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Mr. Oliver said the policy of the government at Ottawa was to inquire into the industrial needs and then legislate if it differed from this government in British Columbia, which legislated first and then inquired. (Applause.)

The Conservative party at Ottawa had opened the doors of the Northwest. The system of advertising the timber lands in the province was a farce.

He contended that the statutes were such that the time for advertising these lands before being disposed of was not fixed.

Reading from the original letters, Mr. Oliver contended that an outside investor who sought maps showing timber lands available was not worth more than a few cents, and that officials had no such maps were available, but officials also offered to furnish copies of private maps in their possession, charging \$8 for them.

An appeal for names was answered by Mr. Oliver to the effect that he would not read the names, but any member could see them.

Going into the question of the exchange of lands for asylum purposes, Mr. Oliver contended that the lands got by the government were valued at \$13,000 by the government valuator, or just about one-third of what they were worth.

Mr. Skinner, an official of the government, had before the exchange inspected the lands in Burnaby and described them as valuable. This official warned the government against disposing of the lands.

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now to see before the session closed something done at Ottawa to relieve the British Columbia lumbermen.

The present government came into power through the efforts of the Liberals. The Premier contended this was absolutely incorrect.

Mr. Brown said the votes and proceeding in this case were correct. The Premier contended this was defeated as the result of the Columbia & Western exposures.

Hon. Mr. Green said the Premier government was dismissed in consequence of the Chimney Creek contract.

Mr. Brown said the Chimney Creek contract formed the final ground for the dismissal of Col. Prior. He had done more for the Columbia & Western exposure Col. Prior might have had the chance of an appeal to the country, and the Chimney Creek matter might not have been heard of.

Mr. Brown said the Premier had decided upon forming a government on party lines.

Going into the platform adopted by the Conservative convention, Mr. Brown contended that the government had gone back on nearly every plank of that platform and taken no action.

The government had also failed to do its duty with regard to the administration of affairs. Large reserves had from time to time been placed by governments for the purpose of aiding in railway building.

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BUSINESS OF THE LANDS DEPARTMENT FULL INVESTIGATION

Contention is Made That Statutes Are Violated—Chief Commissioner Apparently in Dark.

An investigation is admitted to be necessary into the conduct of the lands department. Charges were made by John Oliver in the legislature yesterday afternoon in which he pointed out that the statutes of the legislature were of no consequence to that branch of the public business.

In applying for crown grants the statute, it is contended by Mr. Oliver, is very explicit. Any one wishing to apply for unreserved, unoccupied and unreserved crown lands, must give two months' notice in the B. C. Gazette.

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THE JUDGE AND SIR C. H. TUPPER SHARP DIALOGUE IN COURT SATURDAY

Connael Neglected to Rise When He Addressed Bench and Was Reproved—Mr. Bodwell's Address.

From Saturday's Daily.

Mr. Bodwell, K. C., counsel for the plaintiff, Mr. Hopper, in the big will case, is now having his innings, having begun his argument yesterday afternoon. He has been devoting his attention to requirements of the California law relative to the execution of a will, dealing at some length with the evidence of Mr. Dwyer, the expert on the law of that state, who was called by the defendant before the San Francisco commission, and the question of the testator's mental capacity.

Mr. Bodwell was speaking and Mr. Justice Irving asked a question which was answered by Sir Charles, while seated. Mr. Justice Irving reprovingly remarked that he found difficulty in following the matter when two people were speaking.

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UNITED MINE-WORKERS' MEETING ANNUAL DISTRICT CONVENTION AT FERNIE

Number of Resolutions Adopted Regarding Stores and Towns in the Crow's Nest Pass.

The second annual convention of District No. 18, United Mine Workers of America, was held in the miners' hall at Fernie, B.C., on March 15th, 16th and 17th, President Frank H. Sherman in the chair.

The district officers present were: Bro. Frank H. Sherman, president; Bro. R. Patterson, vice-president; Bro. John N. Howbrook, secretary-treasurer. Delegates: Bro. Thomas Addison, Fernie, District No. 2314; Bro. John S. Laurence, District No. 2334; Bro. Robert Evans, District No. 1283; Bro. Harry Gates, Coleman, District No. 2633; Bro. W. H. Jenkins, Lilloet, District No. 1233; Bro. James Seyers, Morrissey, District No. 2318; Bro. Andrew Hood, Bellevue, District No. 431.

The following resolution was read and adopted: "Whereas this convention, representing District 18, favors the idea of advisability of bringing out a labor candidate for the provincial parliament for the Fernie riding and the Crow's Nest district of Alberta, and that this convention instructs the district officers to take steps to inaugurate a monthly holiday and that it be left to the locals what day in the month it should be."

It was also further resolved "That we abolish all Sunday work as near as possible, and that the Sunday Observance Act be in force in Alberta, and in case of necessity that all men employed on Sunday be paid at the rate of time and a half."

That we elect an international board member by a referendum vote of the district, and that the said election take place (From Monday's Daily).

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INSPECTING WORKS. Party of Capitalists Looking at the Britannia Mine and Also the Crofton Smelter.

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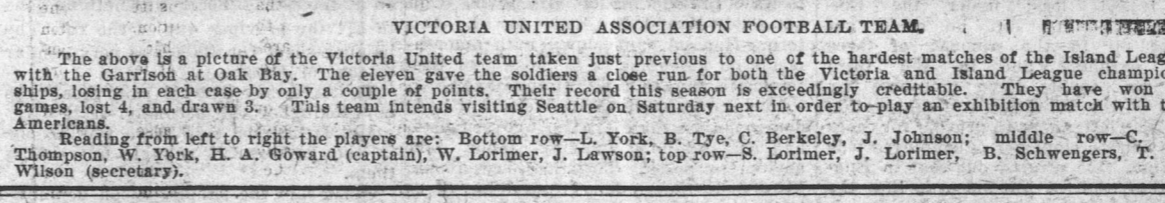
Mr. Bellinger said he could say nothing whatever about it. It is well known that the Britannia company look to the Crofton smelter to treat the ores produced. It is not at all unlikely therefore that very shortly something may be done which will result in the reopening of the works at Crofton.

The Britannia ore is low grade, but exists in large bodies. All the necessary machinery for handling a large quantity is being put in place at the mines. The ore may be conveniently shipped across the straits to the smelter by large, and the Crofton works would be kept at its fullest capacity.

The London Daily Telegraph, of March 15th, contains the following account of the death of Capt. J. B. Atkins, uncle of Wm. Atkins, of H. M. customs, of this city.

"The death is announced in his eightieth year of Capt. James Becknell Atkins, the senior but one elder brother of the Trinity house. He was the first skipper of the African Steamship Company and commanded the Forerunner, a small steam vessel of under 300 tons, which ran to the west coast of Africa. Capt. Atkins afterwards commanded the first direct Canadian mail steamer Ottawa. This ship lost two blades of her propeller by an accident at Quebec, and to save his owners the great expense which would have been incurred by repairing at Quebec in those days, he brought her home with the single remaining blade.

"Subsequently, when taking troops to the China war in the Imperator, he made what long stood as the 'record' passage his steam ship to Singapore. Using his own money as an auxiliary, he did not stop at the Cape for coal, and arrived at Singapore about a fortnight before he was expected. Afterwards he was required to lay his log before the admiralty. Messrs. Laird, the builders, gave him a present of plates, and the owners voted him a cheque, though the log was withdrawn when he had the log on the return voyage.



VICTORIA UNITED ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL TEAM. The above is a picture of the Victoria United team just previous to one of the hardest matches of the Island League with the Garrison at Oak Bay. The eleven gave the soldiers a close run for both the Victoria and Island League championship. It was a very close game, but the Victoria team, having lost 4, and drawn 3. This team intends visiting Seattle on Saturday next in order to play an exhibition match with the Americans.

Reading from left to right the players are: Bottom row—L. York, B. Tye, C. Berkeley, J. Johnson; middle row—C. A. Thompson, W. York, H. A. Goward (captain), W. Lorimer, J. Lawson; top row—B. Lorimer, J. Lorimer, B. Schwengers, T. G. Wilson (secretary).

smelter, 27 tons; Sky Lark, to Granby smelter, 20 tons; E. P. U., to Trail smelter, 20 tons. Total for the week, 22,132 tons; total for the year to date, 238,240 tons.

The smelters treated ore as follows this week: Granby smelter, 12,476 tons; B. C. Copper smelter, 2,735 tons; Montreal & Boston smelter, 4,233 tons. Total for the week, 19,637 tons; total for the year, 236,239 tons.

TO SHORTEN DISTANCE TO NEW WESTMINSTER

Friday the Times published a dispatch from Ottawa announcing that Jas. J. Hill, president of the Great Northern railway, had stated that he intended to push the extension of the V. V. & E. line to the Pacific Coast as rapidly as possible, and that the whole would be complete within three years.

The Times received a dispatch from Ottawa stating that the V. V. & E. would apply at the present session of the Dominion parliament for an act declaring that the work was for the general advantage of Canada, and authorizing the company to construct and operate, in extension of the undertaking already authorized, a railway from Oliver, on the line of the Victoria Terminal Railway & Ferry Company, to the south bank of the Fraser, near Liverpool, and to a connection with the bridge over the Fraser. The line will therefore connect with the B. S. Southern and the Vancouver, New Westminster & Yukon. The act will also authorize the extension of time for the commencement and completion of the company's undertaking.

These two dispatches indicate that the V. V. & E. means business. The scheme provides for a much shorter route between South New Westminster and the line of the Victoria Terminal railway. The proposed road, instead of sweeping around by Cloverdale and the New Westminster Southern, will proceed straight from Oliver, a point on the Terminal railway not very far from Guichon, direct to a junction with the Vancouver, New Westminster & Yukon and B. C. Southern, at the bridge or thereabouts. With the operation of the Island and Gulf departments of the Victoria Terminal railway, the projected section will greatly reduce the time consumed in travel between this city and New Westminster and Vancouver.

WHO OWNED THE PEARL? Fine Point Which Has Been Decided in Supreme Court.

Hamburg, April 1.—The Supreme court here to-day rendered a decision in the case of the pearl, valued at over \$750, found in her mouth by a male oyster, who, accompanied by a male escort, was eating oysters in a restaurant. The woman claimed the pearl and her escort supported her claim, but the proprietor of the restaurant sued to recover the pearl on the ground that shells, like chicken bones, were by tradition left by the customers, and were a source of profit to the proprietor. The court decided that the pearl did not belong to the woman who found it, nor to the proprietor of the restaurant, but to the man who had paid for the oysters. In rendering its decision, the court pointed out that if the ownership of the pearl were to repose in the restaurant proprietor instead of the person who paid for the oysters, then its ownership might as well be carried back to the oyster dealer who supplied the restaurant proprietor with the oysters, and thence to the fisherman who takes the pearl oyster from its bed.

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