Liberals Name Their Moses

J. A. Macdonald of Rossland to Try And Lead Party Out of the Wilderness.

Machine Methods Used And Resulted in Discomfiture of W. W. B. McInnes.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

At 2 p. m. yesterday the elected Liberal members to the provincial legislature met in Pioneer hall to choose one of their number as leader of the provincial Liberals. Mr. J. A. Macdonald, K. C., of Rossland, who defeated Provincial Secretary Goodeve on October 3rd last, received the coveted honor.

In order that the Liberals of this province may understand thoroughly the manner in which a leader was chosen to lead them out of the wilderness of opposition, and in order that those Vancouver island Liberals who by their energetic exertions returned eight members of their party to the House, may realize what they have to expect from those gentlemen in the future, a detailed account of the proceedings has been obtained.

Mr. W. G. Cameron, M. P. P., of Victoria, was elected to the chair, and the names of Messrs. Stuart Henderson, W. W. B. McInnes and J. A. Macdonald having been put in nomination for the honor, a ballot was taken with the following result: Henderson, 5; McInnes 5; Macdonald, 5.

A second ballot was then taken with the vote as follows: McInnes 6, Macdonald, 5; Henderson, 4.

This looked serious to certain gentlemen from the mainland, and a recess for ten minutes was proposed and carried, during which Messrs. Henderson and Macdonald retired for consultation. The recess was prolonged to half an hour, and when the session was resumed a motion was put and carried by a vote of 8 to 6 that a change in the manner of balloting be adopted. It was somewhat astounding in its novelty, being to the effect that as Messrs. McInnes and Macdonald were the high men, a ballot should be taken between them, and that, following it, another ballot should be taken betwen the winner, Macdonlad or McInnes, and Henderson, who was low man on the second ballot. As a result Mr. Macdonald defeated Mr. McInnes by a vote of 11 to 4.

For future reference, local Liberals may be interested in knowing that the gentlemen who stayed by Mr. McInnes throughout the fight were Messrs. R. Hall, R. L. Drury, J. D. McNiven, of Victoria.

A final ballot was then taken between Mr. J. A. Macdonlad and Stuart Henderson. Mr. Macdonald receiving ten votes to 4 for his opponent, and Mr. Macdonald was duly declared the political Moses who is to lead the Liberal party out of the wilderness of opposition.

The members of the party in attendance were: Messrs. Cameron, Drury, McNiven and Hall, of Victoria; John Oliver, of Delta; Stuart Henderson, of Yale; Dr. King, of Cranbrook; Brown, of Greenwood; Macdonald, of Rossland; Munro, of Chilliwack; J. N. Evans, of Cowichan; T. W. Paterson, of the Islands; W. C. Wells, of Columbia, and Harry Tanner, of Saanich.

Messrs. Murphy and Jones, of Cariboo, were absent.

George W. Crawford, the negro who was graduated from Yale last June, and won the Townsend oration prize, has been appointed a clerk in the probate court at New Haven, Conn.

Liberals Are All Torn Up

Broad Accusation of Shameless Jobbery in Choice of Leader.

Sectional Prejudice Alleged to Have Influenced Convention's Decision.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

Had the Liberals of British Columbia made up their minds coolly and deliberately to commit party suicide, they could not have a chosen a surer weapon for the fell purpose than that which they chose last evening in rejecting the only possible leader, Mr. W. W. B. McInnes, M. P. P. for Alberni, and placing at the head of the party Mr. Macdonald, of Rossland. What the mass of the Liberals will ask and want to know is, "Who is Macdonald, of Rossland?"

One thing the cliques composing the provincial Liberal party do not need to go to any kindergarten or college to learn, and that is the gentle art of jobbery when it comes to selecting a leader.

Mr. Stuart Henderson, of Yale, is a most accommodating man. He came out third in the leadership stakes, first heat; but when he met Mr. Macdonald, of Rossland, for twenty minutes, he obligingly obliterated himself and Mr. Macdonald romped home an easy winner.

Of course there was no sectional feeling in the Liberal leadership convention last night; no, not a scrap. They, first of all, elected the one man who is fit to lead their party, but, finding that he represented an island constituency, they concluded to give the Mainland a look in next ballot, when, lo and behold, Mainland was IT.

Mr. Macdonald, of Rossland, will need to be an exceptionally gifted man to charioteer the wild steeds whose reins have been entrusted to his keeping. It is an awful job to thrust upon a man whose political experience can be reckoned in minutes, not even hours. Oh, Mr. Macdonald, remember the fate of Phaeton and of Icarus!

Hopping mad! That is the phrase which aptly describes the mental condition of the Liberals who have the interests of their party at heart, and who stand aghast at the deed of monumental folly which was prepetrated last night at the leadership convention. Let the leaven work so well begun; spectators smack their lips and mutter.: "Now for fun!"

There seems to be a feeling of disgust amongst local Liberals over the election of Mr. Macdonald to the leadership yesterday. This is not so apparent among the Ottawa followers, who are only too glad to see a pliable man in the position but the active workers and those not dependent upon the Ottawa patronage, are hotly indignant, and there will be "things doing."

A prominent Liberal stated openly last night that Mr. McInnes had to thank Mr. Stuart Henderson for his defeat, and voiced the sentiment of many Victoria Liberals when he said that the one alleviating feature in the incident was the scattering to the winds of Mr. Henderson's ambitions. Opposed to Mr. Martin himself, he had no hesitation in characterizing Mr. Henderson as a far more dangerous man to Liberal cohesion than ever "Fighting Joe" could be—and that, not on account of Mr. Henderson's ability.

There is a good deal of curiosity displayed as to the conversation which took place between Mr. Macdonald and Mr. Henderson during the much-talked-of ten minutes' recess. People are wondering whether these two gentlemen fixed up a slate and whether Mr. Patterson or McInnes were on it.

Labor Warns The Capitalists

Note Sounded At Meeting of American Federation of Labor Yesterday.

"Stand By Our Friends" Says President Gompers of Organization.

Chicago, Oct. 17.—A warning to capital against cutting wages if financial depression comes, by President Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, and a plea for harmony between employer and toiler, by Senator Hanna, were made at the closing session of the National Civic Federation conference today.

It was in reply to one of the previous speakers who took occasion to tell the employer and employees, in event of a possible financial reaction, not to make any unreasonable demands on the employers, that Mr. Gompers spoke of the harm that would follow any attempt to lower wages. Labor leaders and employers believe that the conference has done much in bringing the wage-earner and the capitalists together for more harmonious relations.

After the business session of the day, a banquet was held, at which Senator Hanna, President Gompers, members of the Federation, leading business and labor leaders were present.

Samuel Gompers expressed his appreciation of the work of the Federation, and desired to correct misapprehension, which, he said, was in the minds of some regarding organized labor, and clear false notions, so that labor and capital could go along hand in hand in the production of the wealth of the country.

Mr. Gompers argued against vows of freedom and individualism expressed by some at the conference. He declared labor would oppose any effort to cut wages; but such effort would accentuate the industrial crisis. Successful arbitration, Mr. Gompers said, was impracticable, unless the employers are strong and workmen organized and prepared to defend the stand they may take. Labor wanted improved conditions, he said, and wanted to get more and more out of the great production of the wealth of the world, of which the workingmen are contributors.

He spoke against the "open" shop, and compared the "closed" shop to various organizations, social and professional, which, he said, bar persons objectionable to them. Mr. Gompers took exception to the coupling of the term "boycott" and "bludgeon" as weapons of labor, which were mentioned by a speaker yesterday. "The bludgeon is not the weapon of trade unionism," he said. He also claimed that often the agents of some employers' association were found at work among striking workmen creating discord, trouble and violence, for which labor had to bear the brunt.

"Boycott? Of course, we boycott," he said, and then said: "People in other walks of life are boycotted, socially and financially. We propose to stand by our friends, help our friends in preference to those who have always their hands raised against us."

Frederick Driscoll, as the representative of the American Newspaper Publishers' Association, presented facts concerning arbitration of labor disputes, and a statement of trade relations with the International Typographical Union. He added that the old principle of force, with its sad history, should be relegated to the past.

D. J. Hayes, of Philadelphia, president of the Glass Bottle Blowers' Association of the United States and Canada; Daniel J. Keef, of Detroit, president of the International Longshoremen's Asssociation, and Frederick N. Judson, of St. Louis, former president of the National Bar Association, followed, the latter maintaining that industrial peace was not possible without industrial justice.

Senator Hanna, in closing the session of the conference, expressed satisfaction regarding it as successful, and said it showed the public was becoming interested in the work. The experimental stage between employer and employee had passed, and it was now only a matter of progress, in which the aid of the public was requested.

RAPID ACCUMULATION OF ASSETS.

Now Over One Million Dollars.

Rarely, if ever, has any company in Canada, similar to the B. C. Permanent Loan and Savings Company, reached assets of one million dollars in five and one-half years from the date of its charter. The president of "The B. C. Permanent," Mr. Thos. T. Langlois, as well as all the directors, officers and agents, have good reason to feel proud of the fact that in this far Western part of the country where the population is small and many places are difficult of access, they have succeeded in building up a one million dollar company in less time than was required by similar companies in the thickly settled provinces of Ontario and Quebec, to reach the same mark. When Mr. Langlois organized the company he told a few friends that the company would have one million dollars by the time it was six years old, but actual results have cut six months off of the time allowed.

This company is now doing an immense business, which is proven by the fact that at the last meeting of the directors on Wednesday, the 11th inst., twenty-nine loans were granted, amounting to twenty-eight thousand five hundred dollars, and three applications were rejected. Almost all of these applications were received within three days.

BANK OF MONTREAL OFFICIALS.

Montreal, Oct. 20.—H. V. Meredith, local manager of the Bank of Montreal, has been appointed assistant general manager. He will retain the position of local manager, but is given an assistant in C. W. Dean. W. A. Boggs is named general accountant.

WANTS RETRIAL.

Washington, D. C. Oct. 20.—It is believed here that the United States government will ask for the immediate retrial of the case of Miller and Johns at Cincinnati, involving transactions in connection with a turf investment case decision of the post office department.

SHOVEL KILLS LOVE.

Goderich, Oct. 20.—Fred. Love, superintendent of the Goderich Elevator & Transit Co., was instantly killed by an elevator shovel yesterday afternoon.

TO CURE CONSUMPTION.

Middleton, N. Y., Oct. 20.—C. E. Norris, reached here today after an 8,000-mile walk from San Francisco, undertaken to cure consumption. He started on August 8, 1901, and followed the railroads as far as possible. He will continue his journey to New York tomorrow.

According to The American Geologist, Dr. Ralph Arnold, assistant in geology at Stanford university, has been appointed assistant to Dr. Dall of the United States geological survey.

The lizard-like pterodactyl, which has membranous wings with a spread of 20 feet, is the pattern for the airship which Professor Langley of the Smithsonian institute has built and recently tested unsatisfactorily.

Mulock And Franking Privilege

Objects to Present Use of Old Time Grit Campaign Tactics.

Seeks to Prevent Conservatives Using Mails Equally With Liberals.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Oct. 19.—The House was engaged in a discussion of railway subsidies all day, and only fair progress was made.

The Conservatives' campaign literature created some talk. Sir Wm. Mulock replied to a number of questions by Liberal members as to Conservative campaign literature being sent out from the Commons' post office. The postmaster-general said several carloads had been shipped from the Montreal Star office to Ottawa, and were being sent through the mails under the frank of George Taylor, M. P., and that the franking privilege in this respect was simply limited by the capacity of the cars. Transportation facility and the bags belonging to the government were being "illegally" used. These replies were received in turn with opposition laughter and repeated cries of "Come again."

In this connection it is understood that, acting under instructions from the government, the sergeant-at-arms of the Commons has issued an order forbidding any more bags of opposition campaign literature in the Commons building until those at present in the building have been stamped and sent out. It was at first attempted to have the distribution of this matter stopped by refusing mail bags to the Star office thereupon the publisher had material shipped to Ottawa.

General O'Grady-Haley was made the honorary colonel of the Canadian Mounted Rifles.

The formation of a regiment of Highlanders at Hamilton was authorized.

Municipalities throughout Canada are thoroughly aroused over the Commons' action in rejecting the Senate amendments to the railway bill, which protect its municipal rights. Telegrams from all over Canada are pouring in protesting against the Commons' action.

Hon. Mr. Fielding gives notice tonight of a resolution under which the government will isssue the bonds of the Quebec company to the amount of $6,866,882 at a rate of 3 per cent. annually. After paying expense interest charges and a sinking fund to be created, the government, however, may take over the enterprise at any time on a month's notice, returning to the province of Quebec its subsidy of a quarter million, and the city of Quebec of $300,000.

In the House this morning Sir Wilfrid Laurier said at this late date in the session, the government could not take up Walter Scott's bill to amend the Mounted Police Pension Act of 1889, as a public measure.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier said the government had not received any official information regarding the Alaskan boundary case, but expected the announcement to be made tomorrow.

A bill to amend the Northwest Territories Act was read a third time, as was also bills respecting the revised statutes and librarians of parliament.

The amendment by the Senate to the bill repecting the judges of provincial courts, was concurred in. The bill respecting the registrar of the Supreme Court of Canada also passed its third reading. In discussing this bill, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, in reply to Sir Hibbert Tupper, admitted the government would have to consider the question of increasing the salaries and rearranging the work or the judiciary.

DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

Character of the Late Sir Hector Macdonald Is Now Fully Vindicated.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

Editorial reference was made the other day by the Colonist to the decision of the commission appointed by the British government to inquire into the charges preferred against the late Sir Hector Macdonald, in consequence of which that hero and idol of the British army was moved in desperation to end ingloriously a most glorious life. The text of the decision is as follows:

Government Buildings, Colombo,
June 29, 1903.

In reference to the grave charges made against the late Sir Hector Macdonald, we, the appointed and undersigned commissioners, individually and collectively declare on oath that, after the most careful, minute and exhaustive inquiry and investigation of the whole circumstances and facts connected with the sudden and unexpected death of the late Sir Hector Macdonald, unanimously and unmistakably find absolutely no reason or crime whatsoever which would create feelings such as would determine suicide in preference to conviction of any crime affecting the moral and irreproachable character of so brave, so fearless, so glorious and unparalleled a hero, and we firmly believe the cause which gave rise to the inhuman and cruel suggestions of crime were prompted through vulgar feelings of spite and jealousy in his rising to such a high rank of distinction in the British army; and, while we have taken the most reliable and trustworthy evidence from every accessible and conceivable source, have without hesitation come to the conclusion that there is not visible the slightest particle of truth in foundation of any crime, and we find the late Sir Hector Macdonald has been cruelly assassinated by vile and slandering tongues. While honorably acquitting the late Sir Hector Macdonald of any charge whatever, we cannot but deplore the sad circumstances of the case that have fallen so disastrously on one whom we have found innocent of any crime attributed to him.

(Signed) ANGUS MACDONALD,
DR. MATTHEW WILSON,
DR. A. MACNAUGHTON,
JAMES BRODIE,
GERALD HEATHCOTE,
ARTHUR LANG.

REBUKED BY HIS MAJESTY

Impertinent Letter Writer Gets Fitting Answer From Buckingham Palace.

London, Oct. 20.—The Duke of Devonshire, until recently lord president of the council, in a public letter advises the Liberal-Unionists at present to remain loyal to the government, "especially as precautions against home rule proposals in parliament are still necessary."

Dr. William J. Holland, director of the Carnegie museum at Pittsburg, has returned from Europe, bringing with him the valuable paleontological collections of the Baron de Briet.

Russia Master Of Situation

Satisfied That Japan Alone Will Forcibly Resent Asiatic Aggression.

And Display of Force Will Secure Retention of Manchuria.

Pekin, Oct. 19.—Like other cities in the Far East. Pekin is perplexed by the reports from various points of events portending a Russo-Japanese war. Most of these reports, on investigation, prove to be unfounded. The opinion prevails here that Russia proposes to hold all she has gained in Manchuria and refrain for the present from further advances in Korea.

It is also believed that Russia is convinced that no nation except Japan thinks of contesting her position, and, having assembled a fleet and army which she considers strong enough to repel any Japanese attack, she is awaiting developments in Japan's policy.

A majority of Russian ships have left Port Arthur since the manoeuvres for an unknown destination, and it is supposed that some of them are cruising on the shores of Korea, watching Ma-San-Pho and other ports. The Japanese ships, whose presence off Ma-San-Pho caused the report that Japan had occupied that port, have sailed, probably in the direction of Sasc-Ho, Japan.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 19.—A story is current in military and diplomatic circles here to the effect that the Czar recently telegraphed Admiral Alexieff, Russian viceroy in the Far East, regarding Russo-Japanese relations, and saying that Russian interests must be maintained by force of arms if necessary. The viceroy is said to have replied to this message by demanding 50,000 additional troops.

London, Oct. 19.—The Japanese legation here attaches no importance to the reports of the landing of Japanese troops at Ring Yang, Korea, or to the alleged concentration of Japanese forces in the neighborhood of Hakodate, Japan. The legation says there is every reason to believe that the situation has not changed materially since last week's reassuring official telegram from Tokio, and the opinion was expressed that the Czar's appointment of a special commission to consider affairs in the Far East would tend to limit the powers of Admiral Alexieff, the viceroy of the Far East.

CAPT. BUNBURY MARRIED.

Lenox, Mass., Oct. 19.—Miss Francis E. Devens, of New York, and Captain Chas. E. Vesturme-Bunbury, Royal Engineers, British army, were married at Trinity church today.

CROSSED BACKBONE OF THE CONTINENT

Longest Exploratory Trip Ever Made In B. C. Just Completed.

George Smith, William Findley, Charles Anderson and Ben. Harrison are the names of four prospectors who have just reached Vancouver after having made what is probably the longest trip of any exploring party in the province.

The route over which they traveled is the one laid out by the Dominion government for the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, and these four men probably know as much about the country through which the next transcontinental railway will be built as any other men.

It was not railway routes that they went to look for, however, as the combined capital of the four men would hardly size up to Morgan's and they are not building any railways this summer anyway. They went North to flirt with gold—and they lost, for the gold is still there.

Their trip was a long and circuitous one, and for hundreds of miles they traveled without seeing another white man except themselves. Starting last April, they outfitted in Ashcroft, and took the old Cariboo trail up to 150-Mile House, and over to the Fraser river, up the river to Quesnelle and on to Fort George, which is at the junction of the Fraser and the Stuart. Approximately speaking they had now traveled 350 miles and they were only ready to commence their trip into the wilderness.

Leaving the Fraser at Fort St. George they branched off west and ascended the Stuart river to Stuart Lake. From Stuart Lake they went over the divide to the Nation river, down the Nation to the Parsnip, down the Parsnip to the Manson, which they prospected for several weeks, then along to the Parsnip again to its confluence with the Findley, which two rivers—the first flowing directly north and the other directly south—come together just west of the great Rocky Mountain range, and make the mighty Peace, which here cuts through the backbone of the continent, making the famous Peace river pass, the lowest of all passes through the mountain.

It was in this country that Messrs. Smith, Findley and partners spent the most of their summer, and while they did a lot of prospecting and gained a lot of information which will undoubtedly be of value when the Grand Trunk Pacific is being built, they did not get any gold. The only really good creek they found was Manson Creek, but that is all covered with hydraulic leases, which closed to legitimate prospectors.

They found the country a very easy one to travel in. There was plenty of pasture for their pack horses everywhere and not too much timber to make traveling in the open difficult. The country is not a mountainous country, but a series of low, rolling hills forming a beautiful table land. From the confluence of the Findley and Parsnip they could see the Rocky Mountains and the Peace river pass. The range stands up out of the table land like the pickets of a fence, and the river cuts through as though a picket had been knocked off. It is the natural gateway from the Occident to the Orient.

Coming west again on their homeward journey, their route lay up the Findley to the Oslinca, up the Oslinca to the Omneca, up the Omneca to the highest of land and over to the Skeena, down which river they traveled to reach the Pacific Ocean at Port Essington.

On the way they stopped over at Hazelton for a few days and made a side trip up the Buckley Valley. Speaking about the trip, Mr. Smith said that he considered the Buckley Valley the finest country that he saw all summer. Some of the specimens of mineral which he was shown from the adjacent foothills, and the samples of coal which were on exhibit at Hazelton, prove beyond a doubt that the reputed riches of that section had not been over-estimated.

As for the rest of the country, Mr. Smith says it is no place to go until the railway is built, or being built, but when that time comes there will be some great hydraulic propositions all over the country. They saw nothing on the whole route that could be counted as an obstacle to railway construction; in fact compared with the Kicking Horse pass, or any of the passes south of the 49th parallel the Grand Trunk Pacific was going through almost a level country.

A De Forest radiogram apparatus installed by Sir Thomas Lipton on his yacht, the Erin, while tender to the Shamrock, handled over 50,000 personal and press messages at the average rate of 32 words per minute.

The Decision In America

Technical Differences Ignored at Washington in View of Ultimate Results.

U. S. Commissioner Pays High Tribute to Lord Alverstone.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 19.—An apparent conflict in the information from London and the announcement by an American state department official Saturday respecting the agreement reached by the Alaskan Boundary Commissioners is explained here by the statement that the London advices touching the victory of the American case on all points except the Portland canal, are perfectly plain, but the commission's decision was not technically final. It is said, however, at the American state department that this is not, after all, material in view of the commission's decision that every inch of the shore line north of the Portland canal, it American territory, for whether the strip be only a mile wide or ten miles or forty the Canadians cannot reach theirs without crossing American territory. It is stated that in all probability a portion of one year will be required to complete the work of delimitation of the boundary line provided for in the treaty. Experts will be engaged by both governments.

London, Oct. 19.—At the Goldsmith's company banquet to the commissioners tonight, the absence from the gathering of Clifford Sifton, Canadian minister of the interior, was noticeable. Mr. Aylesworth, in a speech emphasized the hope that Canadians would soon be no more strangers in London "than the man from Shropshire." Senator Lodge proposed the health of the prime warden and spoke feelingly of the affection that all the commissioners entertained for the character of Lord Chief Justice Alverstone. Secretary Root and Sir Louis Jette also spoke. None of the speakers alluded to the decision reached by the tribunal.

STERN'S TRIAL TODAY.

Levanting P. O. Contractor Will Face Charges in Court.

Washington, Oct. 19.—A preliminary hearing has been ordered for tomorrow in the case of Leopold J. Stern, the Baltimore contractor recently arrested in Toronto in connection with the investigation of United States postal contracts. Stern is in jail, having been unable to raise the bail.

WRIGHT INDICTED.

London, Oct. 20.—The grand jury, which has been considering charges against Whitaker Wright, the company promoter, brought in a true bill against him today.

REV. DR. COLE DEAD.

Yonkers, N. Y., Oct. 20.—Rev. Dr. David Cole died today aged 92. He was formerly professor of Greek at Rutger's college and president of the General Synod of the Reformed church.

STORM AT MAZATLAN.

Austin, Tex., Oct. 20.—Advices received here from Mazatlan, Mexico, state that the terrific storm which visited that city and port a few days ago, caused considerable loss of life. In the city sixteen people were killed and a number of others injured. The ships in the harbor also suffered much damage. The Danish schooner Clara was entirely wrecked and the captain and fourteen sailors were drowned.

PASSING OF G. A. CARLETON

Popular C. P. R. Official Died Yesterday Morning After Long Illness.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

Flags are half-masted at the C. P. R. offices and on the vessels of the company in port because of the death of Mr. G. A. Carleton, late chief of the freight department of the local office of the C. P. R. Steamship Company, who died at his residence on Northern Douglas street yesterday morning at 3 a.m. after a long and painful illness.

The late George Augustus Carleton was 61 years of age, having been born on March 1st, 1842, in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. He is an old-timer in the steamship offices of the Pacific Coast. He came to the Coast in 1868 and entered the service of the California Steam Navigation Company. He went to California by way of the Isthmus of Panama, and after his arrival became purser and freight clerk on the steamers Amelia, Capital and Chrysopolis. He afterward transferred to Stockton as cashier and port steward, remaining in that position until the consolidation of the Sacramento river lines. He then ran as purser on the steamer Julia, and was shortly afterward appointed secretary of the new California Steam Navigation Company, of which T. C. Walker was president. He remained in that service for several years, and was for two seasons engaged as purser and freight clerk on the steamships State of California, Ancon, Senator and George W. Elder.

He came to Victoria in 1881 or 1882 and entered the service of the Canadian Pacific Navigation Company, succeeding the late Robert J. Byers as general passenger agent and freight agent. He remained in the employ of the company until his death. For some months he has been absent from his desk and gradually sinking. A few weeks ago he had to submit to the amputation of a leg and since that time he sank lower and lower, until yesterday, when death resulted. He was a very popular officer of the local company, and his loss will be generally mourned. He had no relations on the Pacific Coast other than a brother, who is in the employ of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company at Tacoma.

The funeral will take place from Hanna's undertaking parlors tomorrow.

AULAY MORRISON TO THE RESCUE

Telegraphs That Dredge Will Leave Victoria If Royal City Needs It.

From Our Own Correspondent.

New Westminster, B. C., Oct. 19.—Aulay Morrison, M. P., has wired Mayor Keary, in reply to a telegram, stating the facts of low water in the Fraser and the inability of a ship with rails to come up, as follows: "Dredge ordered to river if facts as you stated. Aulay Morrison." The aldermen urged at the council tonight for co-operation with the Board of Trade in a protest against the dredge being allowed to leave the Fraser river.

Mexican Failure Affects Seattle

Ten Million Bank Suspends With Many American Branches.

Organized Under Delaware Laws And An Investigation Ordered.

Seattle, Oct. 19.—The Seattle branch of the International Bank & Trust Co. of America, at the city of Mexico which failed yesterday, has closed its doors. The assets of the local bank are given as $87,000 and the liabilities $95,000. Seattle customers, it is said, will receive over 90 per cent of their deposits.

San Francisco, Oct. 19.—As a result of the failure in Mexico of the International Bank & Trust Company of America, the branches of that company in this city did not open for business today.

New York, Oct. 19.—Assistant District Attorney Miner today began an investigation into the affairs of the International Bank & Trust Company, incorporated under Delaware laws with a capital of $10,000,000. Thus far $1,800,000 of stocks has been issued. The company did business principally in Mexico. Its office here was at 64 Wall street. On the date of the failure in Mexico it was learned that $56,000 of the firm's notes were protested here, and it was then charged that the company has been doing a banking business in this state without having filed a certificate with the state banking department.

DIES IN DISGRACE.

San Francisco, Oct. 19.—Crazed by fear of arrest in connection with the robbery of the Manhattan hotel at Point Richmond last Saturday night, George Nottingham, a son of a wealthy resident of Walnut Creek, shot and killed himself in the room of his divorced wife today. Nottingham, who was also known as Wm. Wills, was a structural iron worker. Walter Nottingham, the younger of the brothers, had made a complete confession of the robbery. George left a note exonerating his brother, saying that he committed the crime. The robbery Saturday night was followed by a revolver fight with two officers, but no one was wounded.

McGOVERN GETS DECISION.

Boston, Mass., Oct. 20.—Terry McGovern got the decision over Jimmy Briggs, of Chelsea, at the Criterion Athletic Club tonight in the fifteenth round.

DR. PARKHURST TO REV. DOWIE

New York Reformer Pays His Respects to the Zionite Invader.

New York, Oct. 20.—The Rev. Dr. Charles H. Parkhurst today sent the following open letter to Mr. Dowie:

"Rev. John Alexander Dowie—Dear Sir: I do not want to be presuming, but doubt if it is any more presumptive in me to come and try to clarify you than it is for you to come and try to clarify New York; and I do not know which of us has taken the heavier contract. I attended your service at Madison Square Garden last evening and I went determined to enjoy it if I could and be benefited by it, and to go away and refute some of the charges that I had heard alleged against you. But it was of no use, your behavior on the platform crushed every throb of sympathy I had with you. I never heard from a public speaker such a discharge of effervescent wrath and coarse invective.

"I went to hear you preach the gospel and you preached Dowie, Zion City, 'Stinkpot.'

"I was ashamed of you and almost ashamed to be in your audience. It was a long way below the standard even of the circuses that I have attended in the same garden. The only consolation I could derive that it was so abominable and so far beyond the bounds of the respectable that even those in your congregation who did not know what Christianity is, would have no idea that it had anything to do with what you were saying. Of course the ridiculousness of the performance was only enhanced by the immensity of your pretensions. If you claimed to be only an ordinary man there might be some hope for you, even with what you call the "rabble," but the rabble is discriminating and can discriminate as keenly as the keenest between a prophet and a juggler—between an Elijah and a mountebank.

"I say this in no spirit of anger, but either your head is twisted or your heart infected or you have blundered badly in your method. You cannot bully people into Zionism, nor blackguard them into the kingdom of heaven. I hope you will take this in the kindly spirit in which it is offered and that it will be a blessing to you. Sincerely yours,

"C. H. PARKHURST."

ESTABLISHES AN ALIBI.

Suspected Murderer Clears Himself of Charge, but Not of Suspicion.

Paris, Oct. 20.—Henri Basot, the accused murderer at Aix-Las-Bains last month of Eugenie Fougere, has established an alibi, but notwithstanding this he is suspected of being an accomplice in the crime.

KING OF SIAM'S ADVISER.

Edward Stroebel, Former U. S. Assistant Secretary of State, Appointed.

Washington, Oct. 20.—Edward B. Stroebel has been appointed confidential adviser of the King of Siam, and will leave for his new post of duty in about a week. He was formerly third assistant secretary of state, and also was United States minister to Ecuador and Chili.

UNCLE SAM'S PROTECTION.

London, Oct. 20.—The Brussels' correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says of the recent visit of King Leopold of Belgium to United States Ambassador Storer in Vienna that the King's purpose was to place the Belgian concessions in China, Japan and Korea under the protection of the United States, and in return to grant America certain important trade privileges.

MONTREAL'S NETHER WORLD.

Demi Monde and Frequenters Gathered in by the Police.

Montreal, Oct. 20.—The police made a wholesale raid on houses of bad repute last night, gathering in no less than 110 prisoners of both sexes and divers nationalities, including Chinamen. This morning sentences were imposed ranging all the way from a fine of a hundred dollars or six months down to a fine of five dollars or ten days.

Building the Fraser Bridge

Placing of Great Central Span a Difficult Engineering Feat.

Lacrosse Player's Good Fortune—Two Recent Weddings That Caused Surprise.

From Our Own Correspondent.

New Westminster, Oct. 20.—Another interesting phase in the construction of the Westminster bridge is approaching, viz., the placing in position of the 380-foot span over the deep water channel. Owing to the great depth it was impracticable to drive piles there for the false work, as has been done so far from the south approach out to the draw span, and as this latter is about the same length the section was built there. It is to be lifted on four big scows and conveyed to its proper position, both the rise and fall of the tide as well as the filling and emptying of the pontoons being necessary to raise this huge span of steel, which weighs approximately twelve hundred tons. This task will be done in about a fortnight.

Mr. Thos. Gifford, M. P. P., is now a grandfather, a daughter having just been born to his son, Willie, the well-known home fielder of the Westminster lacrosse team.

From Chilliwack comes word of two accidents, each involving the breaking of an arm. In one case a lad named John Robinson, 14 years old, suffered on the football field; the other case was an Indian woman, who fell out of a wagon.

Two weddings in which local parties are concerned, were solemnized within the last week, but in each case the principals managed to hoodwink most of their friends. Rev. O. E. Vert on Saturday night married Mr. Herbert Rushton, proprietor of the Vulcan Iron Works, to Miss Edith Flummerfelt, and they are now down the Sound for their honeymoon. The other ceremony was performed in Seattle, where Mr. Newton R. Brown, of the staff of the provincial hospital for the insane, was married to Mrs. Warden, of Picton, Ont., who had just arrived from the East.

Pheasant shooting has been fairly good for the past week and, though doubtless numerous "hens" have been shot, cocks have been more plentiful than any season heretofore. Incidentally a good many grouse, a few deer and many duck of all kinds, have been bagged, the tempestuous weather ten days ago having hurried wild fowl to the Coast.

Fishing on the Fraser continues to be fairly remunerative, and many fishermen are making up for a poor sockeye season by delivering steel-head and cohoe salmon to the several cold storage firms. The steel-heads are extra good this fall, and sell for four bits each.

Business has been very dull in police circles for a week; scarcely a case until yesterday, when an Indian was fined $25 for having liquor in his possession, and a Chinaman $50 for supplying it.

A ladies' hockey club has been organized here, and will play on Moody Square. The ladies' basketball team is reorganized for the season, and hope to play match with the girls of Vancouver and Victoria.

Strong pressure is to be brought to bear on the Dominion government to have a pilot board appointed for the Fraser river. If this be done, it is thought, the government will be better posted on the needs of the river, which have been almost wholly ignored.

Chamberlain Again Speaks

Resumes Campaign in Newcastle After His Recent Illness.

Fiscal Policy is Not a Party But a National Question.

London, Oct. 20.—Joseph Chamberlain addressed an enthusiastic meeting of 4,000 persons at Newcastle tonight. It was his first public appearance since his recent illness. A novel feature was a battery of telephone receivers connecting the speaker's desk with the local newspaper offices.

The former Colonal Secretary devoted considerable attention to ridiculing Lord Rosebery, Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman and Earl Spencer. He said that considering the fact that he had been termed an electioneering quack whose arguments were not worth arguing he was surprised at the amount of popular interest and newspaper comment his proposals had elicited. Mr. Chamberlain said he had not raised a party, but rather a national question. He had not pretended that his system could be instituted without costing anything at the start, but he did urge that taxation should be transferred from points where it benefited nobody to points where the Empire would profit. If the country had done well in the past it was not because of free trade.

Replying to the charge that he had based his whole system on the boom year of 1872, Mr. Chamberlain said his opponents would find if they took the five year periods working back from 1875, these would show better still for his side of the case, and he went at length into statistics with the view of proving this contention. He said he did not claim that the Empire would break up immediately if his system was not adopted, but there was already a certain tendency towards cleavage and commercial preference was the only method of binding the colonies to the mother country. The colonies contained 11,000,000 whites, who have offered to make sacrifices, if necessary, in order to build up an empire such as the world had never yet seen. The United Kingdom should not turn a deaf ear to such an offer and thereby lose a chance which if now neglected never would recur.

ASSIZE COURT AT NELSON

Michel Postmaster Gets Four Years for Embezzlement—Official Decamps

Nelson, Oct. 20.—In the session of the Assize held here, William Moon, the ex-postmaster of Michel, was found guilty of having misappropriated $600 of post-office money and sentenced to four years' imprisonment with hard labor.

Charles W. Crossman, who is accused of having defrauded the C. P. R. at Cranbrook by cooking his accounts and issuing false cheques while employed by that company was to have been tried today, but he had disappeared. He is supposed to be in Mexico. Mr. Justice Irving ordered the bail to be estreated.