URGES MUNICIPAL TELEPHONE LINES

DELEGATES DISCUSS IMPORTANT SUBJECT

Convention of Union of B. C. Municipalities Opened Here This Morning

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

The general establishment of municipal telephone systems through the province was urged upon the Union of B. C. Municipalities at its seventh annual convention, which opened in the city hall this morning, by Reeve McNaught, North Vancouver. The subject is one which very many of the delegates favor, and after it has been considered by the resolutions committee it will be again debated by the convention.

Mayor A. E. Planta, Nanaimo, president of the Union, called the convention to order at 10 o'clock, when there were some fifty delegates present from island and mainland municipalities.

A committee on credentials was named by the chairman, consisting of Reeve McNaught, North Vancouver; Reeve Dick, Mission; Mayor Hamilton, Revelstoke. This committee reported a full attendance of delegates from all the municipalities which hold membership in the union.

Victoria is represented by Aldermen Langley, Moresby and Okell.

While the committee was engaged in this, Mayor Lee, New Westminster, drew attention to a very fine map of that city, the result of a re-survey, which is about to be placed before the government for approval. The map is an excellent one and delegates commended it highly.

Mayor Planta, in his presidential address, referred to the immense benefit which the Union was proving to all municipalities. Its suggestions and recommendations had always been well received by the government and the matters presented, to a large extent, had met with approval. So long as the Union continued to exercise the same care and judgment so long would it continue to enjoy the confidence of the legislative assembly. Perhaps the most important matter for discussion at the present was the one so seriously discussed each year, that of the division of municipalities into three classes. This matter he had lately discussed with the attorney-general and he knew it was receiving careful consideration. Representatives of Victoria, Vancouver and New Westminster had met and passed a series of resolutions on the matter so far as they were concerned as the cities of the first class. Another matter to be discussed was that of holding the annual meetings regularly here, which would be a great economy. The president paid a high tribute to the work of Mr. Bose and for himself spoke of his presidency as the climax of fifteen year's in municipal work.

Ex-reeve Bose submitted his financial statement, which showed the substantial balance of $375.30 to the good.

Reeve McRae and Ald. Wilson were named as auditors.

Letters of regret were read from Premier McBride, Hon. W. J. Bowser, Hon. W. R. Ross, and W. D. Lighthall, Montreal, honorary secretary-treasurer of the Union of Canadian Municipalities. The latter will be represented by Mayor Taylor, of Vancouver, who came over on the early boat and was present at the afternoon session. The president stated that he had personally received letters from Past Presidents Stevens, Geary and Bell, wishing the convention success.

Acceptances of invitations to be present were read from the acting premier, Hon. H. E. Young, and Hon. Price Ellison, and an invitation from the city of Victoria to a banquet in the Y. M. C. A. to-morrow evening was received and the courtesy accepted with thanks.

A committee on resolutions was named consisting of Reeves Pound, Dick and Work, Ald. Grey and Clerk Dickson.

The report of the executive committee dealt with the matters which have been taken up with the government. Several of these had been dealt with at last session of the legislature. There was some difference of opinion as to whether the Union should keep on urging matters upon the government where no action had been taken, but the majority considered that until a refusal to act had been received the Union should keep on pressing for reforms which it believed to be needed. In the matter of industrial homes, the establishment of which on the lower mainland the executive has strongly urged, the president stated in reply to questions that while the government had doubt about the desirability of this it had not positively declined.

The view of the Union, as expressed by speakers, is in favor of the repeal of all existing provisions regarding local improvement works and the enacting of a general local improvement act applicable to the whole province. The present provisions are full of difficulties and the need for a simple law in this regard was insisted upon.

The president mentioned that City Solicitor McDiarmid had drafted such an act, which was badly needed, and asked him to describe it.

Mr. McDiarmid said the present system was a costly one, there was so much advertizing, and yet people frequently never saw the notice. He proposed to consolidate the present clauses and give councils power to pass by-laws for work to be done wholly or partly at the expense of the taxpayers. The petition clause would be wiped out. If a council did not consider it good business to do a thing he did not think that even 90 per cent. of the people should have power to force it. The draft kept within the limit of $15,000, which the city might contribute to any one work. A joint report would be prepared by the engineer and assessor, setting out the work to be done in full detail and giving people information to which they were entitled, and which they did not now get. Instead of advertising works notices would be sent to owners by registered mail. Any complaints could be considered by council, which would meet the case of men who objected to some detail, but did not want to kill the whole work by a petition against it. No court of revision would be required, as owners would know what their assessment would be and that the work must not exceed 10 per cent. on the estimate. A provision in the On-

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LOWER CABLE RATES PROBABLE

ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE MADE SHORTLY

Negotiations Being Carried on by the British Government

London, Nov. 15.—Replying to a question in the House of Commons, Capt. Norton, assistant postmaster-general, said he hoped shortly to be in a position to make a statement regarding the reduction of cable rates between the United Kingdom and Canada, a matter which had been engaging the attention of His Majesty's government for some time past.

The question of lower cable rates throughout the Empire engaged the attention of the Imperial Press Conference held at London some time ago and also of the Imperial Conference of last summer. On the latter occasion the postmaster-general made a statement to the effect that his government would enter into negotiations with cable companies and it was suggested that if concessions could not be obtained from the companies controlling sub-Atlantic cables, an Imperial cable to be constructed and owned by the Home and Overseas governments might be considered. It was suggested that Canada might contribute an overland connection for the Atlantic and Pacific Canadian ends of an All-Red Imperial cable.

ITALIANS REPULSE ATTACKS BY TURKS

Sultan's Soldiers Alleged to Have Violated Rules of Warfare

Tripoli, Nov. 15.—A story from an Italian source says that attacks by the Turks on Derna and the Italian outposts at Tobruk were repulsed.

Many Italians, it is said, have been wounded by bullets and heavier projectiles which had been purposely misshaped in violation of the rules of warfare.

Mediation Not Proposed.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 15.—The state department has heard from Turkey or Italy nothing that would suggest an extension of the good offices of the United States to terminate the present war since the notification from the Italian government of the annexation of Tripoli. That notification was accompanied by an intimation that the good offices of one of the signatory powers of the Hague convention would be welcomed. As it was conditioned upon the acceptance as a fact of the annexation of Tripoli, the state department did not feel free to move in the matter, for any such overtures by the United States to Turkey would fall within the category of intervention, which the state department has positively refused to undertake.

Dispatches received from Tripoli at the Italian embassy yesterday say that a battalion of Turks attacked the Italian troops Monday, but was repulsed, leaving five dead on the field. The Italians reported two wounded. A second assault was repulsed by the Italian troops without loss of life.

Yesterday the Italian man-of-war Bardo shelled Fort Alfora, on the western coast.

AMERICANS IN DANGER.

Federal Troops Withdrawn From Torreon.—Strikers Are in Ugly Mood.

El Paso, Tex., Nov. 15.—The withdrawal of 800 federal troops from Torreon, Mex., leaves Americans there in great danger, according to a telegram received from Torreon to-day by a local business man. The thousands of strikers there are declared to be violently anti-American in sentiment.

It was at Torreon that the massacre of Chinese occurred, during the rebellion against President Diaz.

One of the grievances among the more ignorant of the peons was that nearly all the executive positions in Mexico were held by Americans. Many of the peons believed that with the new regime in the city of Mexico, Americans would be driven out and their high-salaried positions given to Mexicans. This is one of the disappointments which adds to the ugly temper of the striking miners at Torreon.

MAY SEND TROOPS TO CHINA.

Manila, Nov. 15.—Announcement was made at military headquarters yesterday that the sailing of the transport Sherman for the United States has been postponed. No official explanation was offered, but army officers expressed the belief that the boat was being held for use in carrying troops to China. A large detachment of soldiers is in readiness to move at twenty-four hours' notice.

PRISONER TURNS KING'S EVIDENCE

SAYS COMPANION CONFESSED MURDER

Preliminary Hearing in Connection With Shooting of Mounted Policeman

Calgary, Nov. 15.—Charged with the murder of Frank Wilmott, a member of the R. N. W. M. P., at Frank, about four years ago, Fritz Ebert and M. Jasben of New Michel, are now lying in the barracks at Macleod. At the preliminary hearing of Jasben, which was begun before Superintendent Primrose of the R. N. W. M. P., at Macleod, Ebert turned King's evidence and stated that Jasben had admitted to him that he had shot Wilmott.

Ebert swore that he and Jasben had been committing a series of robberies at Frank, and the murder was committed, he said, in order that the C. P. R. freight office might be burglarized. Constable Wilmott at the time of his death had been connected with the Mounted Police at Macleod for a period of 18 months, and had been stationed at New Michel nearly all of that time. He was 23 years of age and was an Englishman by birth.

Constable Wilmott was shot in the back of the neck, the contents of a single-barrelled shot gun striking him in the small of the neck, killing him instantly.

The first information that the officers had of the men under arrest being implicated in the crime was the conversation of two women of Frank, which was overheard by a third party. The conversation was repeated to the officers, who made the arrest.

At the short session of the preliminary hearing that was held before Superintendent Primrose Ebert testified to the fact that he and Jasben had committed a number of robberies while living at Frank and that they had started out one night for the purpose of robbing the C. P. R. freight house there, but that they had been frightened away before they had accomplished their purpose. Ebert also swore at the preliminary hearing that after he had left Jasben at the depot he had been frightened and that he run all of the way home. He had only been home a short time when Jasben came to his place and told him that while he was in an alley back of the Imperial hotel, he had taken a shot at a man that had attempted to stop him and that he was pretty sure that he had killed him, as he saw the man fall down and stay there. He also told Ebert at that time that he was pretty sure that the man that he had shot at was a policeman, but that he was not quite sure of that.

The Mounted Police of Macleod have been working on the case ever since the murder was committed. At the time that the body of Wilmott was found there were no clues of any kind to work on. Staff-Sergeant Piper and Detective-Sergeant Pat Egan, the latter now city detective of Lethbridge, worked on the case for months. A reward of $200 was offered by the Dominion government for the arrest of the murderers. Every effort was made at that time to locate the man that was responsible for the crime, but it was not until the chance conversation was reported to the officers that anything like a clue was presented to the officers to follow up.

Wilmott was the chief support of his mother in England at the time of his death, and Mrs. Wilmott was voted a small pension by the Dominion government, which she is still receiving.

SENT TO PRISON.

Vancouver, Nov. 15.—A. Corteski, an Austrian who had landed in Canada in defiance of the orders of the local immigration authorities, was sentenced by Magistrate Shaw yesterday to nine months imprisonment. J. H. Maegill, immigration officer, said that it was absolutely necessary to make an example of someone if the orders of the department were to be respected.

AVIATOR KILLED.

Berlin, Nov. 15.—Herr Pletschmar, an aviator, fell while making a flight over the Johannisthal field to-day and was killed. His neck was broken.

EXPRESS TRAIN WRECKED.

Winnipeg, Nov. 15.—The Canadian Northern express running from Regina to Winnipeg was wrecked to-day at Ladysmith. All the cars left the track, the sleeper being turned over on its side. Several passengers were injured, but none killed.

C. D. RAND BUYS YACHT MOU-PING

Twin Screw 200-Ton Boat is Coming Under Own Steam From England

Vancouver, Nov. 14.—The steam yacht Mou-Ping has been purchased by C. D. Rand from B. T. Rogers. Mr. Rand took possession of the craft on Saturday and intends to display real yachting enthusiasm. Mr. Rogers will not relinquish the game, however, and has purchased a 200-ton steam yacht in England. This is a twin screw vessel and will be brought here under her own steam, being the largest steam yacht in the Northwest. Her name has not been announced.

The Mou-Ping was brought here from China some ten years ago and was then a coal burner. Three summers ago, however, Mr. Rogers decided to lengthen the craft, so she was cut in two and 15 feet of spins inserted. Her over-all length is now 75 feet and she now burns oil fuel.

ONTARIO NOMINATIONS.

Cayug, Ont., Nov. 14.—Haldimand Conservatives unanimously nominated Dr. Jacques to oppose J. Kohler, M. P. P., for the legislature.

Toronto, Nov. 14.—The South Toronto Conservatives nominating convention was held last night. B. W. J. Owen, K. C., was unanimously chosen for the seat previously held by Hon. J. J. Foy, who has decided to run in North Toronto. George H. Gooderham, M. P. P., was renominated for seat B, his only opponent for the nomination, J. R. L. Starr, K. C., receiving but two votes.

Newmarket, Ont., Nov. 15.—J. M. Walton, and Aurora banker, was chosen by North York Conservatives yesterday to oppose T. H. Lennox, M. P. P. for the legislature.

REPORT ON WESTERN CROP CONDITIONS

GLOOMY OUTLOOK ON THE PRAIRIES

Fifty Million Bushels Left in Stook or in Stack on the Fields

Winnipeg, Nov. 15.—The report of Secretary Fowler of the Northwest Grain Dealers Association on the present condition of the western crop is possibly the most pessimistic utterance yet.

Estimating the total spring wheat yield at 178,280,000 bushels, Mr. Fowler says but 70 per cent of this is threshed and 60 per cent of this grades number four and under, leaving only 50,000,000 bushels of contract grades. Fifty million bushels are left in stook or stack on the field and Mr. Fowler thinks little of this will prove marketable, even if it can be threshed before spring. Up to the first of November 67,905,000 bushels was retained by farmers for seed and feed.

The oat estimate is 137,335,000, of which only 7,500,000 bushels have been inspected. Much of the oat crop will be fed in the sheaf.

COMMITTED ON CHARGE OF MURDER

Police Inspector Tells of Statements by Watson Snowden After His Arrest

Vancouver, Nov. 15.—Watson Snowden, accused of the murder of William Urquhart in his store on Cordova street last September, was this morning formally committed for trial.

Some remarkable evidence was given by Inspector McRae with regard to the statements made by the prisoner after his arrest. Inspector McRae then gave the prisoner's statement as follows:

"I am innocent, but I know the man who did it and if I were left to look for him I could get him within a week. I have seen him."

"He stated," continued the inspector, "that he had seen him in Nanaimo and that he was still near there. He said the murderer was a man with a black moustache. He then put his hand to his forehead and murmured: 'Oh, the dirty coward,' or something like that.

"He went on to describe how the murder took place. He asked for a pencil and when one was given him he drew a rough sketch of the counters in the store. He said that the first shot had hit Mr. Urquhart in the chin and asked us if that were not so. One of us answered 'yes.' Then Snowden said: 'Naturally he would turn away to run, and then he got the other shots. The man who did that would be standing outside the counter. Now, what do you suppose would bring Mr. Urquhart outside the counter?'

"'To eject the man who shot him, I answered,' continued McRae, "and he sort of nodded in the affirmative and whispered, 'Yes.'

"I asked him if he knaw Mr. Urquhart, and he said he did not. He said he had never been in the store before.

"We asked him about the man in Nanaimo and he said he had had a dream about him. He also said something about knowing the murderer's will power and asked us if we believed in will power.

"I asked him why he did not let the police know about the Nanaimo man, but Snowden did not answer. After that he refused to give us any information and we did not press him."

In cross-examination, Mr. McHarg asked the witness if the revolver used in the shooting had been found and the witness replied in the negative.

Mr. McHarg then asked if a motive had been discovered, but the witness did not answer and the court permitted him to refrain from answering the question.

FIRE AT DETROIT.

Detroit, Nov. 15.—Fire broke out last night on the fourth floor of a wholesale millinery company's five-storey building, spread into the business buildings adjoining and caused a loss of property and contents roughly estimated at $260,000. The firemen fought the blaze in a heavy snowstorm, and after three hours' hard work succeeded in getting it under control.

JAPAN WILL ACT WITH OTHER POWERS

NOT DISPOSED TO INTERVENE IN CHINA

U. S. Troops Ready to Sail Should Step Become Necessary

Washington, D. C., Nov. 15.—Unofficial but reliable information which has reached Washington as to the attitude of the Japanese government towards China has gone far toward dissipating any speculations that might have been entertained that the Japanese were disposed to seize the opportunity afforded by the present chaotic conditions in China to secure undue advantages, either through the acquisition of territory or the extension of influence.

It is understood that the whole subject was exhaustively discussed by the Japanese cabinet recently and that the result as reported to the emperor was a matter which concerned China alone, at present.

Only in the event that the situation got entirely beyond control of China would Japan consider the possibility of intervention, it is said, and that action would be taken only when Japanese interests were being injuriously affected. In any event, while the Japanese government will amply protect its interests in China, it is declared, it will seek to do so only in harmony with other powers.

For the last fortnight, under orders from the general staff, General Bell, commanding the Philippine division, has had between 5,000 and 6,000 American soldiers gathered at Manila and nearby points, ready for instant embarkation for duty in China as soon as word comes from the state department. The transport Sherman, due to have sailed from Manila for San Francisco several days ago, is being held at Manila. In addition there is the horse boat Warren and the transport Liscum available for the cruise with troops between Manila and Shanghai or Tien Tsin.

There is also in Manila harbor at present one of the largest merchant liners on the Pacific which could be chartered, therefore General Bell would have no trouble in embarking 5,000 men within 24 hours.

Rebels in Control.

Amoy, China, Nov. 15.—The republicans who took formal possession of the city yesterday have issued an address to the foreign consuls in which the neutrality of the latter is requested and assurance given that their lives and property, including the churches, will be protected. The city remained quiet to-day.

Crowds assembled yesterday for a conference with the revolutionary leaders. When the gunboat Quenkai, flying the dragon flag, steamed out of the harbor revolutionists, 1,000 strong, marched to the walled city, where they raised the republican emblem over the taotal's palace. Simultaneously a few tri-colors were displayed in other quarters of the city.

The excitement that preceded the change of government quickly subsided. For several days there has been no local government and the maintenance of order developed upon volunteer guards, recruited from the best families. Representatives of the conservative element who favored the establishment of temporary independence of the city at the Sunday conference, made a futile attempt to compromise with the rebel faction, which demanded the surrender of the city to the revolutionists. The taotai, Chang, fled to Hongkong.

The American cruiser Saratoga and the gunboat Quiros will sail for the north. The British cruiser Monmouth is relieving the British sloop Rosario.

Hai Chang, on the mainland southwest of Amoy, has gone over to the rebels. The city magistrate has been made a prisoner.

Chang Chow, twenty-four miles west of here, reports fighting there.

Word comes from Tsung Chow, a seaport 50 miles northeast of Amoy, that the local officials have fled and the rough elements are in control.

Ministers Elected.

San Francisco, Nov. 15.—A Hongkong cable to the Free Press says that in Kwang Tung province, the capital of which is Canton, has elected a Cantonese, Lee Yuen Tong, minister of finance of that province. Lee is very prominent as a merchant of Hongkong. He is president of the Hong Nin Lin Insurance Company. His son-in-law, Fung Chu, is editor of the Chinese Free Press in San Francisco.

Chin Gan Wah, says the dispatch, has been elected minister of the interior of the same province. He is owner of a revolutionary paper published in Siam, and formerly was an official under the Manchu government.

Revolutionary leaders in China will not consider any overtures for peace unless the Manchu government agrees to abdicate, according to a Shanghai cable to-day, to the Chinese Free Press here. This statement, the cable says, was given out by personal representatives of Li Yuen Heng, the rebel general, on their arrival yesterday in Shanghai.

Commander Li Yuen Heng, according to the daily papers, has telegraphed to Canton asking for an army to join his forces for an attack on Pekin.

Foreign guards, the dispatch says, had been withdrawn from Canton.

DAMAGED BY MELTING SNOW.

Nanaimo, Nov. 15.—The melting of the heavy mass of snow on the roof of the Odd Fellows' hall caused a heavy leakage of water Monday, which has done considerable damage to the stock of tenants in the block. Goods completely spoiled in the premises of Mr. Masters are estimated at a loss in value of $3,000, whilst Messrs. McRae & Lucier sustained damage believed to be about $100.

PORTUGUESE ROYALISTS.

Will Invade the Republic When Weather Clears.

Lisbon (via frontier), Nov. 15.—According to the newspapers the royalists are again preparing for an invasion which will be begun as soon as the weather clears. Just now all North Portugal is being flooded by torrential rains.

Prince Miguel of Braganza has left Paris for London, where he has raised another loan of $10,000,000, guaranteed by wealthy Portuguese royalists abroad.

MOROCCAN MINING RIGHTS.

Berlin, Nov. 15.—The first tangible result of the Franco-German agreement appeared yesterday when a contract was signed by both French and German mining syndicates in Morocco. The mining rights in Morocco have been one of the chief causes of friction between these two countries.

VOTING IN CROW'S NEST DELAYED

AGREEMENT GOES TO MINERS TO-MORROW

Wives and Children of Strikers Will Suffer Unless Work is Resumed

Fernie, B. C., Nov. 15.—It was expected that a vote of the local union would have been taken yesterday to accept or reject the agreement which has been arrived at in Frank, but it will not now be held until Thursday and the result is uncertain. Only a few men are working at the Coal Creek mines and these upon their arrival in town yesterday afternoon were escorted to their homes by the mounted and foot police, and though there was a small disturbance no serious trouble resulted and no damage was done to property.

J. Sweeney, who was arrested some days ago during the riots charged with intimidation, was sentenced to thirty days in jail, but has appealed the case, which will come up in a few days.

The cold weather and deep snow which is now over four feet is causing much suffering and the miners' families are the chief ones to feel the effects.

Provisions were distributed yesterday, but these only include foodstuffs and unless there is soon a resumption of work many women and children will be in want of clothing and other necessaries.

COURT MARTIAL FOR THREE OFFICERS

Inquiry Into Stranding of Cruiser Niobe Opens at Halifax

Halifax, N. S., Nov. 15.—The court-martial into the stranding of the Niobe last summer, which opened to-day, has been a matter of much local interest. Naval circles have been discussing whether the inquiry would be joint, covering the whole case, or whether there would be separate trials for each officer who might be considered responsible for the occurrence. It has been decided that there shall be three separate trials. The first to be taken up will be that of Lord Allister Graham, the officer of the watch when the cruiser struck on the southwestern ledge of Cape Sable at the end of July, after some days spent in Yarmouth in connection with an old home week celebration there. Then the court martial will take up the case of Navigating Lieutenant White, and when this is disposed of the court will finally try Commander W. B. Macdonald.

It is announced that Capt. Clinton Barker, of H. M. S. Berwick, will be president of the court martial and that with him will be the four next juniors to that officer. The court martial will convene on board the Niobe, which is anchored in the stream. The proceedings are announced as open to the public, but the accommodation in the cabin of the Niobe will be not more than sufficient for the press and those officials whose duty it is to be present.

TREADGOLD ACQUIRES NUMEROUS CLAIMS

Secures Property on Dominion Creek in the Yukon—Will Install Big Dredge

Dawson, Y. T., Nov. 15.—The first step in A. N. C. Treadgold's fight against the Guggenheims for the control of certain rich placer claims has been completed by the purchase of property on Dominion Creek, which is 27 miles long, the longest placer creek in the north. The good ground extends from Granville to the head of the creek. He has also acquired more than 100 claims from the Hunter Development Company at the head of Hunter Creek, by a working agreement whereby he will put in equipment next year.

OPENING OF NEW PARLIAMENT

MEMBERS BEING SWORN IN TO-DAY

Duke of Connaught Will Read Speech From the Throne To-morrow

Ottawa, Nov. 15.—A train which pulled into the city yesterday, twenty-nine hours late, brought in a batch of western members for the opening of parliament to-day. The western party included several British Columbia and prairie province members as well as a number of military men who are here to attend the military conference. These include Col. Steele, Col. Macdonald and Major Herson Cox. There are a large number of Ontario, Quebec and Maritime province members here, but the majority will come to-day.

New arrivals who had not taken precaution to make previous arrangements are experiencing some difficulty in getting accommodation as all leading hotel and apartment houses have filled up.

There was an interesting scene in the House of Commons chamber at noon when the members gathered to take the oath and sign the roll, which must be done before a member can take his seat in the House. The oath was administered by T. D. Flint, clerk of the House. The roll which, like that of the last parliament, has been designed by R. P. King of the House of Commons staff, in an artistic production and a fine specimen of engraving and penmanship.

When parliament meets at 3 o'clock the only business will be the election of speakers of both chambers. In the Commons Premier Borden will move that Dr. T. S. Sproule be the speaker and the motion will be seconded by Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Both will make short eulogistic speeches. In the upper House Senator Landry will be named on motion of Senator Lougheed, government leader, seconded by Sir Richard Cartwright.

Thursday will be the day of ceremonies, when the Duke of Connaught will read the speech from the throne. Friday the debate on the address in reply to the speech from the throne will either be gone on with or it will be adjourned till Monday by consent.

R. B. Bennett, of Calgary, will move the address and it will be seconded by Albert Sevigny, Nationalist. Then Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Premier Borden will speak in turn.

The cabinet met yesterday and filled the vacancies in the senate created by the deaths of Senator Carling and Senator Baker. No official announcement was made, but the impression is that Rufus Pope, ex-M. P., succeeds Senator Baker and George Taylor, formerly M. P. for Leeds, succeeds Senator Carling.

H. H. Stevens, member for Vancouver, and George Cowan, ex-member, who arrived in Ottawa at noon on Tuesday, called upon Hon. Mr. Monk, minister of public works, and as a result it was decided that work of dredging the First Narrows would be commenced as soon as some minor repairs have been made to the Dredge Mastadon, now in Vancouver harbor. Initial work will be at Parthia shoals.

"NE TEMERE" DECREE.

Montreal, Nov. 15.—Intimation was given in court yesterday by L. J. Lefebvre, attorney for Eugene Hosier, in litigation over the validity of his marriage with Marie Emma Clouatre, that his client was without funds, and that suspension was desired on the point of the contestation to save court costs.

Mr. Justice Charbonneau then stated that the "ne temere" law was so difficult a question to decide that the case must be taken to the privy council if the parties, and that if sufficient funds were not forthcoming from the litigants themselves the people of the country who had taken sides in the matter should and ought to provide the money to carry on the fight.

DECLINES TO INTERFERE.

Richmond, Va., Nov. 15.—Governor Mann declined to-day to interfere in the case of Henry Clay Beattie, and the latter's last hope of escaping the electric chair on Friday, November 24, was swept away.

Attorneys for the condemned man held their last conference with the governor and just before noon the latter announced his decision not to interfere with the decree of the Chesterfield county court which was sustained by the supreme court of appeals of the state.

A petition has been presented to the governor praying for a respite or delay for 30 days.

WILL BE EXECUTED.

Toronto, Nov. 15.—Joseph Jessop was found guilty of killing Joe Lougheed at the assizes yesterday and will be sentenced to death. Jessop became possessed of the idea that Lougheed was circulating stories about him and shot him to death.

DENTAL DOCTOR.

Toronto, Nov. 15.—The board of control decided to appoint a dental doctor and provide an infirmary to care for the teeth of the poor children at a cost to the city of $7,000 annually.

ACCIDENTALLY SHOT.

Vienna, Nov. 15.—Word from Sweden berg says that Henrick Sienkiewicz, the author of "Quo Vadis," was accidentally shot by a companion yesterday while hunting pheasants, some of the shot lodging in the novelist's forehead and his knee was also injured. He was taken to a hospital in Warsaw.