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WOULD FINANCE WATER PROJECT

English Financiers' Proposal to Install the Sooke Lake System

OFFER BEFORE COUNCIL

City Barrister Explains Result of Recent Mission to the Old Country

That a syndicate of English capitalists is ready on certain specified terms to construct the pipe line from Sooke Lake to Victoria and the other necessary works in connection therewith to connect with the city's waterworks distribution system is the report which City Barrister W. J. Taylor submitted to the city council yesterday afternoon at a meeting called to hear the terms of an agreement which the city can enter into with the Canadian Agency, Limited, should the proposition of the latter be accepted by the people.

The negotiations which Mr. Taylor carried on in the old country, whence he returned on Tuesday night, were the outcome of long discussion by the city council during the past year. Mr. Taylor went to England to get in touch with financial men with a view of securing some proposition whereby Victoria could proceed with the project of going to Sooke lake for an enlarged water supply sanctioned at the last civic election when a referendum was taken on the matter. As a result of his trip Mr. Taylor secured an agreement with a company named the Canadian Agency, Limited, which agreement was submitted to the council yesterday. Nothing definite was decided upon, the meeting being informal, and Mr. Taylor stated that the only course open for this, or the incoming council, if they consider the proposition at all, is to submit a referendum to the electors, giving them the opportunity of saying whether the terms proposed by the Canadian Agency, Limited, shall be accepted or rejected. If the electors decide to accept the terms as set forth in the agreement submitted by Mr. Taylor, application will then have to be made to the legislature for power to enter into the contract.

The agreement, which has already been signed by the Canadian Agency, Limited, per A. M. Gumple, director, and F. Clarkton Fry, secretary, was the outcome of several conferences which Mr. Taylor had with the principals of the company. The agreement is as follows:

The Proposition

An agreement made the tenth day of December, One thousand nine hundred and eight; between:

The corporation of the City of Victoria, British Columbia, a Corporation duly incorporated and existing as a Municipal Corporation under and by virtue of the laws of the Province of British Columbia, in the Dominion of Canada (Hereinafter referred to as "The City Corporation) of the one part and the Canadian Agency Limited a Corporation duly incorporated according to the Companies Acts of the United Kingdom (hereinafter referred to as "The Agency, which expression shall include its successors or assigns) of the other part; whereas the City Corporation is desirous of making arrangements for the carrying out of the works hereinafter mentioned and has agreed with the Agency to carry out the same upon the terms hereinafter contained; Now it is hereby agreed by and between the parties hereto as follows, that is to say:—

1. This agreement is conditional on the same being duly ratified by a by-law of the City Corporation to be submitted to and approved of by the ratepayers of the City or by means of a referendum bylaw or otherwise and upon such bylaw and this agreement being duly recognised, confirmed and validated and the necessary powers being conferred upon the City Corporation and the Agency by the Legislature of the Province of British Columbia on or before the first day of April, One thousand nine hundred and nine or such later date as the City Corporation and the Agency may agree.

2. If the said bylaw shall be passed and legislative ratification obtained as aforesaid the Agency shall with all reasonable despatch prepare or cause to be prepared to the approval of the Engineers as hereinafter defined retailed plans and specifications for the construction, building and laying down of a complete system of water pipes together with all such dams and other works as may be necessary for the purpose of connecting the water of Sooke Lake in the District of Sooke, Vancouver Island with the existing water distribution system of the City Corporation. Such plans and specifications shall show all lands, way-leaves consents, rights and licenses which it is necessary or convenient to acquire and obtain for the purpose aforesaid which lands, way leaves, consents, rights and licenses together with the works to be described in the said plans and specifications are hereinafter referred to as "the said work."

Included in Cost.

3. As soon as the said plans and specifications are approved, the Agency shall forwith take all such steps as may be necesary to acquire and obtain any such lands and way-leaves, consents, rights, licenses and powers. The cost of acquiring or obtaining such lands way-leaves, consents, rights, licenses, and powers as aforesaid shall be treated as part of the "the said works."

4. The Agency shall as and when necessary provide or procure to be provided all moneys for the puchase of such lands and way-leaves, consents, licenses, and powers and also all moneys, labor, supplies, machinery, materials, articles and things for the proper and efficient carrying out of the said works and shall with all reasonable despatch procure the same to

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Railway President.

New York, Jan. 6.—W. S. Brown was today elected president of the New York and Hudson Railroad Company, succeeding Wm. H. Newman.

Milwaukee Road's Change.

Chicago, Jan. 6.—It was announced here today that the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul company, of Washington, has changed its corporate name to the Chicago, Milwaukee and Puget Sound Railway Co., and taken possession of all the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul property existing individually in Idaho, Montana and South Dakota.

Thought it an Earthquake

Chicago, Jan. 6.—The tenants of the thirteen storey Stuart building were thrown into a panic today by a shock which swayed the building. Owing to the absence of evidences of an accident it was attributed to an earthquake. The engineer of the building ended the sensation by declaring that the shock was rather a sharp report made by the contraction of the material in the building, due to the intense cold.

Mutiny Report Denied

Mukden, Jan. 7.—There is no truth in the report that a thousand Chinese soldiers mutinied in the vicinity of Mukden and were afterwards engaged in battle with loyal government troops. Advices from Amoy yesterday stated that a revolutionary outbreak had occurred in Manchuria near Mukden, and that a force of a thousand mutinous soldiers who had taken the field had been defeated by a column of government troops with a gatling gun which had been sent against them. According to the despatch an official version gave it the insurgents were repulsed. Native reports however were to the effect that the troops had been driven back.

MERCURY HOVERS NEAR BOTTOM OF THE GLASS

Temperatures Fail to Show Improvement and Cold Snap Continues

With the high and frigid wind still continuing from the northeast and the mercury counting around the bottom of the glass, weather conditions yesterday and last night failed to give the slightest hint of moderating. Yesterday morning Victoria awoke to find the cold snap still very much in evidence and as the day wore on conditions remained the same. At noon a bitter north wind prevailed and the sun failed to make any impression. Towards six o'clock it was a shade warmer but by midnight the thermometer registered ten degrees above zero and the wind still kept up. The overcast sky gave promise of snow and shortly before midnight another fall of the beautiful had commenced. The weather forecast for today failed to give any promise of an immediate change, while reports from the mainland, north and south, told of exceptionally cold weather and a heavy fall of snow.

The cold snap has played havoc with water pipes. As a result of the inefficient heating in the North Ward and Central schools the scholars were given holidays, but four classes in the former school, those on the lower floor, continuing their studies, the classes on the upper floor being dismissed. In the Central school the expedient of wearing their heavy overcoats and hats failed to give the scholars or teachers any comfort and the classes were dismissed. The water in some of the pipes at the Central school froze and no heat from the boilers could be secured. Plumbers were at work yesterday and it is expected that the trouble will be remedied so that classes can be resumed today. In the North Ward school the heating system is more or less antiquated and not capable of meeting the demands put upon it in weather of the present variety. At both the Central school and the North Ward school additional janitors have been employed so that the furnaces can be kept going day and night and in this way the temperature kept at a proper level.

Since Tuesday morning the fire brigade has had to respond to six alarms but in no instance was any great damage done. Yesterday morning at 6 o'clock the brigade was called to the warehouse of B. Wilson & Company, Dallas Road, where a small fire had started while some employees were thawing out frozen water pipes. The incipient blaze was subdued before the brigade arrived. Yesterday afternoon a chimney fire at the Clarence hotel, Douglas street, gave the brigade another run.

But while the wintry conditions prevail every advantage is being taken of it by skaters who at Beacon Hill park and at Colwood are enjoying a sport in which they can so seldom indulge.

The long distance telephone wires were again in trouble yesterday, the high wind effectually putting them out of business almost as soon as the breaks were repaired.

VANCOUVER BOYS MISSING

Walter and Willie Roedde Fail to Return From Launch Trip to Howe Sound

Vancouver, Jan. 6.—Anxiety is felt for the safety of Walter and Willie Roedde, sons of G. A. Roedde of this city, who left Vancouver in their launch Adoriam on New Year's day for a trip to Horseshoe bay, Howe Sound, and have not yet returned. A steamer was sent out today to search for them.

Deadly Coal Gas

Vancouver, Jan. 6.—The first coal gas poisoning case of the winter occurred early today, resulting in the asphyxiation of Shoara Iwshima, a Japanese residing on Sixth avenue west, and may result in the death of his wife, who is now in a critical condition in the general hospital. Last night the husband piled an extra amount of coal in the stove which was so left as to permit the deadly fumes to escape. He was found dead in bed this morning.

STORMS RAGING EAST AND WEST

Fraser Valley Suffers From Severe Cold and Extra Fierce Wind

SNOW BOTHERS PORTLAND

Washington Reports a Cold Wave Spreading Over the East and South

Vancouver, Jan. 6.—At North Bend, 129 miles east of Vancouver, on the C.P.R., last night the thermometer dropped to 28 degrees below zero. At Agassiz the mercury rose six degrees yesterday, and last night only registered 2 below, but this morning another hurricane was blowing up the Fraser valley. It is reported that the velocity of the wind was between forty and fifty miles an hour at Agassiz today. Temperature here this morning, 7 above.

Suffering at Bellingham.

Bellingham, Jan. 6.—The temperature in this city dropped to zero tonight, the lowest point in 14 years. There are many suffering from cold. The police and charity workers are busy caring for the homeless.

Snow in Oregon.

Portland, Ore., Jan. 6.—The thread of hope the bureau held out this morning that the present cold spell would break tonight was dissipated by tonight's prediction, which calls for continued cold weather over the Pacific northwest and more snow. The Puget Sound country is experiencing unusually cold weather, but so far little snow has fallen.

In the Willamette valley the weather not alone has continued cold but it has continued to snow at intervals throughout the day. The street car lines in this city are operating a little more satisfactorily than yesterday, but the service is still poor. Today the schools were closed, and will not resume until the weather moderates.

In the upper Willamette valley the snow commenced to thaw for a time this afternoon, and fears are expressed for floods on the Willomette when the cold wave breaks. On the Columbia river the locks at the cascades are frozen and traffic discontinued. Tonight the mercury stands at 8 degrees above at Blaine, Washington, 20 above at Seattle and Tacoma, and 15 above at Portland, with practically zero weather east of the Cascades in both states.

Chicago's Blizzard.

Chicago, Jan. 6.—True to the weather bureau's schedule, the first blizzard of the winter swept down on Chicago today from the north. From 44 degrees above zero yesterday the mercury dropped to nine below today. Telegraph wires were crippled in every direction, and a number of accidents due to the cold weather, are recorded. Twenty-five guests of the Humboldt Park hotel suffered severely from being driven half clad into the street by a fire. Today was the coldest in three years.

At St. Paul.

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 6.—This city today is in the grasp of an icy cold wave, the weather bureau reporting 25 degrees below zero, while street thermometers registered 30 degrees below. Regina Canada, is the coldest place in the northwest, with a temperature of 40 degrees below. Coast trains are several hours late.

Cold Wave Spreads.

Washington, Jan. 6.—A severe cold wave this morning covered the entire northern and central portions of the country. By tonight, according to the weather bureau, it will overspread the entire east and south.

STOCK MARKET WEAK

Break in Prices Caused By Sudden Slump in New York Central—Heavy Unloading

New York, Jan. 6.—The stock market had apparently disposed of the disturbing effect of the collapse in Consolidated Gas before the day's session at the stock exchange had proceeded far. This factor had not more than lost its influence when a drop in New York Central intervened to give a fresh start to the nerves of speculative holders of stocks.

The reaction in New York Central was based, like that in Consolidated Gas, on excessive speculation, although not carried to such lengths as had been that in the Gas stock. Nor was the news which caused the speculators to feel misgivings so definite or so abrupt as that offered by the supreme court decision in the Gas case.

The market closed generally weak and active. The continued fall in New York Central, resulting in a loss of over five points, prompted an unloading of stocks in all directions, and gains were transformed into losses about as wide. A late rally was due to covering up of shorts.

U. S. Finances

Washington, Jan. 5.—Today's statement of treasury balance in the general funds shows an available cash balance of $165,730,461; gold coin and bullion, $28,142,049; gold certificates, $51,495,750.

Battleship Aground

Port Said, Jan. 6.—The battleship Georgia went ashore on her way through the canal. She was refloated, and did not appear to have been damaged. She is expected here at midnight with the Nebraska and New Jersey.

Fire at Stockyards.

Chicago, Jan. 6.—Fire at the stockyards tonight did $200,000 damage to Darlington and company's fertilizer plant, Swift's buttermilk plant and wool house were threatened, and tenants of the twenty-five houses in the neighborhood were driven into the street. Every available engine in the city was rushed to the scene of the fire.

Seattle's Relief Fund.

Seattle, Jan. 6.—The Seattle fund for the relief of victims of the Italian earthquake totalled $7,196.75 today.

Mrs. Maybrick Again.

Chicago, Jan. 6.—Charles L. Wagner, secretary of the lecture bureau which has charge of the public appearance of Mrs. Florence Maybrick, today entered a vigorous denial of a report that he and Mrs. Maybrick are to be wed.

John W. Gates on Tariff

Washington, Jan. 6.—In a letter to Speaker Cannon, John W. Gates declares that there should be a cut of fifty per cent in the steel schedule, and that coal and lumber should be placed on the free list.

Disappointment in Love

Tokio, Jan. 6.—Count Toda, whose engagement to a royal princess was recently cancelled because of the discovery that he had been married while a student at Cambridge, Eng., and who divorced his wife after his return to Japan, today attempted to commit suicide by taking poison. The attempt was unsuccessful.

FIRST SHIPMENT

Alberta Wheat and Flour to Be Sent From Vancouver to Liverpool By French Steamer

Vancouver, Jan. 6.—The first shipment of Alberta wheat and flour to the United Kingdom via Vancouver will be made this week by the Vancouver milling company, which will send five thousand sacks on the Chargeurs Reunis liner Corse. The rate of 45 cents per hundredweight has been quoted by the C.P.R. from Calgary to Liverpool this way.

BODIES ARE BURIED IN MASS OF RUINS

Giant Task Involved in Recovering Remains of Consul and Mrs. Cheney

Washington, Jan. 6.—Some idea of the terrific damage done in Messina by the earthquake may be obtained from a despatch received at the State department today from Ambassador Griscom, at Rome, transmitting a telegram from Vice-Consul Lupton, who says that it will take a week's work of 300 men to recover the bodies of Consul Cheney and his wife from the mass of ruins of the consular building.

Mr. Griscom is informed that the only private Americans in Messina on December 28th, the day of the earthquake, were Mr. and Mrs. Forbes, whose fate was unknown. It is said at the State department that the names of these persons do not appear on the list of those for whom inquiry has been made.

Lieut.-Commander Reginald Belknap, the naval attache at Rome, will command the relief ship fitted out under direction of Ambassador Griscom.

The most effective manner of distributing the $500,000 appropriation for the relief of the Italian earthquake sufferers was under consideration today by President Roosevelt, who had a conference with Assistant Secretary of State Bacon. Before the distribution of the money, which is available at any moment upon orders from the President, the White House will await cable information from Ambassador Griscom at Rome, who has been asked to report on a plan which will be most satisfactory to the Italian Government as well as most effective for the sufferers.

Paris, Jan. 6.—The following Americans reported as having been in Sicily at the time of the earthquake are here: Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Dalton, San Diego, Cal.; J. Conner, Seattle; George C. Hickey, Los Angeles.

A provisional statement drawn up shows that sixty towns were destroyed, and gives the number of dead in these at 165,053. This does not include hospital deaths.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE AT PORT ESSINGTON

Large Part of Town on Skeena is Burned—Buildings Are Blown Up

Aberdeen, B.C., Jan. 5—Port Essington was partially destroyed by fire last night. The fire started in the annex of the Caledonia hotel, caused by a defective flue. On account of lack of water pressure and the severe weather prevailing it was found necessary to blow up buildings east and west of the fire centre. The total loss will amount to about $100,000 partially covered by insurance.

The following buildings were completely destroyed: Caledonia hotel and annex, with Royal bank, loss about $15,000; Mackenzie and Jackson, general store, $10,000; Bagstadt's jewelry store, contents saved, loss on building about $1,000; Mills and Co., drug store $2,000; Photograph gallery, $1,000; Church and schoolroom, $5,000; Lorenz residence $2,000; Warner's restaurant and its contents $2,000; Chinese restaurant and laundry, $3,000.

Other losses including about 15 small cottages and the contents and part of the wharf belonging to the Skeena River Commercial Co., would amount to about $30,000. Windows were damaged by the explosions to the extent of about $3,000.

One gets some idea of the immensity of the passenger traffic which is expected to flow in the direction of Seattle the coming summer—a large proportion of which will be diverted to this city—by noting that no less than sixty-five conventions are to be held in the Sound metropolis during the period of the holding of the great exposition.

NO INTERFERENCE FROM OUTSIDERS

Chinese Government Conveys a Polite Intimation to Legations

WATCHING PRINCE REGENT

Favor to Manchus is Indicated By Filling of the Official Positions

Pekin, Jan 6.—The American, British and Japanese ministers are acting upon the principle that the situation brought about by the dismissal of Grand Councillor Yuan Shi Kai requires a strenuous attitude on the part of the powers, and a warning to the prince regent against any administrative act that might endanger the peace.

The Russian and French ministers appear to be without instructions from their governments, and are awaiting developments. Officials of the Chinese government have intimated that inquiries concerning the treatment of Yuan Shi Kai on the part of the nations would be unwelcome, and that, moreover, the Chinese government is not prepared to receive representations from other governments on the subject.

The prince regent is secure from receiving the foreign ministers in audience through having set up the technical excuse that the necessary regulations for intercourse between the prince regent and representatives of foreign governments have not been agreed on. The first reception day of the minister of foreign affairs since the dismissal of Yuan Shi Kai last week was yesterday. The American, British and French ministers called, but the minister did not mention to these officials the situation, which brought about the dismissal.

The Chinese government and the legations seem to be testing each other's tempers. The legations are about equally divided upon whether recent events have endangered peace to the extent of justifying collective action by foreign governments. The country awaits expectantly for further acts of the prince regent which may reveal whether his course is due to personal motives or whether it means a change in the general policy of the government. Although numerous causes have been assigned for the treatment of Yuan Shi Kai, the motive has not yet been understood.

Yuan Shi Kai has arrived at Wei Hai Wei, in Honan province, with his family. Ching Yan Tan, the former Imperial Chinese commissioner at Lhassa, Thibet, has been promoted to be vice-president of the foreign ministry in place of Liang Tun Yen, who was a trusted Lieut. of Yuan Shi Kai. It was learned today that Na Tung and another member of the grand council visited Yuan Shi Kai yesterday before he left the city for Wei Hai Wei, but what occurred at this meeting has not been divulged. On Sunday the prince regent sent a messenger to Yuan Shi Kai at Tientsin, with overtures, and this doubtless influenced Yuan Shi Kai to return to Pekin. The report took this step only after he had learned that Yuan Shi Kai and the members of his family had succeeded in reaching foreign territory in Tientsin. The dismissed councillor took refuge on the British reservation. These occurrences, and particularly the action of the prince regent, indicated that the government does not desire to aggravate the situation. It now appears that the composition of the central government will be permanently changed, judging from the regent's selection of friends and advisors. Prince Ching, president of the general board, is not yet in evidence. Of the members of the grand council four are out, leaving only three working members. The recent appointments to office indicate that the party of the regent is to be composed mainly of Manchus.

Japan Not Anxious.

Tokio, Jan. 6.—The foreign office does not regard the resignation of Yuan Shi Kai as likely to prove a disturbing factor in the Chinese situation. From reliable sources it has been ascertained that Japanese statesmen do not expect any serious change in China because of recent occurrences and they are hopeful for a settlement of all existing differences after the period of mourning for the late Emperor and Empress Dowager has been completed. All stocks fell heavily upon receipt of news that the commander in chief of the Chinese army had been deposed from office but prices are recovering rapidly.

COLD SNAP TIES UP SKEENA NAVIGATION

Tug Lottie N. Caught in Ice Floes and Driven Ashore—The Skeena Aground

The cold weather of the past few days has completely tied up navigation of every kind on the Skeena river, both above and below tidewater limit, says a despatch from Prince Rupert. Late arrivals from the upper Skeena report 30 below zero and the river frozen over, and full of floating ice on the lower beach which drifts up and down stream with the tide. On the coast zero weather has prevailed for some days and everything is frozen solid.

The tug Lottie N, while moored at her anchor opposite Port Essington wharf, was caught by the ice floes last Friday and driven ashore on the rocky point above the town. A hole was stove in her side and she sank to the bottom. At low tide part of her deck was above water and the owners have hopes of saving her.

The tug Topaz, owned by the Georgetown Sawmill company, was caught in the ice further up the river and driven ashore, where she keeled over on her beam ends, but being built of iron she withstood the force of the ice and was floated off at high tide, sustaining little damage.

The steamer Skeena, owned by Foley, Welch and Stewart, was sheeted with iron and has made regular trips to tidewater camps since the Hudson's bay company's boats were taken off two months ago. She went aground in a slough near McLeod's camp last Thursday and narrowly escaped being frozen in. She floated at high tide, and after a rough trip battling with the running ice she reached Prince Rupert on Saturday and was hauled out on the new ways prepared for her at Hays creek, where she will remain for the balance of the winter.

San Francisco's City Hall.

San Francisco, Jan. 6.—A force of workmen today began to demolish the city hall dome, which was partially stripped to its steel frame by the earthquake of 1906, and which has since stood as a prominent land mark of the destruction wrought by the disaster. The task has been undertaken by an eastern contractor after lengthy injunction proceedings in the superior court. Four months will be devoted to razing the tower. The wrecking of the city hall will be accomplished through two separate contracts.

Cut An Artery

Vancouver, Jan. 6.—In some way or another a young man named Sinclair, who resides on Carl avenue, cut one of the arteries in his arm, while out skating on Trout lake yesterday afternoon. He sank on the ice almost unconscious and some other skaters who saw his plight hastened to his assistance. They noticed that he had lost a great deal of blood, and some one went in search of Dr. H. R. Storrs, who lives at Cedar Cottage. The latter soon arrived on the scene and attended the young man. Sinclair was able to leave for his home shortly afterwards and returned to the city. It is presumed that he cut himself with his skate, but how the accident really happened no one seems to know.

CAPITALISTS HAVE DANGEROUS VOYAGE

Adrift in Rosario Straits in Disabled Tug—Rescued Just in Time

Bellingham, Jan. 6.—Adrift and half frozen in the disabled tug Edna, which was in imminent danger of foundering in the heavy seas in Rosario straits, or of being dashed on the rocks of the precipitous shore, a party of prominent capitalists of Seattle, Gray's Harbor and Bellingham had a narrow escape from a death today.

The Edna's engines gave out as the party was putting out from Waldron island, where the capitalists had been inspecting the quarries. The Edna was rapidly drifting ashore and in constant danger of capsizing when the steamer Rosalie, in response to the Edna's signal of distress, steamed out from Obstruction pass and took the passengers off the launch.

The party landed at Bellingham tonight. The party included M. A. Savage, president of the Independent Asphalt company, Seattle; Shirley Young, Bellingham; E. W. Webster, Captain Spencer, Gray's Harbor; Rex Williams, of Seattle; Capt. Killcup, of the tug Edna, and three members of the Edna's crew.

TROUBLES SETTLED

National Baseball Commission Gives Pacific Coast Leagues District Classification

Cincinnati, O., Jan. 6.—The final settlement of the Minor league troubles that threatened a baseball war was ratified at a brief session of the national baseball commission.

By the agreement reached, the American Association and the Eastern league get all they asked for, excepting a separate organization entirely outside the National Association. The organization with the Pacific coast leagues hereafter is to be in a classification of its own, and to be known as class "AA." The leagues are to have the right to draft players from the Southern and Western leagues, now in class "A," as well as from the smaller leagues without first passing through the "AA" leagues. The "AA" leagues are to be permitted to draft territory from the Minors under certain conditions, and the number of players to be carried under reserve by major league clubs shall be limited.

It was agreed that all international players of the class "AA" clubs shall be decided by themselves without reference to the present national board, and disputes between "AA" clubs and other minor league clubs shall go to the board of arbitration, with right of appeal to the commission in any case. This makes it impossible for any dispute to be absolutely decided by the minor league board before it involves any class "AA" club. The National Association was willing that there three organizations be placed in a separate organization as a third party to the national organization, but this was not granted. The National Association decided to open its championship season on April 14th for five months and a half, instead of our months, as heretofore.

Fatally Mangled.

Seattle, Jan. 6.—Stepping in front of a moving counterweight in the tunnel of the Queen Anne Hill cableway, J. Maxwell, cable repairer of the Seattle Electric Company, was fatally mangled and dragged a hundred feet before the car which was carrying the weight was brought to a stop near the top of the hill this morning.

During the exceptionally interesting proceedings attendant upon the formal opening of the Nurses' Home of and Jubilee Hospital on Tuesday afternoon, Mr. McBride paid a high compliment to those engaged in the profession of hospital nurses in this province, and particularly those who had graduated from local institutions. There will be universal agreement that his words of commendation were thoroughly deserved, and as it is only rarely that opportunity is given for such expressions, we think they should not be allowed to pass unobserved.

COLD WEATHER AT MANY POINTS

A Howling Blizzard Reported From Mainland of British Columbia

HEAVY SNOW IN OREGON

Railway Traffic Badly Blocked By Severe Storms in Montana

Vancouver, Jan. 5.—From Harrison river eastward the entire Fraser river valley is in the grip of a howling blizzard today, the weather being intensely cold and the wind of such force as to make walking almost impossible. Blizzard conditions were [illegible] when the train left Agassiz, [illegible] east of Vancouver, late this morning. Passengers who slighted at Agassiz had great difficulty in walking along the depot platform, so strong was the wind. It was bitterly cold at this point, eight below zero being reported, and the gale was laden with sharp particles of snow.

At North Bend two feet of snow fell yesterday and last night, and this morning the temperature was 18 degrees below zero. Yesterday the C. P.R. snowplow was operating between North Bend and Agassiz. At Revelstoke it is stated there is five feet of snow on the level, and alongside the railway tracks, where the light stuff has been thrown out by the snowplows the piles are higher than the sides of a railway coach. At Revelstoke the mercury dropped to 23 below this morning. The C.P.R. express came in one hour late because of being delayed near Clanwilliam through a broken rail.

The intense frost is reported to have loosened some of the rocks in the roof of the Kamaka tunnel, and a sufficient number fell on the roof of the dining car to put the lights out. At Laggan it is so cold that the inhabitants grew dizzy peering down the mercury tube and quit trying to follow the silver streak.

Montana Temperatures.

Butte, Mont., Jan. 5.—Temperatures ranging from ten below zero to forty below prevailed generally throughout Montana from early morning today up to six o'clock this evening. Three miles below this city the thermometer registered 32 below zero at 9 o'clock this morning, while in Butte it was 18 below. At Armstead the temperature was four below, while higher in the mountains this figure may have been exceeded. The lowest temperature in Helena was 22 below; at Flesher, in Lewis and Clark county, 36; Dillon 20. The temperatures show almost a perpendicular drop of about 60 degrees in the course of 24 hours. Stock will not suffer much unless the cold spell continues.

Overland train service on the Northern Pacific and Great Northern is in bad condition as a result of the prevailing storms. Northern Pacific trains are many hours behind their schedules, the westbound North Coast Limited being reported 10 hours late. Northern traffic is greatly interfered with by the loss of the telegraph service.

Cold in Oregon.

Portland, Ore., Jan. 5.—The Pacific Northwest is in the grip of the worst cold spell that it has endured for years, and portions of the two states in which snow is a rarity are covered to a depth of several inches in a mantle of white. The most remarkable degree of cold recorded in the past twenty-four hours is reported from Bellingham, where the mercury last night dropped to nearly zero. The greatest degree of cold is at Spokane, where the mercury stood at four degrees below zero today. In northern Washington the weather has been clear, with abnormally low temperatures in the western part of the state. At Seattle it was 13 above this morning and at Tacoma 21 above. At present Portland is the worst sufferer from the storm.

Zero at Bellingham.

Bellingham, Wash., Jan. 5.—For the first time in eight years the mercury touched the zero mark last night, and remained there for some hours. It is clear and cold today.

Storms in East.

Washington, Jan. 5.—The barometer is low over the entire Atlantic coast region, and the principal snow is centered off Hatteras. A storm which is centered in the Pacific coast region is causing general precipitation from the Rocky Mountain region westward to the coast. Very low temperatures are reported throughout the northwest. The temperature will begin to moderate in the northwest on Wednesday.

New Amateur Record.

Johannesburg, Jan. 6—R. E. Walker, the South African runner, established a new amateur record here yesterday. He made 130 yards in 12 2-5 seconds.

Shocks in Switzerland.

Berne, Switzerland, Jan. 6.—Several earthquake shocks have occurred at Zermat, one of the most frequented resorts of Switzerland, and at St. Nicholas.

Not by Judge Landis.

Chicago, Jan. 6.—Judge Landis has informed the district attorney that he would not hear the second trial of the Standard Oil case, but will transfer it to some other judge.

Vancouver's Assessment

Vancouver, Jan. 6.—Vancouver's assessment for taxation is announced at seventy-two million dollars, an increase of ten millions over last year. This includes fifty per cent of the value of improvements.

C. F. Williams, of Vancouver, is at the King Edward. He expects to be here for several days.