of New Orleans and Mosspoint Flooded.

New York, Sept. 27.—Reports of severe storms in Louisiana, Mississippi and Georgia were received here to-day. One says that there are 14 inches of water in the streets of New Orleans. Heavy rainfalls are reported at Vicksburg, Miss., and Macon, Georgia. Telegraph service to New Orleans is badly crippled.

Property Damaged.

Louisville, Ky., Sept. 27.—The Gulf storm, which began to show itself last night, has destroyed all communication to Mobile and New Orleans. The storm has been general between Montgomery, Ala., and the boundary of Mexico and west to Mississippi. There has been no communication with New Orleans since midnight, the last word from there being to the effect that one suburb had been damaged somewhat by the wind and by a sudden rise of four feet in Lake Pont. Water is reported four feet deep in the streets of Mosspoint, Miss., the high wind blowing the water in from the Gulf. At 2.40 this morning communication was restored for a moment with Mobile, where it was reported a gale was blowing with rain falling in torrents and the barometer falling rapidly.

THE CHEHALIS DISASTER.

Captain Griffin Will Be Indicted on a Charge of Manslaughter

Vancouver, Sept. 26.—It is announced on official authority that Captain Griffin will be indicted before the Grand Jury by the attorney-general's department on a charge of manslaughter in respect to the deaths arising out of the Chehalis disaster.

WEDDING AT STRATHROY.

Ottawa, Sept. 26.—Mr. Jas. B. Hunter, private secretary to Hon. C. Hyman, was married to-day at Strathroy to Miss Helena Agustus Calvert, daughter of the Liberal whip.

HAS GROWN TIRED OF THE UNION

WESTERN AUSTRALIA MAY DECIDE TO WITHDRAW

Legislative Assembly in Favor of Submitting Question to Vote of People.

Perth, Australia, Sept. 27.—The legislative assembly to-day passed a resolution that the union of the state with the rest of the Commonwealth was detrimental to the interests of Western Australia, and the time had arrived for submitting to the people the question of withdrawing.

The premier said that this vote was due to the rejection by the Commonwealth of a proposed survey for a transcontinental railroad.

ROASTED TO DEATH.

Mail Clerk Imprisoned in Burning Wreckage—Two Men Crushed Beneath Engine.

Danville, Sept. 26.—Passenger train No. 8, of the Wabash railroad, running from Kansas City, Mo., to Buffalo, N. Y., known as the Buffalo mail, and due in this city at 4.20, ran into an open switch west of Catlin, Ills., early today. All the passenger cars but one turned over and burned. Three persons are known to have been killed, and several others are missing. Thirty-seven injured are being taken care of at Danville hospitals.

Mail Clerk Harding was pinioned beneath the mail car, and was roasted to death. Engineer Butler and Fireman Ellison were crushed beneath their engine. Four children of Mrs. J. H. Waldsdale, of Guelph, Ont., were badly burned, and all will probably die.

A carload of paint attached to the freight train was burned, and it is in the wreckage near this that George Godman is believed to have been burned to death.

SCHOONER FOUNDERED.

Captain, Mate and Three Men Drowned —Survivors Landed at New York.

New York, Sept. 24.—The British steamer Rosefield, Capt. Blackmore, which arrived here to-day from Mexican Gulf ports, brought four Mosquito Indians picked up at sea on September 16th. They were the survivors of the crew of the Mexican schooner Morales, bound from Campechy with a cargo of salt and lumber. The men were clinging to a number of loose boards which were not lashed and were held together by their weight. One man was crazed from drinking salt water and had to be put in a straight jacket until he recovered. When they were able to talk it was found that the schooner had foundered about 2 o'clock that morning. The captain, mate and three men were drowned.

OTTAWA NOTES.

Chief Engineer Lumsden Denies Story Regarding Railway Route—Increase For P. O. Employees.

Ottawa, Sept. 27.—Chief Engineer Lumsden, of the National Trans-Continental railway, says that he never heard of the report published in the press that the commission was able to shorten the line between Quebec and Winnipeg by four hundred miles. He wished that it was correct, but it was not.

Will Deliver Address.

Hon. Rudolph Lemieux, postmaster-general, will deliver the annual address to the Caledonian Society, Montreal, on October 31st, hallowe'en.

Increased Salaries.

In addition to increasing the salaries of country postmasters the postmaster-general will also increase the salaries of clerks of city post offices and the clerks of inspectors' offices.

Wadhams & Curtis' salmon cannery at Blaine was completely destroyed by fire. The loss, which includes 4,000 cases of salmon and dwelling of the proprietors, is estimated at $40,000 Thirty men and women in the cannery and owners of fifty fishing boats are affected. The cannery was built at the beginning of the present season.

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LIFEBOAT ASSOCIATION.

Officers Elected at a General Meeting Which Was Held Last Evening.

The general meeting of the Lifeboat and Life-Saving Association of British Columbia, called for the purpose of reconsidering, amending and re-adopting the by-laws and electing officers for the first term, was held in the committee room, city hall, last night, when Rev. E. G. Miller was called to the chair. After some little comment on the by-laws and the rule relative to membership having been amended to read that the governors (members) of the association shall consist of the persons who shall have subscribed to the funds either in one sum of $25 or upwards, or by an annual payment of one dollar or upwards, and shall be eligible to hold office and vote at all general meetings, the by-laws were adopted.

The election of officers being proceeded with resulted as follows: President, H. D. Helmcken, K. C.; vice-presidents, Ald. J. A. Douglas, A. J. C. Galletly, A. J. Morley (mayor), and Rev. E. G. Miller, M. A.; treasurer, Joseph Peirson, J. P. A committee was appointed composed of Paul Beygrau, B. A., and C. E., Capt. J. T. Walbran, J. P., H. C. Marsh, Arthur Margison, E. G. Lawrie, W. H. Spurrier, George Neill, James S. Bailey, John Robertson and George Robertson. The appointment of an auditor was left with the committee of management to arrange for the first term when required.

The chairman reported that Chief of Police Langley had kindly suggested that the patrol wagon might be at the service of the lifeboat crew at any time in the event of a hasty call to duty. This thoughtful offer on the part of the chief was highly appreciated and a resolution of thanks recorded.

It was also resolved that the sub-committee appointed to confer with the Lieutenant-Governor should pursue its efforts, and the name of Paul Beygrau was added to that committee.

Mr. Washburn, of Neah Bay, being present, was asked as to what the United States was doing relative to life-saving, when he in an interesting manner intimated that the United States government had voted $30,000 for this work on a station at Tatoosh Island, near Cape Flattery. A steam lifeboat, together with a steam tug, would be placed in service for the coast, and wireless telegraphy would be installed. The question of reciprocal interest and co-operation, it was thought, might be fostered with advantage to the shipping interest of both countries.

After a very pleasant interchange of ideas, it was resolved that the newly-elected officers and committee meet on Friday night, October 5th, at the Seamen's Institute, Langley street.

BY-LAWS WERE PASSED.

Property Owners Endorse Proposal to Purchase Park for North Ward.

The two by-laws submitted to the property owners on Monday were carried. The by-laws are related in as much as one is for the authorization of the sale of lands belonging to the city in James Bay, and the other is for the authorization of the purchase of land in the north ward for park purposes. The proceeds of the sale in the first instance will be devoted to the purchase under the second by-law.

There was a very small vote cast on Monday—only 503, but both by-laws were carried by good majorities of the votes recorded. There were a large number of what would be regarded as spoiled ballots. These were not in the technical sense spoiled, as there were only six really spoiled. The ballots were joined and quite a number voted on only one of the by-laws, leaving the other ballot unmarked, and thus classified as spoiled.

On the north ward park by-law there were 72 ballots thus spoiled. The remaining ballots stood 262 for and 146 against.

On the by-law for the authorization of the sale of the lands in James Bay there were 28 ballots which were not marked and 362 votes were recorded in favor of the selling and 115 against.

CONDEMNED BY INSPECTOR.

Chicago, Sept. 27.—Two carloads of cold storage chickens and over 10 carloads of meat were condemned yesterday by Chief Food Inspector Murray and his assistants, to say nothing of 15 carcasses of diseased cattle and four calves. The condemnation of the chickens was due to private advices received by Murray from Canada. When he learned that the lot had escaped him and was on the way to New York he notified the authorities there so they can catch the shipment at its destination.