SIXTEEN DROWNED IN IROQUOIS DISASTER

Nine Bodies Have Been Recovered—Inquest Opened at Sidney—Cargo Shifted Few Minutes After Leaving Dock.

DROWNED

Miss Isabella Fenwick, St. Margaret's School, 813 Cook street.
John Brydon.
Mesach Phillips, brickmaker, Victoria.
Jan Bacteren, an Austrian, Saltspring Island.
A. D. Munro, purser, 1636 Quadra street.
Herbert Hartnell, steward, Victoria.
Andrew Olsen, fireman, Sidney.
Tom Chan Lung, a Chinese cook.
Foong Yet Sim, Chinese dish washer.

MISSING

Miss Edith Fenwick, 813 Cook street.
Mrs. Evan Hooson and three-year-old son, Pender Island.
—, Prophet, manager Bullman Lumber Mill, Beaver Point.
William Aitken, Vancouver.
F. A. Clark, Colwood, of V. I. Nursery Co.
D. N. Davidson, deckhand.

SAVED

Miss Margaret Barton, 813 Cook street.
Mrs. MacFarlane, Los Angeles.
H. S. Moss, 1145 Yates street.
Henry E. Hartnell, C. P. R. freight office.
John Bennett.
Captain A. A. Sears, Sidney.
John Isbister, mate.
W. Thompson, chief engineer.
Joe Phillips, deckhand.
Prosper David, deckhand.
Two Indian deckhands.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

Details of the terrible tragedy of the sea in Canoe Pass yesterday morning, when the little steamer Iroquois capsized with a resulting loss of at least sixteen lives, as briefly set out in last night's issue of the Times, are now to hand. All accounts agree that the immediate cause of the accident was the shifting of the cargo and that there was little or no discipline among the crew, while there is considerable criticism of what is considered Capt. A. A. Sears' too great anxiety to get to shore himself.

As the little craft on which so many Victorians have enjoyed a trip amongst the Gulf islands put out from her wharf at Sidney at 9 a. m. she left behind the usual group of spectators. The wind was blowing heavily from the southeast. About twenty minutes later suddenly there was a shout: "She's rolled over!" and those on the wharf strained their eyes to confirm this dread announcement. It was all too true, and then they scurried in every direction to summon the help that was destined to prove in many cases all too late.

George Brethour, who was one of those standing on the wharf, hurriedly put out in his launch, accompanied by Jas. McArthur and Frank Warrington, but the steering gear gave way in the heavy seas. From his residence at Canoe Pass, Capt. Curtis put out in his launch and the Indians at Coal island, where some members of the Saanich and Cowichan tribes were in camp, put off in their canoes. Several rescues were effected, Harry Hartnell, brother of the drowned steward, being saved by the Indians.

Meanwhile, at the wreck, the sea was rapidly swallowing the victims of the disaster, and the terrible scenes which were enacted are graphicaly described by the survivors.

Turned Into Hospital and Morgue.

Living, dying and dead were gathered together in Captain Curtis' home at North Saanich yesterday, which had been turned hurriedly into a temporary hospital and morgue, with Dr. William Gordon Cummings, of Sidney, in charge and many willing helpers acting under his orders in the work of resuscitation. Eight had been brought in by the launch of George Brethour, who went out in the gale from Sidney to give aid to the wrecked company.

At the little wharf lay the body of Herbe Hartnell, and the Chinese cook. At the door of the house lay the body of Andrew Olsen the fireman, with two men working in a vain endeavor to bring life to the chilled frame of the man who had battled against the arms of death in the ice-cold waters and the biting wind.

In the drawing-room were H. S. Moss, who had that morning gone out with Harry Hartnell on a fishing trip that was fated never to eventuate. With him was John Bennett, another passenger of the ill-fated vessel. These two, clad in underclothes, occupied each a corner of the fire-place wherein a log fire gave warmth gradually to their chilled frames. On the floor wrapped in blankets but shivering, lay Joe Phillips, returning to consciousness after the labors of those who had brought him back from the border of eternity, and in the hallway of the home lay the lifeless frame of another victim of the wreck, with two helpers trying to restore animation. Indeed, it was a sad and heartrending picture.

Within another room of the dwelling was Mrs. Margaret MacFarlane, of Los Angeles, who had been carried apparentless lifeless from the landing stage on the back of a man. After an hour's constant work she showed signs of life and soon was murmuring, "Oh. I am so happy." Gradually she gained sufficient strength to tell her name, and one more was added to the roster of the living.

All these had been brought ashore, living and dead, by George Brethour in his launch from the shores of Mary Island opposite and from the neighboring rock-fringed islands. Mr. Moss' father went from Victoria in an automobile and towards two o'clock returned to town with his son. The other living were taken to Sidney.

Dead Brought to Sidney.

At 3.40 p. m. George Brethour's launch made the landing at Sidney wharf with its sad and desolate freight of nine bodies. Reverently these were lifted upon a stretcher and carried ashore, where men with bared and bowed heads silently stood. The bodies were placed in a temporary morgue on the wharf, and those who knew the men of the crew passed in and tried to identify the bodies. In some cases they were successful and in others unsuccessful.

Provincial Constable Dunwoody took charge of the proceedings and had the bodies removed to the Sidney court house, where they were eventually all identified. There they were left until the inquest to-day, and the town of Sidney, with flags at half-mast, awaited in reverence the coming of another dawn.

Sidney in Mourning.

During the late morning and early afternoon residents of Sidney stopped all business and went out in search parties along the shore to opposite Mary Island to lend aid in a search for the missing. Mr. Bradley-Dyne, Messrs. Critchley, Matson, Brethour, White and many others assisted. Parcels of restoratives, clothing, blankets, etc., were taken out to the home of Captain Curtis, four miles away, for the rescued, and meantime varying accounts of the number of people who were on the vessel were given. Some said, and Capt. Sears was among these, that fifteen passengers only were on the boat. Others claimed that as many as forty passengers had embarked. It is probable the exact number will not be known for days.

At the Armstrong ranch Mrs. Armstrong gave aid before eleven o'clock to Engineer Thompson, Prosper David and Harry J. Hartnell, all of whom came ashore at Armstrong point and both of whom live. The men were in a bad way when they reached shore, but shortly revovered and were able to walk.

Dead Probably Sixteen.

By a careful inquiry the number of the victims of the Iroquois disaster seems to be sixteen, ten passengers and six members of the crew. Nine bodies have been recovered, leaving the remains of seven of those known to be on board to be found. Five passengers, two of whom were women, and seven of the crew were saved.

F. A. Clark, who lives on Metchosin road, Colwood, and who is a representative of the Vancouver Island Nursery Company, is now known to have been on board. He went out on the train to Sidney yesterday on his way to sell nursery stock, being bound for Salt Spring Island, and he had his bicycle, to which was secured a number of samples, carried on board from the wharf. Mr. Clark leaves a wife and two children, his father, and a sister, Mrs. C. Hall, Colwood. Mr. Hall went up to Sidney this morning and took a launch up to look for his brother-in-law's body.

Evan Hooson came down from Pender Island in his launch yesterday afternoon upon learning of the loss of his wife and son. Miss E. G. Lawson, Mrs. Hooson, was her sister, went up to Sidney this morning, and the meeting between them was very affecting. They took a launch and went out this morning in a futile search.

Provincial Constables Dunwoody and Hyslop have been out since 6.30 o'clock this morning, and went all around the shores in the vicinity of the disaster, but found no bodies. Practically everybody at Sidney who has a launch or a boat that can be used has been engaged in the search.

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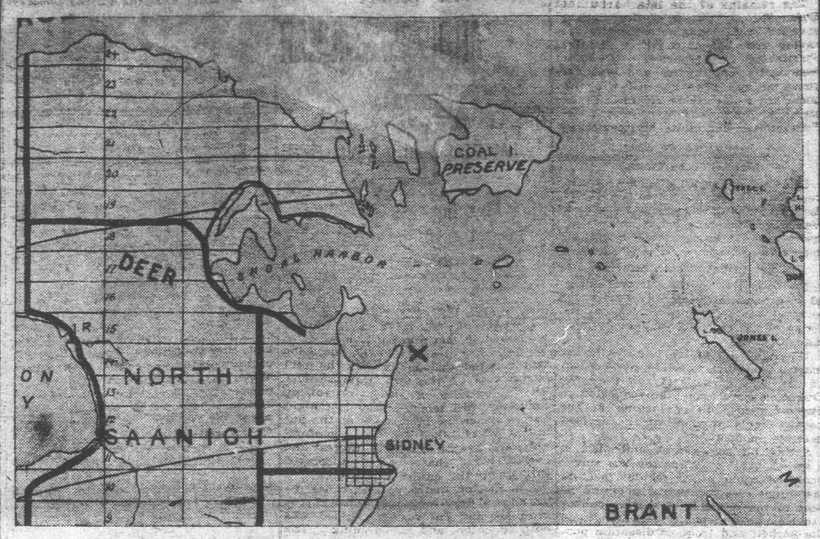

SCENE OF THE IROQUOIS DISASTER.

NAVAL DEFENCE OF THE EMPIRE

Cape Times Criticizes Statement Regarding Actions of Canada and Australia

(Special to the Times.)

Capetown, April 11.—Commenting on Friday's debate in the Union House of Assembly, on naval defence, the Cape Times to-day criticized statements about Australia's and Canada's "tinpot navies," saying: "While those two governments may not have chosen the wisest course for successful co-operation with the Mother Country in defence of the Empire, they are willing to pay for their conviction of the soundness of their policy. South Africa is likely to present a very sorry figure in comparison."

Premier Fisher's Views.

Melbourne, April 11.—Premier Fisher, of the Commonwealth, has been interviewed at Adelaide, where he called en route to London, as to the defence question, now the chief question of the day in Australia. He insists that the peril that may menace the Commonwealth has no connection with any designs Germany may cherish in regard to the North Sea, but rather is to be found in the Pacific ocean. The whole matter, he declares, requires the closest attention and he warns the country that it must take immediate steps to guard against the danger of invasion or any trouble that is likely to darken the political horizon.

TWO WELL DIGGERS LOSE THEIR LIVES

One Man Perishes While Trying to Recover Body of Fellow Workman

Moosejaw, Sask., April 11.—An accident occurred yesterday on Wm. Patterson's farm, two miles south of town, whereby two well diggers named Joseph Sparks and Mark Cameron lost their lives.

The men went out to resume operations in the well, accompanied by Patterson and a hired man. Sparks descended into the well, hanging by the rope with his hands. When about thirty feet down he became overcome with gas and dropped to the bottom. Then Cameron consented to go down and he was also overcome and slipped through the rope.

Sparks leaves a wife and family of six small children. Cameron was unmarried.

EARTHQUAKES IN ITALY.

Rome, April 11.—Two earth shocks were felt here yesterday. The first was early in the morning and the second about noon. Some alarm was felt in the city and in the prison there was considerable panic, the prisoners making two separate attempts to escape. These were quickly suppressed. In the villages surrounding Rome the shocks were more severe, although no damage was done.

Messina, Italy, April 11. — About 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon in various districts in Sicily loud rumblings were heard. A sudden flash of light was observed and an electrical condition of the atmosphere. No earth shocks were recorded, and it is believed the disturbance was caused by a falling meteor.

WELCOME RAINFALL.

Winnipeg, April 11.—Generous rains last night covered most of this province and have greatly improved the seed bed. Farmers welcome the interruption to seeding as top soil was too dry.

OUTBREAK OF SMALLPOX.

Ottawa, April 11.—Forty people on Porter's island are in quarantine. Thirty-nine of these have smallpox.

PRISONER NOW POSES AS MARTYR

CAMORRAIST SAYS HE HAS BEEN PERSECUTED

Declares He is Victim of Examining Judges and Carbineers

Vitebro, April 11.—To-day's session of the Camorrists' trial was occupied throughout with the examination of Giacomo Ascrittore, at the conclusion of which an adjournment was taken until after Easter.

Ascrittore denounced Tomasso de Angelis and Gaetno Amadeo as the murderers of Gennaro Cuoccolo and his wife, in order, the state alleges, to shield the real assassins. For two days the prisoner has been trying to convince the jury that he acted in good faith and was not in a conspiracy with the priest, Cirp Vitozzi, who told the authorities that he had learned in the confessional of the guilt of the murderer.

To-day Ascrittore insisted that he still believed de Angelis and Amadeo took part in the killing of Cuoccolos, and he posed as a martyr to the machinations of the carabineers and examining judges.

He said in substance: "During the investigation of the murders I was forced to withdraw my evidence against de Angelis and Amadeo. The carabineers and the judges prosecuted me for calumny and kept me in jail nearly four years. Thus they made a martyr out of me and my poor mother, who is in the 83rd year of her life and is crying her eyes out."

The day was quite as frugal of melodrama as have been the earlier sittings.

BORDEN'S INVASION OF WESTERN CANADA

List of Members Who Will Accompany the Conservative Leader on His Tour

Ottawa, April 11.—The tentative list of speakers selected by Borden to tour west during July and August covering the ground traversed last summer by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, includes ex-Judge Doherty, H. B. Ames, and Chief Whip Geo. Perly. In view of the fact that none of them are noted as spellbinders and that Messrs Doherty, Ames and Perley are avowed high protectionists, it is expected that they will find travelling in the west somewhat hard. For Mr. Borden to follow Sir Wilfrid and Hon. G. P. Graham with an anti-reciprocity and protectionist platform and supported by three high-brows of the Doherty-Ames style of dessicated oratory appears to western liberal members here as a huge joke.

DROWNED WHILE FISHING.

Seattle, Wash., April 11.—Joseph A. McCluskey, 29 years old, a pharmacy student at the University of Washington, whose mother resides in San Francisco, was drowned in Union Bay, Lake Washington, yesterday, when a canoe in which he had gone fishing capsized when struck by a sudden gust of wind. The body has not been recovered. McCluskey finished his university course in February and was to have been graduated in June.

SENT TO PENITENTIARY.

Vancouver, April 11.—G. T. Wanick was this morning sentenced in the police court to serve five years in the penitentiary. Wanick pleaded guilty to three charges of theft, and also confessed to having robbed recently 15 or 20 houses in the exclusive Shaughnessy Heights' section of Vancouver. Wanick was arrested by a plain clothes officer while trying to dispose of stolen goods to a second-hand dealer.

MORE SETTLERS FOR THE WEST

Twenty-Five Hundred Immigrants Arrived at Halifax To-day

St. John, N. B., April 11.—Twenty-five hundred more immigrants from England and Scotland, bound for the Canadian west, arrived to-day. This makes a total of 7,500 settlers from the British Isles landed in the maritime provinces in less than three days. In the 48 hours ending at midnight last night 5,000 immigrants, most of them supplied with considerable means, entered the Dominion through the port of Halifax, all bound for the west.

The arrivals include the Saturnia from Glasgow and Lake Champlain from Liverpool. Of the 2,500 arrivals only 129 are bound for points in the United States. The Saturnia brought the 30 Scotch lassies who are to be married soon as they reach the west.

AUSTRALIAN IMPORTS.

(Special to the Times.)

Montreal, April 11.—Mr. Arthur Kidman of Sydney, New South Wales, is in Montreal to-day in connection with a plan to establish a permanent local centre for the distribution of meats, butter, skins, hides, etc., shipped from Australia. Mr. Kidman states that he has been shipping to Vancouver for the past five years and now desires to open up an eastern Canadian depot in Montreal and possibly in Toronto also.

MEMBERS WILL TOUR OLD COUNTRY

Representatives of Overseas Parliaments to Visit the Principal Cities

(Special to the Times.)

London, April 11.—After the coronation the representatives of the Dominion parliaments are expected to start on a provincial tour, journeying straight to Dublin and thence to Glasgow and Edinburgh. They probably will attend the investiture of the Prince of Wales at Carnarvon on July 13.

Invited to Belfast.

London, April 11.—The Lord Mayor of Belfast has sent invitations to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Sir Joseph Ward and Premiers Botha and Fisher to visit that city during their Irish tour.

PASSENGER FLIGHTS.

Dusseldorf, Prussia, April 11.—Count Zeppelin's dirigible balloon Deutschland, arrived to-day from Frankfort-on-the-Main and will be stationed permanently to carry out the contract with the municipality for passenger flights.

DIES SUDDENLY.

Oregon Lumberman Drops Dead While Running to Catch Street Car.

Los Angeles, Cal., April 11.—Harry McCormick, 54 years old, a wealthy lumberman of Portland, Oregon, with extensive timber interests at McCormick, Washington, dropped dead here to-day while running to catch a street car.

Mr. McCormick with his wife and daughter had been spending the winter here and to-day with a party of friends planned an excursion to a nearby pleasure resort. They arrived at the depot late and the exertion of running for the car brought on an attack of heart failure and almost instant death.

FALLS FIVE STORIES.

San Francisco, Cal. April 11.—Geo. Eagn, of Los Angeles, was alive last night, after falling five stories from the window of a San Francisco hotel, and lighting on his head on a stone sidewalk. He was operated on at a local hospital where physicians say he has a fair chance for recovery.

HELD PRISONERS BY FILIBUSTERS

WOMEN AND CHILDREN ARE WITHOUT FOOD

Appeals for Assistance Have Been Sent to Officials at Washington

San Diego, Cal., April 11.—Held prisoners by the Mexican filibusters in a big corral at Alamo, Lower California, insulted by the guard and without hope of release or rescue, G. Raffi, his wife and five children of San Diego and several other American women, whose names could not be learned, are said to be causing concern to the state and navy departments of the United States. Secretary Knox has taken up the matter with the Mexican government through the United States ambassador at Mexico City and the American consul at Ensenada. Admiral Thomas has said that he could not send a warship as requested by O. Henry Savage, of this city, a relative to Mrs. Raffi, without orders from Washington and the American consul at Ensenada. Savage charged Admiral Thomas with being inactive in the matter.

It is charged that filibusters, who are said to be commanded by Simon Berthold, have offered indignities to the women and Savage has wired Secretary Knox that the Raffi family and other American women and children held at Alamo, Mexico, by the rebels are unable to obtain food or relief.

All attempts to-day to secure information on the subject from the United States consul at Ensenada have failed and no statement can be secured from Mexican officials in Lower California.

Recruits for Rebels.

El Paso, Texas, April 11.—Two hundred recruits have joined the insurrecto's besieging force outside of Ojinaga, east of here, bringing the old cannons into the hands of Ensenz who is directing the attack.

Arrivals from Guadelajara state that bandits from the territory of Tepic have raided Palos Verles, a small town in the Mascota district of Jalisco killing the local judge, and ten other residents. The bandits are said to have secured some money and extensive supplies of corn and beans. A detachment of state gendarmes has been sent in pursuit.

LIQUOR LICENSE FEES.

Vancouver, April 10.—The civic finance committee at its last meeting was confronted with some important subjects. One was the application of the license commissioners that hotelkeepers having premises where meals were served at all hours should take out annual licenses costing $3,000, and that where meals were only served in conformity with the regular hours of closing the fee should be $1,000, licensed cafes to pay the same. Commissioner Crehan said that the main object of the board was to put a stop to the night drinking now in evidence in certain establishments in the city.

Alderman Crowe, who presided, asked what was to prevent a person going into a licensed shop and buying a bottle of liquor and consuming it in one of the safeterias. Assistant Solicitor Jones said there was no law to prevent it. Mayor Taylor thought that a fee of $3,000 would be altogether too severe, and would mean that certain places would be put out of business. On the motion of Alderman McMaster, the whole question was laid over for further consideration at a future meeting.

DUNCAN TENNIS CLUB.

Duncan, April 10.—The announcement of the opening of the lawn tennis season is made by the Duncan Lawn Tennis Club and the date will be as early in May as permitted by the state of the courts. The officers for the ensuing year are: Hon. president, W. H. Hayward, M.P.P.; president, H. D. Morten; vice-president, A. H. Lomas; committee, Messrs. Kenneth Duncan, F. Prevost, St. G. Herbert Stepney, A. Wood; secretary and treasurer, D. A. Alexander.

The annual open tournament will be held on August 3, 4 and 5 with the following events: Ladies' singles, gentlemen's singles, ladies' doubles, gentlemen's doubles, mixed doubles. All entries to be made to the secretary by July 28.

The men's singles for the championship of Cowichan district, challenge cup presented by W. H. Hayward, will be held on July 8 and 15. All entries to be made to the secretary by Thursday, July 4.

POLICE CHIEF'S DUTIES.

North Vancouver, April 10.—Chief of Police Davies is now pure food and drugs and also pure liquor inspector. This office was given him by the police commissioners at their monthly meeting.

The question of wharf patrol was also considered. The mayor said he would lay the police commissioners' offer to pay half the costs of a special officer before the ferry directors. He did so, and the offer was not enthusiastically received by the directors. The matter was not decided by them.

TWO KILLED BY TRAIN.

Traction Car Runs Down Automobile on Crossing.

Stockton, Cal., April 11.—J. J. Mambach and wife, of this city, were killed, and W. C. Brown, of Lodi, was injured last night when a traction car struck their automobile at a crossing eight miles north of Stockton.

The diminutive chain of habit is scarcely heavy enough to be felt until it is too strong to be broken—Johnson.

DELIMITING THE BOUNDARY IN NORTH

SURVEYORS PREPARE FOR SEASON'S WORK

Parties Will Mark Line From the Porcupine to the Arctic Ocean

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, April 11.—Outside work on the international boundary survey for the year commencing the open up has been arranged. G. Stewart and J. B. Craig, Dominion land surveyors, have left for Alaska to complete survey work on the 141st meridian. They will be followed within a week or so by Fred Mombart and Dougals Nelles, while N. J. Ogilvie and F. H. MacKle will also leave for Alaska shortly. They will be engaged on the southeastern boundary. J. J. McArthur, assistant commissioner, will complete the survey of the 49th parallel between the Gulf of George and the Lake of the Woods.

Preparing For Work.

Vancouver, April 11.—The determination of the boundary between Canada and Alaska from the Porcupine river, 150 miles north of the Yukon river, to the Artic ocean will likely be completed during the coming summer. The work will be jointly performed by two parties representing the governments interested.

J. D. Craig will have charge of the Canadian party. He will co-operate with Thos. Briggs, jr., the representative of the United States government. Each party will comprise about 40 men, mostly technical experts. Mr. Craig reached here from Ottawa yesterday to spend a short time before leaving for the north.

The boundary line from Mount Elias north to the Arctic, according to the treaty of London, is the 141st meridian. Precise astronomical observations have to be taken in determining the boundary which is subsequently marked by bronze monuments, located one mile apart. Messrs. Craig and Riggs last season had charge of the survey from the Yukon to the Porcupine river. The distance remaining to be traversed northward through a moss-covered country to the Arctic is about 150 miles. The meridian boundary south from the Yukon, in the direction of the base line at Mount St. Elias, has already been partially determined. Last year the joint parties reached White river, several hundred miles south of the Yukon. No work farther south in the direction of Mount St. Elias will be performed this season. Farther north across the Yukon, McCraig will have two or three sub parties working under his direction.

It is understood that the Dominion government will also dispatch several survey parties next month to locate unfinished sections of the boundary between the head of Portland Canal and the vicinity of Skagway.

AUTO CAPSIZED.

Woman Injured When Car Turns Over as Result of Breaking of Axle.

Bellingham, Wash., April 11.—Mrs. E. Pickard lies in St. Luke hospital with a lacerated leg, the bone of which is broken at the ankle, the result of the overturning of a taxicab yesterday afternoon, on the Northwest Diagonal road.

Mrs. Pickard and her husband and two friends were en route to Vancouver, B. C., when four miles from the city limits the cab's front axle snapped and the cab tipped over, pinning the woman to the earth with the broken end of the axle. A physician hurried to the scene in his automobile and conveyed the injured woman to the hospital.

MAY ENLARGE HOSPITAL.

Summerland, April 10.—A public meeting called by the municipality was held in the municipal hall to discuss hospital affairs. W. J. Robinson said that the hospital has now passed the experimental stage, and was not by any means large enough to meet the demands of the community. The building at present in use was not suitable, very inconvent t and inadequate in every respect, and though good work had been accomplished in the past, it had been accomplished only in the face of great inconvenience. He quoted figures from reports on their present work, and showed that though the hospital has had a fairly large income from patients, it was an institution dependent to a great extent upon charity, and so would ever remain. He calculated that $1,500 would be necessary to keep the institution going, and though this seemed a large sum, still the working expenses of a fairly large institution were no more than those of a small one.

Drs. Andrew and Smith, and also Major Hutton, ably supplemented Mr. Robinson's remarks. There was a great amount of discussion on the matter, and the following motion was placed before the meeting:

"That in the opinion of this mass meeting the Municipal Council be asked to take into consideration the advisibility of issuing debentures for $7,000 for hospital purposes." This was voted on and carried.

MORE NEGROES FOR ALBERTA.

Guthrie, Okla., April 11.—The exodus of negroes from this state to Alberta, which started several months ago, is continuing, despite the fact that it is not being encouraged by the Canadian government. Twenty negro farmers from near Fallis, Lincoln county, left here last night to join the colony in Alberta. They expect to take claims and immediately build homes and start their crops, after which their families, numbering in all about 200 persons, will join them. It is said here that a colonization company is financing the negroes during the first season.