

THE COLONIES AND TREATIES

SIR E. GREY PERMITTED CHANGE IN RULES

Outlined Attitude During Negotiations Between Canada and France

London, May 25.—A parliamentary white paper just issued deals with the question of colonial treaty-making powers, and contains correspondence between the British Government and those of the overseas states. Lord Ripon, in 1885, sent a circular dispatch to the Dominion government, laying down the principles that a foreign power could only be approached through the British representatives at the court of that power, and that to give the colonies the power of negotiating treaties for themselves without reference to His Majesty's government, would be to give them international status as separate sovereign states, which would be equivalent to breaking up the empire. But Lord Ripon added, it is desirable that the British ambassador who is conducting the negotiations should have the assistance of a delegate of the colonial government to act as second plenipotentiary or in a subordinate capacity. On July 3rd, 1897, Sir Edward Grey, in informing the British ambassador at Paris of the desire of the Canadian government to open negotiations with the French government for a new commercial convention, recalled this dispatch of Lord Ripon, and said: "I do not, however, think it necessary to adhere in the present case to the strict letter in this regulation, the object whereof was to secure that negotiations should not be entered into and carried through by a colony unknown to, or independent of, His Majesty's government. The selection of the negotiator is principally a matter of convenience, and in the present circumstances, it would be obviously practical that the negotiations should be left to Sir William Laurier and the Canadian Minister of Finance, who will doubtless keep you informed of their progress. If the negotiations are brought to a close in Paris you will sign the agreement jointly with the Canadian negotiators, who have been given full power."

DECLARES HE CONFESSED OF HIS OWN FREE WILL

Former Employee of Sugar Trust Denies Granting of Pardon Influenced Him

New York, May 25.—An attempt on the part of attorneys defending Charles E. Heike, secretary of the Sugar Trust, to impugn the motives underlying the testimony of Oliver Spitzer, convicted Sugar Trust employee recently pardoned, was checked yesterday by Spitzer's declaration that his testimony was not given in exchange for freedom. Spitzer denied that he was influenced by President Taft's clemency, saying: "During the three months that I was in Atlanta prison I hardly slept an hour at a time. Circumstances surrounding my case burdened my mind and to free myself of a guilty conscience I confessed. I did not ask any one to promise me anything in return for that confession. I simply wanted to set myself right. "Last Monday I was brought back to New York and an hour before I went upon the witness stand I was handed the paper containing my pardon. I took the stand of my own free will because I wanted to retain my position in the world. "After leaving the stand Spitzer gave out an interview in which he denied that the officials of the Sugar Trust never directed him to manipulate suggestion to make short weight. He added that he had received nothing from the Sugar Trust outside his regular salary while the case tampering was in progress, but the sugar checkers received \$3 a week in addition to their regular salaries."

ENLARGING C. P. R. STATION

New Westminster, May 25.—The C. P. R. is making arrangements to commence the erection of a large addition to the station to cost \$10,000 to \$15,000. Plans have been prepared for a 25-foot addition to both ends of the depot and the contract has been let to a Vancouver firm that will start work shortly. The addition is required owing to the large increase in the business of the centre. The proposed extensions will consist of a one-story brick structure with stone foundation on the west end of the present depot extending a distance of 100 feet from the end of the office occupied by the Dominion Express Co., and a similar extension on the east end of the building for the C. P. R. baggage room. After the extensions to the depot are completed and paving operations on the west end of Columbia street are finished the C. P. R. property in front and at both ends of the station will be used for a platform will be paved.

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NEW BAPTIST CHURCH

Fernie, May 25.—The corner stone of the new Baptist church was laid with a befitting ceremony before a large audience. The programme consisted of singing by the Baptist church male quartette, reading of the scriptures by the pastor, Rev. J. Spittal, prayers by Rev. Hugh Grant of the Presbyterian church, and speeches by the latter two gentlemen. The ceremony of laying the stone was performed by Mrs. R. McEwing, who was one of the first members of the church in Fernie.

OPPOSED INCORPORATION

Vancouver, May 25.—The results of the plebiscite taken in South Vancouver on the incorporation and school by-laws questions, were a defeat of the scheme to incorporate the borough as a city by 541 to 523, or a clear majority of 18, and the acceptance of the proposal to borrow \$175,000 for the purpose of school extension and accommodation, by 724 to 234, or a straight majority of 390.

PRESENTATION TO RETIRING PRESIDENT

Kamloops Board of Trade Honors C. W. Hallamore—Dr. M. S. Wade Elected Successor

Kamloops, May 25.—A special general meeting of the B. C. Inland Board of Trade was held in the council chamber for the purpose of bidding farewell to the retiring president, C. W. Hallamore, previous to his departure for St. John, N. B. A large number of the members were in attendance when the vice-president, Dr. M. S. Wade, took the chair. Before proceeding with the business of the evening the chairman thought it advisable that Mr. Hallamore's successor should be selected. F. J. Fulton moved, seconded by E. A. Nash, that Dr. M. S. Wade be elected president. The nominations were closed and the vice-president became the president without a dissenting voice. The following were elected vice-presidents: C. W. Hallamore, Dr. M. S. Wade, and F. J. Fulton. The new president then passed on to the business of the evening and in felicitous terms expressed the regret of the board at the departure of the late president from Kamloops. He concluded by wishing Mr. Hallamore every happiness, and all prosperity in his new field of activity, and asked that he accept the gift which he now offers as a memento to Kamloops and a testimonial of the esteem and good wishes of the B. C. Inland Board of Trade. A gift glass water service and silver salver handsomely engraved, and a set of pearl-mounted dessert knives and spoons were then presented to the retiring president, who in a few words, thanked the members of the board for these marks of their good will. Messrs. Nash, Skey, Fulton and Akehurst all spoke in the terms of the loss which the board and the city would suffer by reason of Mr. Hallamore's removal.

FATAL EXPLOSION OF POWDER WORKS

Verdict of Coroner's Jury Which Investigated Accident at Department Bay Plant

Nanaimo, May 25.—The jury empanelled to satiate that the following men in the Hamilton Powder Company's employ met their deaths by homicide by misadventure: Herbert Hygh, George Preston, Henry Meredith, G. T. Wagner, Wm. Baldwin. "We would suggest that the drowning tank at the nitrate and any and all emergency apparatus be tested and kept in proper condition for any emergency in the future. "We would also suggest that where any danger is there as few men as allowed there at one time as it is possible to do with safety. The above was the verdict brought in by the jury in connection with an investigation held by Coroner Davis into the cause of the explosion at the Department Bay works of the Hamilton Powder Company on Thursday last, in which five employees of the company lost their lives. The inquiry was held in the office of the company at Department Bay, quite close to the scene of the disaster.

OAK BAY COUNCIL INVESTIGATING TARIFFS

Engineer Has Orders to Inquire Prices of Apparatus and Material for Tar Macadam

The matter of paving the streets of the Oak Bay municipality with more suitable material than ordinary macadam, was discussed at a recent meeting of the roads committee, with the result that the engineer was given instructions to secure prices for rollers and other apparatus necessary in the putting down of tar macadam. It is the intention of the municipal council to wait for a short time before inaugurating the new system of pavement, probably not beginning until next spring. In the meantime they will watch the work being done by the city. If that work is wholly successful it is very probable that main thoroughfares of the municipality will be constructed of that material. For many years Oak Bay avenue on the city end has been almost a quagmire in winter and in the summer has been inches deep in dust. The change from the city to the municipality has been most marked. Now the city is about to lay tar macadam on the avenue and the city end of the avenue will be in better condition than the other. If this is a success, however, the other end will be laid next year. The municipal council is at present making some experiments with oil road dust laying. Several small sections are being laid, much to the annoyance of the tramway people, whose tracks will not work when greased.

WORSWICK CO'S ASPHALT BIDS

FURTHER INFORMATION RESPECTING TENDERS

Claimed by Co.'s Representatives City Has Chance to Effect Considerable Saving

(From Thursday's Daily.) At the meeting of the streets committee to be held to-morrow evening consideration will be given the tenders for asphalt paving, which were received at Monday evening's meeting of the city council. The local representatives of the Worswick Paving Company take the position that the bids which they submitted were the only ones suitably in accordance with the specifications, which called for five inches of a cement concrete base, with one inch of asphalt binder course and two inches asphalt surface, together with a ten-year maintenance guarantee. The Worswick company also bid upon further agree to leave with the city 15 per cent of the total amount of the tender as a guarantee that the pavement will last the stipulated length of time. This company also bid upon their own specifications, substituting an asphalt concrete base, in place of cement, with same ten years' guarantee to the city. The company's two bids were: Cement Concrete Base. Linden Avenue ..... \$50,888.37 St. Charles Street ..... 25,718.57 Southgate Street ..... \$32,400.00 Cook Street ..... 25,963.05 Total ..... \$109,296.90 Asphalt Concrete Base. Linden Avenue ..... \$42,556.72 St. Charles Street ..... 12,904.50 Southgate Street ..... 5,681.20 Cook Street ..... 30,859.07 Total ..... \$92,002.49 It is contended from the above figures that a saving of \$17,294.51 can be effected if the asphalt concrete base is adopted, and as evidence of this class of work being satisfactory where in use for many years past, the Worswick Company is exhibiting copies of the following telegrams received recently by the mayor of New Westminster, B. C., in reply to his enquiries: "Visalia, Cal., April 8th, 1910. "None better than Worswick concrete asphalt pavement, in use in Visalia under heavy traffic seventeen years. Condition good and satisfactory; intend to lay more. (Signed) "A. R. ORR, Mayor." "Hollister, Cal., April 8th, 1910. "The Worswick asphalt concrete pavement in Hollister is O. K. and we are more than pleased with his work. (Signed) "L. HUTZ, Mayor." "Modesto, Cal., April 8th, 1910. "We have fifty blocks in Worswick asphalt concrete pavement, we are satisfied with it and believe it will last some has been done three years. (Signed) "J. R. BROUGHTON, Mayor." "Merced, Cal., April 8th, 1910. "Asphalt is number one, best have seen; if any more work would have Worswick do it. (Signed) "L. HENDERSON, Mayor." "Fresno, Cal., April 14, 1910. "Time experience asphalt concrete short; so far satisfactory; probably good. (Signed) "CHESTER ROWELL, Mayor."

TREATING ZINC ORES BY ELECTRICITY

Plant Has Been Installed—Street Improvement Completed at Moyie

Moyie, May 25.—John Sullivan, a well known mining man of Moyie, and Jas. Hoskie, a local contractor, have installed a lead-zinc plant at Cranbrook, and will endeavor to solve the problem of treating zinc ores of this district by using electricity. The work of laying new sidewalks and of replacing older ones which has been in progress for about a month, is now completed and the men who are employed by the provincial government to do the work are now at Aldridge, ready to start work on the trunk road. Two thousand dollars has been expended on the work and some 2,600 feet of new sidewalk have been laid. Of this about a third is eight feet in width, and about the same proportion five feet wide, the remainder being three and four feet wide. In addition some 700 feet of street crossings have been put in and about 3,000 feet of old sidewalks have been removed to the outlying districts to give place to the new walks. James Grant, who had charge of the work, will also have charge of the building of the trunk wagon road and the Society Girl road.

NEW CHURCH DEDICATED

New Westminster, May 25.—The formal dedication of the new Trinity Lutheran Church on the south bank of the Fraser river opposite to New Westminster took place in the presence of a large congregation. This service was conducted by Rev. Mr. Houghton of Tacoma, bishop of the Northwest. Lutheran church for this district, assisted by a number of other prominent pastors of the church on the Pacific coast. In the afternoon Mayor West delivered a brief address in the new church. The Norwegian Lutherans are strong in America, having 142 congregations in this synod alone, a membership of 290,000 and 600 pastors and professors. In the three synods in North America there are 2,500 congregations, 2,600 churches and schools and 1,250 pastors and professors.

WATER BOARD

Hearing of First Case Adjourning Legal Opinion

Nelson, May 25.—The board of investigation appointed under the Water Act held its first sitting in the trail city offices and endeavored to settle the dispute between the city and the G. M. Annable Lumber Company as to who holds the prior record on Cambridge creek. The water commissioners visited the stream and later held a meeting in the city hall which witnesses for the city, the smelter and the lumber company attended. Nothing was done in the matter, for the reason that the board was not yet decided as to what course would be pursued regarding existing records, one member favoring taking all records issued in the past in good faith as being valid now. One member also declined to go further in the matter without consulting with the attorney general. In consequence the meeting adjourned to a day to be named in the future.

PROPOSED INCREASE IN LICENSE FEES

Vancouver Council Receives Protests and Finance Committee Will Hear Those Interested

Vancouver, May 25.—Tuesday, June 28th was fixed on as polling day on the by-law to rectify the agreement between the Great Northern company and the city, at the council meeting. The conditions of the city streets came in for a scathing indictment from the mayor and the board of works is to see what can be done to improve matters. The proposal to increase license fees and limit open hours for bars has excited considerable opposition and the finance committee has agreed to take the matter up again and hear the protests and cons discussed at its next meeting. The question of using the old hospital site for a new city hall and of exchanging the hospital site for the Central school grounds for the same purpose will be discussed with the school board at a special meeting of the council to be held next Monday night. A. H. McNeill, K. C., and Mr. Howard were on hand in the interests of the Great Northern railway, and while agreeing to give the city land to extend Columbia avenue, objected to any other changes in the agreement re False creek. W. Sargeant, secretary of the Good Government League, wrote approving of the action of the finance committee in respect to liquor licenses. The secretary of the licensed Victories Association asked, on the other hand, to be heard before the increased license fees and change in closing hours were put in force. The managers of hotels and dramatic houses also wrote protesting against the proposal to raise theatre licenses, as otherwise they would have to raise the cost of admission. All were referred back to the finance committee, which will take up the matter at its next meeting and hear the parties interested. A motion by Aldermen Stevens and Ramsay the proposal that the engineer should prepare a \$500,000 sewer by-law was referred back to the financial committee as it was argued that if put on the market it might hurt the sale of the city bonds. The mayor objected to letting city property for fruit stands. He held that it was unsafe to chop already in the business to lease city property to temporary stands at a nominal rental. He moved that the clauses recommending it be struck out of the board of works report. The motion was carried. Ald. Hepburn thought the proposal a good one. Ald. McPherson and McBride thought such matters should be publicly advertised. The mayor's motion was defeated by a vote of six to five. A notice of motion for a by-law to change the name of Westminster avenue to Main street proposed by Ald. Hepburn was strongly opposed by Ald. Hepburn. He wished to know the object of it, especially in giving it such an "infernal" common name as Main street. Ald. Stevens said that confusion was caused by the fact that Westminster avenue joined Westminster road; another reason was that South Vancouver had been annexed to the city and proposed from the city limits to the Fraser river and they asked the city to comply; still another reason was that it was a through street from Burnaby to Fraser river, and Main street would be a fitting name for it. Ald. McBride said he was personally opposed to changing the name, but still all the property owners he had spoken to favored it and he would, therefore, sink his personal feelings and support it. Ald. White said for reasons of sentiment he would oppose changing the name. The present name was an old and good one. Ald. Ramsay supported the proposed change as a good business move. After some further discussion, Ald. McBride moved that it be laid over for two weeks so that they might have time to canvass the situation a little better, and this was the course decided on.

DELAYED BY WRECK

Los Angeles, Cal., May 25.—After having for many weeks believed that his sweetheart in Nome had rejected him, C. Fletcher of Avalon, was made by the wreck of the steamer which had been rescued from the bottom of the sea, in which the girl gave him a favorable reply to his offer of marriage. The epistle was stained several colors by the action of the sea upon the stamps and postmarks, and bore an official notice reading: "The mail in this envelope was delayed and damaged by the wreck of the steamer Yucatan at Goose Island, icy straits, Alaska, on February 16th. It reached Seattle on March 16th." Fletcher intends to waste no time in getting married, and will leave for the north immediately. To-day there are at least fifteen aeroplane "factories" in Paris.

ARBITRATION IS SUGGESTED

TO SETTLE DISPUTE RE SALT WATER PUMPS

Quantity of Routine Business Was Transacted at Last Meeting of City Council

(From Thursday's Daily.) A dispute between the city and the D'Olier Engineering Company, of Philadelphia, as to the suitability of the machinery supplied for fire protection purposes, will be submitted to arbitration, provided this course is agreeable to the manufacturing concern, on recommendation of the acting city solicitors, Mason & Mann. James McMillan, consulting engineer of Vancouver; J. Hardy, chief engineering designer of the B. C. Marine Railway Company; and H. Herman of Herman & Burwell, of Vancouver, are mentioned as the three from whom an arbitrator shall be selected to decide upon the questions involved in the dispute. The D'Olier Engineering Company will be asked to make a similar nomination.

THE CLERK OF THE SOUTH SAANICH MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

The clerk of the South Saanich municipal council wrote asking that the city should undertake the work of effecting repairs to the Mount Tomlin road, provided South Saanich defrayed half the cost. The matter will be taken up at the next meeting of the streets committee. A letter was read from Messrs. Crease & Crease, legal advisers of Archibald Johnson, who met with a painful accident on Kingston street on May 6th. It is alleged that Mr. Johnson, who is a truckman, was delivering some goods to a residence on the street mentioned when he stepped on a covering over a water meter, which gave way and caused him to sustain a fracture of the knee cap, which has incapacitated him from work ever since. It is held that the city is liable for damages and Messrs. Crease & Crease suggest the sum of \$350 in settlement of the claim. The matter was left in the hands of the mayor, the acting city solicitor and the city engineer with power to act. A by-law will be prepared to provide for the carrying out of local improvements works of local improvement; Government street, from Toronto to Niagara streets, \$1,000.00; permanent sidewalks and general construction local improvements bylaw, 1908, No. 24, \$6,500.00; permanent sidewalks and general construction local improvement bylaw, 1908, No. 25, \$4,302.35; permanent sidewalks construction local improvement bylaw, No. 26, \$3,284.15; permanent sidewalks construction local improvement bylaw, No. 26, \$1,901.49. Ald. Sargison drew attention to the fact that while the city was anxious to abate the caterpillar nuisance it was really the worst offender. The board agreed that the point was well taken and it was decided that the sanitary inspector should be empowered to engage ten men for a week to take up the work of endeavoring to exterminate the pest. The authorization bylaw to provide for the carrying out of local improvements on Southgate street at a cost of \$11,845 passed its first, second and third readings. The following resolution was passed: "That the thanks of this council are due and are hereby tendered to the honorable the premier and the provincial executive, for the use of the grounds of the parliament buildings on Friday, the 20th inst., for the public memorial services there on, the occasion of the funeral of his late majesty, King Edward VII, and that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the honorable the premier."

ORDINATION AT CATHEDRAL

At the morning service in Christ church cathedral on Sunday Rev. George Stewart, incumbent of Ducks, was ordained priest by the Bishop of Columbia. This ceremony took place here in the vacancy of the see of Kootenay, which was held with New Westminster by the late Bishop Dart. "Some Points of Contact, or the Message of Theology to the New Century," will be the subject of an introductory address to be given at the Unitarian church service at Eagle's hall, on Sunday evening next, by Thos. A. Barnes of Seattle. All interested are cordially invited to attend.

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JIG CAUSES PARALYSIS. Woman Eighty Years of Age Is in Critical Condition. San Bernardino, Cal., May 25.—Suffering from paralysis brought on by dancing a jig, Mrs. Mary Crandall, 80, is seriously ill and the doctors who are attending to her fear she will not recover. Mrs. Crandall is a pioneer of San Bernardino. Her dance was part of the entertainment of the Pioneer Settlement attraction during the centennial celebration held here last week. TO TAKE REFERENDUM. Vancouver Unions to Vote on Question of Entering Municipal Politics. Vancouver, May 24.—The unions of the city will shortly take a referendum vote on the question of entering municipal politics. The parliamentary committee of the trades and labor council read a recommendation at the last meeting of the council that workingmen's clubs be organized throughout the city for the purpose of securing the selection of men who would be prepared to give the working man what they wanted in municipal politics. It also recommended that the unions be approached in the matter and a general expression of opinion taken. After a long discussion a decision as mentioned above was arrived at. Eight hundred and fifty-nine members were committed in Egypt in 1909.

RIVAL FOR MEET IN FALL OF BLUEF NOW SEEMS President Madriz S ment to Army En tionsists Ne

(Times Lease Bluefields, Nic., less to Colon).—Juan oluntary leader, Dutch, is fighting des prevent the capture house on the position fields. This position key to the city. A gunner's duel with day, and continued night, is still in pro soldiers of Madriz r charge after charge soldiers. Should Madriz r pender he will call o mer, of the United S duchan, for permission ably will attempt i force. The fall of Bluef able. The Madriz d especially and alth against the first div army have been rep ying for another at ments are being h weight to the next o Five hundred men the gunboat Ve below Bluefields, ar ing the customs hou train's forces with light field guns. Americans operati the main reliance of The dead's fire com has turned many o The roar of the ba heard in Bluefields stricken women and through the air. eigners have gone o for protection and ready to serve notli his corps and the y must be prote violation of neutr ed as a warlike m they represent. The gunboat Pad key to the situati rines landed in the of the gunboat co bor, it is expected th the only power tha der and prevent th fields if the Madriz lean residents have they will be creat Gilmer is firm in government troops city. News of the fie the city by courier drawn within five. The Madriz forces a her and equipment cau-manned machi powerful factor in Skirmishing whic for three days and adding yesterday onslaughts, to-day, driz soldiers and E in position is tell for investigation. It is believed defenders at the c much longer. Heavy loss of li fighting. Couriers sum is finally r of Estrada's soldie and a little stran lug borne constan ing handling of th explosion of the e trade's position, from this force a force of the gover has been sent. It is believed the dock ar ing army would be States of the city. BIG DRYDOCK IN 70 FE Naval Authority Be Raised—