

AMERON LAKE FOREST RESERVE COMMENDATION MADE BY COMMITTEE

Natural History Society Has Taken Question Up Quite Fully

The committee of the Natural History Society appointed at the last meeting to discuss the question of a reserve in the Cameron Lake district with the board of trade, met a committee of that body yesterday afternoon, when the facts were fully referred into and it was demonstrated a reserve such as is contemplated would be in the nature of a national park, not only as a forest reserve but game sanctuary, and including a large area in question does, some of the specimens of our native timber are to say nothing of the many other beauties, and would therefore be of national importance and be the means of attracting visitors from all parts of the globe.

BRIEF LOCALS

Fred Howlett, who recently cut his hair with an axe, is at present in the Joseph's hospital undergoing treatment. It may be found necessary to move the leg.

The death occurred Friday at the aged women's home of Mrs. W. W. was born in Kingston, Jamaica, and was an inmate of the home for several years.

The regular meeting of the men's Auxiliary Society, Provincial Jubilee hospital, will take place Tuesday next, the 22nd inst, at 2:30 p.m., in the auxiliary room under the Amberton chapel at the hospital.

J. A. Mara has returned from Greenwood, where in company with J. Senkler, of Vancouver, and John Innes, of Grand Forks, forming a syndicate, they attempted a compromise of the differences between the Western Federation of Miners and B. C. Copper Company. The members of the board failed to reach a unanimous conclusion.

The private bills committee of the legislature will on Tuesday next take the bill granting certain rights to the municipality of Oak Bay. No further attempt will be made by Oak Bay to get the City Council of Victoria to ally the water agreement with the neighboring municipality, and it is assumed that the Legislature will pass a bill which will enable the corporation of Oak Bay to proceed with the work of laying water pipes through the streets of Victoria.

News has reached the city of the death in Hong Kong on January 23rd of Lin Dat, a wealthy Chinese resident of this city. Deceased, who had here for many years, and who was favorably known to the business community, owned the rice mills, ores, wood yards and brick yards and employed a large number of men. He was the only surviving son of a resident of Victoria, Lim Yat, who resided away here some time ago, and was son of deceased.

At Thursday's meeting of the City Council a petition from the members of the fire department was received asking for an increase in pay. was referred to the finance committee. Accompanying the petition was a letter from Chief Davis in which he urged the necessity of the staff to be maintained at its present satisfactory state of efficiency. The cost of living was also an important factor in the case.

The application which is before the department of lands for a lease of 300 acres of tide flat land on the foreshore of Stewart townsite, at the head of Portland Canal, is meeting with opposition from railway companies which are desirous to have access to the water. The rights which W. Devine asks a lease to comprise the foreshore which gives the only right-of-way to deep water and cover half a mile of shore. The leasees are to be Mackenzie, Stewart, and it is understood that satisfactory arrangements will be made to give all companies access to tide-water.

The programme for the Scotch concert to be given at St. Andrew's Presbyterian church school on Tuesday evening, February 22nd, commencing at 8:15, is as follows: Violin solo, Scotch, Mrs. James Corrie; song, "Come ye Saints," Mrs. Taylor; Scotch, Mrs. James McDonald; "Bonnie Sweetie," Mrs. D. C. Reid; song, "The Scottish Blue Bells," Mrs. G. J. Burnett; Auld Lang Syne and God Save the King.

MUST NOT LOSE THEIR VENISON VANCOUVERITES ARE PROTECTED BY BOWSER

Attorney-General Defers to the Popular Feeling—Second Reading of Liquor Bill

The debate on the new liquor act was held this afternoon, when W. H. Bowser, M.P., and C. E. Tisdall spoke. The bill was taken up in committee next week. Several more clauses of the Companies' Act were passed and the game Protection Act amendments were reported from committee. In the discussion of the latter was brought out another of the instances in which Victoria is placed at a disadvantage as compared with Vancouver. It is, of course, well known to lovers of a bit of venison who happen to live in the capital and on the island that it is impossible to forget the fact that a whole can buy all they desire during the season. There are a great many persons who do not know anyone who will make them a gift of a portion, and so are forced to do without a treat which the residents of Vancouver are not shut out from. The member for Nanaimo to have the law made uniform by extending the prohibition of sale to the entire province, but the attorney-general said that for Vancouver, which is not to be subjected to deprive his constituents of their venison. He defended the difference in the regulations by saying that deer is plentiful on the mainland and that the sale of deer is being allowed. As the sale of ducks is to be restricted this year, according to a statement made by Mr. Bowser, Victorians will, many of them, be obliged to refer to the case of game which they pay an occasional visit to Vancouver, where the loss of both would not be popular, the attorney-general says.

The Liquor Act. Resuming the debate on the liquor act, W. H. Hayward (Covchian), referred to his utterances last year, when he said he believed that it would be very much better to regulate the liquor trade which then appeared to be a local option on the country. He was still of the same opinion and he was exceedingly glad to see an act brought in which carried out the views he had expressed very fully. He was in a more drastic fashion than he suggested. He could not let the occasion pass, he said, without disagreeing with the result of the bill. He pointed out that this was only the commencement of the uphill climb to prohibition. He would be strongly opposed to voting for the bill if he thought it was the best way to get the liquor trade regulated. He was a poor policy to try to make people sober by act of parliament any more than to try to make them religious. This part he believed to be impossible. It was a fact and he hoped the day would be far away indeed when this province would agree to federal legislation.

The fact that this bill was to be seen in the actions of certain religious parties trying to close the post offices throughout the country on Sunday, was very great inconvenience to thousands of citizens. He was in favor of legislation which would always be made to that proposed by federalists. He had had an opportunity of living for a time in a state (Virginia), where they had a law which was based on the fact that secret drinking, as it was to be seen there, was vastly worse than anything to be seen here. One of the reasons for the prohibition was to get all the liquor they wanted and to get a class of people acting as parasites on the community by supplying liquor rather than good, honest liquor, and that at exorbitant prices.

But while opposed to prohibition, Mr. Hayward went on to say, he could not congratulate the House on the introduction of the bill, which would lead to better regulation of the traffic. One section of the bill provided for the suspension of liquor. Anyone who had been in the mining camps, was aware of the large amount of liquor that was supplied of a sort that should never be drunk by anyone. The same thing applied to the home, too. He was pleased, therefore, to see that provision was to be compelled to sell honest liquor.

It was a right move, also, to insist on the closing of the shops on Sunday. It was done in the towns and cities with good effect and there was no reason why it should not be done throughout the country. The general feeling of citizens was for the uplifting of the hotel and liquor business; there was not a shadow of doubt in his mind that would have this effect. In the present position placing wide powers in the hands of the police officers, however, the attorney-general would have to be exceedingly careful as to the men to whom these powers were entrusted. While the bill was in the hands of the attorney-general it was in the hands of the police it was certain that all would go well; it was a measure which should have to be carefully administered by Sup't. Hussey's successors.

C. E. Tisdall (Vancouver) expressed approval of the principle in the bill and congratulated the government on the introduction of a bill which would have public endorsement and public support in its administration. The bill was then given its second reading. Sale of Venison. The committee on the Game Protection Act amendments, J. H. Hawthorn, moved to add a new section to the bill, the object of extending the sale of deer, dead or alive, and stands on Vancouver Island, or the adjacent thereto. The member for Nanaimo said the prohibition had been very effective in protecting the deer on the island and leading to their increase, and ought to be extended to the whole province. Hon. Mr. Bowser admitted that no doubt the idea of prohibition was the proper one, and had been effective on Vancouver Island, but the government did not want to make the working of the game laws too cumbersome. It was intended to have stringent regulations regarding the shooting of ducks, and as many people liked to be able to purchase venison it was felt that it would not be popular to forbid the sale of both. In spite of the allowance of the sale of venison on the mainland, game was more plentiful than it had ever been, and was increasing. Ninety-five percent of the deer sold were coast deer. As the government proposed to limit the sale of wild fowl this year and the following year, it would not be popular to forbid the sale of deer also, and would not conduce to popular support of the enforcement of the act. Mr. Hawthornthwaite remarked on the note in the attorney-general's report that the deer on the island were looking to the popular side of a question. While deer on the mainland might be increasing, the fact remained that deer were being slaughtered on the island to supply the Vancouver market. The amendment was voted down, but among those who voted with the opposition were C. E. Tisdall and H. E. Thomson.

GERMAN PROGRESS IN FAR CHINA REPORTS PLEASE COLONIAL OFFICE

Teuton Thoroughness Being Adopted by the Orientals

(By Herbert A. White, Berlin Correspondent of the United Press.) Berlin, Feb. 18.—Reports just received of the progress made in Germany's Chinese possessions are such that the colonial office regards the showing as a great triumph for this department. At Kiao-Chow not only has German trade and credit gone ahead, but the personal ascendancy of the Germans there seems to have vastly increased. During the year ending October, 1909, the total value of trade increased from \$48,704,985 to \$46,013,377, or over 36 per cent. Revenue receipts have also increased to the extent of 37 per cent. The expenses this year will be met by the income.

Frivolous Prospects. Provisions devised to prevent frivolous prospects were discussed in committee on the Companies Act consolidation bill, H. H. Watson (Vancouver) in the chair. Section 22 of the act provides that every person who is a director at the time of the issue of a prospectus, every person named in it as having agreed to become a director, either immediately or after a lapse of time, every promoter of the company and every person who has authorized the issue of the prospectus, shall be liable to pay compensation to all persons who subscribe for shares or debentures on the faith of the prospectus for any damage they may sustain by reason of any untrue statement therein. In any person named in a prospectus as a director of a company without or against his consent shall be indemnified by the directors and promoters against any damages, costs or expenses he may be put to.

Parade referred to the case of several oil companies which had been using as opinions of Dr. G. M. Dawson, of the geological survey of Canada, statements which he had never made. Directors should be held responsible for the substantial truth of everything in a prospectus.

The attorney-general said the section was made as stringent as was possible, based on the English act, and was far stronger than had ever been in force in the province. The Placer Mining Act amending bill and the bill extending the operations of the Noxious Weeds Act to the entire province were read a third time. H. C. Brewster asked the following questions: 1. Was Charles Tupper Harvey appointed fire warden, or deputy, fire warden, in Alberni district during the season of 1909? 2. If so, at what salary? And what was the amount paid him? 3. How long was he appointed, when will his services terminate? 4. Did Charles Tupper Harvey hold any other appointment in Alberni district during 1909? 5. How long was he appointed, what remuneration did he receive? Hon. Dr. Young, provincial secretary, replied: 1. Appointed assistant fire warden. 2. \$23 per day when employed.

ANTI-GAMBLING BILL BEFORE COMMITTEE

Further Evidence is Given in Support of the Measure

Ottawa, Feb. 18.—When the committee on the anti-race track gambling bill met yesterday a letter was read from E. C. Drury, president of the Terminal Grange, in which he said that he, as a farmer, was convinced that race track betting was no help to the horse industry.

J. E. Smith, of Copper, Smith & Co., Toronto, in evidence said that after a study of horses all his life, book-making had nothing to do with either horse racing or horse breeding. Racine did not depend upon bookmaking and racing a horse did not make him a better sire. None of the prominent racers or breeders he knew depended upon bookmaking. To take away horse racing from the control of breeders and men who raced for sport and place it in the hands of commercial men, who ran meetings only for gain, would ruin the sport. The present owners acquired the track for \$80,000, and to-day the value of it as a going concern was \$150,000.

FALL TO DEATH.

Newton, Kan., Feb. 18.—Tipped out of an overturned mine bucket, two laborers in the Taylor mine, of the New River Zinc Company here, fell the other day. The bucket, which was eight hundred feet to the bottom of the shaft, yesterday, and were dashed to death. It is not known what caused the bucket to overturn.

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(By W. P. Simms, Paris Correspondent of the United Press.) Paris, Feb. 18.—All France is happy that the Chamber of Deputies has taken such an interest in the question of crime and criminals in the army. A speedy solution of the problem seems to be found in the African division of the troops. There will be less chance for crime in that warm climate than in France, and in cases any killing is inflicted in the criminal act, it is the pleasure of murdering each other.

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State Militia Called Out to Prevent the Lynching of Negroes

(Times Leased Wire.) Cairo, Ill., Feb. 18.—A mob of four hundred men seeking the death of John Pratt and Lincoln Wilson, negroes, accused of pure snatching, was dispersed to-day by a sheriff's posse after the deputies had shot and killed Alexander Halliday and wounded four other men.

PROMOTER SEEKS POLICY AGAINST RAIN

Fears He Will Lose Money if Weather is Unfavorable for Nelson-Wolgaast Fight

Oakland, Cal., Feb. 18.—Acting for Sid Heister, Clarence Coleman, of the Coldman Insurance Company of this city, has called the London Lloyd's Insurance Company a request for a policy of \$30,000 against rain on Washington's birthday, when Heister will stage the Nelson-Wolgaast fight at Point Richmond. Heister has planned no covering for his arena, and he fears that should it rain on the day of the fight his receipts will be cut down to such an extent that he will lose heavily on the venture.

CONVICTED OF SWINDLING WORKING WOMEN

Man Who Secured \$13,000 From Victim Now Awaits Sentence

(Times Leased Wire.) Denver, Feb. 18.—J. Howard Cashman is in jail here to-day awaiting sentence following conviction on charges of having swindled working women out of \$13,000. Cashman announced that his attorneys would ask for a new trial, if that were denied they would appeal to the Supreme Court. It was alleged that Cashman's operations netted him more than \$30,000, although the indictment found against him charges but \$13,000 as the swindle.

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