F. BORDEN TO VISIT WEST

ER WILL SPEND
ME TIME IN VICTORIA

French, Who is Due at
a Next Week, Will Not
Come to Coas'

Special to the Times.)
lay 12.—Sir Frederick Borden
a visit to Western Canada
ner to inspect military pro-
nd arrange for contemplat-
rements. He will spend some
ictoria and Vancouver.
French, who will arrive here
0th, will go only as far west
He will inspect the troops at
n June 24th, Laggan on June
ff on June 26th, Regina on
, Sewell on June 30th and
on July 2nd. Before going
ill inspect troops at Halifax,
Montreal, Petawawa Camp,
Hamilton, Welland and Ni-
ls.

Sails For Canada.

May 12.—Sir John D. French,
general of the British army,
or-General P. D. Henderson
day for Canada.

AST SHIPS FOR ALLAN LINE

Special to the Times.)
May 12.—The Allan line has
nders for the construction of
ne steamships in excess of
s each. These vessels are in-
the Liverpool to Canada ser-
s expected that the speed of
boats will enable them to
adian ports in less time than
t ships now take from Liver-
ew York.

FIRE AT MINE.

May 12.—Sunday was a busy
the Rossland fire brigade,
eived no less than four calls.
h was serious, as there was
destruction of the Josie and
e shaft house, electric hoist,
power motor, skips, etc., the
alia of a well appointed
spite of the efforts of the
f, the fire department and
he building and adjacent
re gutted. Special efforts had
forth to prevent the embers
the fire to the War Eagle
ouse, which was in the vicin-

mage is estimated at $10,000,
partly covered by insurance.
er three calls on the brigade
sed by brush fires, which did
al damage.

MAY CLOSE HOTELS.

n, N. B., May 12,—This town
far as liquor is concerned, but
romises to be without hotels.
nnounced last night that the
's of seven houses have de-
lose. Recently the authorities
e lid tight and said no more
ling, or fines twice, and jail
time. The last straw from
men's standpoint came yes-
hen three proprietors were
with second offences commit-
to May 1st, when the lid was
nd since which time the bars
n closed. The hotel men
t there had been up to then
ment that they could sell
thin reasonable bounds and
fines a year.

GHLIN MURDER TRIAL.

, Ont., May 12.—The Mc-
murder trial was resumed
ning. George Colby, a car-
ho worked in the burned Mc-
home, testified that he ex-
the premises and that he de-
al oil on the charred pillars.
corroborated by F. Dobson.
ece owned the premises in
e McLaughlins lived. An at-
as made to show this was
broken lamp, but evidence
show that the lamp was af-
found half full of oil. The
evidently trying to prove in-
m as well as poisoning.

CANADIAN BORDER.

N. Y., May 12.—Senator
of Amsterdam, N. Y., yester-
oduced a concurrent resolution
o permit the New York and
Pacific Railway Company to
the construction of its pro-
w standard guage steam rail-
tending across the state from
rk City to the Canadian line.
ral years bills to extend the
the completion of the con-
of the road have been before
lature, but were not enacted.

KLY WEATHER REPORT.

ictoria Meteorological Office,
4th to 10th May, 1910.
—Total amount of bright sun-
hours and 54 minutes; rain, .14
hest temperature, 70 on 9th; low-
4th.
ver—Total amount of bright sun-
hours and 18 minutes; rain, .59
hest temperature, 68 on 9th; low-
6th.
estminster—Rain, .03 inch; high-
erature, 74 on 9th; lowest, 44 on
nd 9th.
ps—Rain, .82 inch; highest tem-
86 on 5th; lowest, 40 on 4th.
ville—Rain, .64 inch; highest tem-
64 on 5th and 6th; lowest, 24 on

impson—Rain, .84 inch; highest
ure, 64 on 9th; lowest, 34 on 8th.
No rain or snow; highest tempera-
on 10th; lowest, 26 on 9th.
n—No rain or snow; highest tem-
60 on 10th; lowest, 22 on 8th.

NG FUNDS FOR Y. W. C. A.

to, May 12.—The Y. W. C. A.
gn fund now stands at $150,549.
more t[illegible]

OAK BAY COUNCIL HONORS LATE KING

Adjourns After Ordering Council Chamber Draped—Reeve Has Lived in Four Reigns

Out of respect for the memory of the late king the Oak Bay Council Monday adjourned without doing any business. Orders were given to have the exterior of the council chamber draped for the regulation length of time.

In calling the meeting to order Reeve Henderson said that since they last met a great calamity had befallen them in that they had lost their king. King Edward had been a good king and they all mourned their loss. His reign had been short, but it had been a marked success. He, the reeve, had lived to see the reign of four kings, William IV., Victoria, Edward VII., and George V. He had little expectation of seeing another, however. He remembered when the late king, at that time Prince of Wales, had come to Canada to open the Victoria bridge, and had also laid the foundation stone of the Parliament buildings at Ottawa. It would only be right that the Council adjourn.

Councillor J. Herrick McGregor thought the suggestion a good one and moved a resolution to that effect, which was seconded by Councillor Newton.

Councillor Sproule said he would like to say a word in support of the motion. There would come a time in the history of everyone when the gavel of death would call them. In their sad calamity, however, they were not without hope. Might they all be able to say at that time with King Edward: "I think I have done my duty." They had suffered a great loss. The late king had endeared himself to all his subjects by trying to secure peace on earth and good will to men."

RAILROAD REGULATION BILL.

Measure is Adopted by the United States House of Representatives.

Washington, D. C., May 10.—The House this afternoon adopted the Railroad Regulation bill as reported by the committee of the whole. The final vote was 200 to 126.

When the bill came up Mann, of Illinois, offered an amendment reestablishing the clause permitting mergers under certain conditions. The amendment was defeated, 168 to 160. Representative Adamson moved to recommit the bill with instructions to eliminate the commerce court clause. The motion was defeated 176 to 150.

COUNTY OFFICIALS MAY SEIZE STREET CARS

Threaten Drastic Action to Compel Company to Pay Personal Property Taxes

Seattle, Wash., May 10.—The Seattle Electric Company's street cars and the cars of the Seattle-Tacoma interurban will be stopped on the streets and chained to the tracks until the Stone and Webster Corporation pays the personal property taxes of 1908 of the two companies, according to a decision reached at a conference at the County court house.

This threat comes as a climax to a long quarrel between the county and the Stone & Webster Company. County Treasurer Gormley threatened to use this method to collect the taxes some time ago, but both the public and the street car company refused to take it seriously.

All doubt that Gormley means business has left the public's mind to-day, but the street car company seems as obdurate as ever.

Gormley has failed to announce the day on which the seizure will be made.

MOTOR SEALING.

United States Government May Increase Patrol to Prevent Poaching at Pribyloffs.

Washington, D. C., May 9.—Reports reaching the administration that the Japanese seal poachers intend to utilize motorboats during the coming season have raised the question as to whether it will be necessary to increase the revenue cutter patrol at the Pribyloff islands.

Opinions differ as to the value of the motorboats in pelagic sealing. Some of these think they would be very helpful in crossing the three-mile territorial limit, exciting the seals and driving them out into the open sea where they might be killed. Others believe the noise of the motor engines would drive the seals to the rookeries, thus defeating the main object of the chase, while at the same time the boat's whereabouts might be much more easily ascertained by the revenue patrols.

Secretary Nagel is giving the matter consideration. Three revenue cutters will do police duty in the vicinity of the islands this year.

UNFOUNDED RUMOR.

Dover, Eng., May 12.—The flagship London, of the British Atlantic battleship fleet, on which an explosion was reported to have occurred, arrived here last night. The explosion rumors are without foundation.

Before a sailor in the British navy can be put in cells or sent to prison he must be reported medically fit to undergo the punishment.

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LAST OF WAITING FLEET HAS GONE

Barquentine Alta Left Esquimalt This Morning to Load Lumber at Fraser Mills

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

The waiting fleet at Esquimalt is no more. The Alta was towed out this morning by the tug Lorne, bound for the Fraser Mills, where she will load lumber for South Africa. She is an American barquentine in command of Captain Thonagle. She arrived here February 15th with nitrate for the Victoria Chemical Works, and has been in the neighborhood ever since. She discharged a small quantity of the same chemical at the powder works at Departure before returning to the B. C. Marine Railway yards to lie up.

For a number of years there has been at least one vessel waiting for charter at Esquimalt, and usually a number. Two years ago a great many windjammers made this their temporary home, but now all are gone, a clear indication that trade is brisk.

WILL BE PROSECUTED.

Owen Sound, Ont., May 10.—Government detectives have been busy here for the past month with the result that twenty-three charges have been laid against local hotels for violation of the local option law. Sixty-nine separate charges have been lodged against the principal hotels in the place.

PORTION OF TOWN DESTROYED BY FIRE

Flames Raging Near Powder Works, Which Are in Danger of Destruction

Houghton, Mich., May 10.—A portion of the town of Allston, 30 miles from here, and at the west end of the Michigan peninsula, was destroyed to-day in a forest fire that is sweeping the Dollar Bay country and endangering life and property.

The works of the Dupont Powder Company at Dollar Bay are threatened with destruction and scores of residents there are fighting the flames at the risk of being blown to pieces.

Half-a-dozen buildings in Allston have been wiped out. Considerable property has been burned, and the damage already done by the flames is heavy.

UNCLE SAM'S NEW WARSHIP LAUNCHED

The Florida, of Super-Dreadnought Class, Will Have a Speed of 21 Knots

(Times Leased Wire.)

New York, May 12.—The monster battleship Florida, America's greatest fighting ship, was launched at the Brooklyn navy yard to-day. Miss Elizabeth Legere Fleming, of Jacksonville, daughter of a former governor of Florida, broke a bottle of wine over the ship as she took the ways.

The Florida is the super-Dreadnought class. She is 521 feet long, has engines capable of developing 28,000 horsepower, and is expected to make a speed of 21 knots an hour. She will carry a complement of 60 officers and 854 men.

DR. HYDE GOES ON WITNESS STAND

Shows Nervousness Under Gruelling Examination by Prosecuting Attorney

Kansas City, Mo., May 10.—Under a gruelling cross examination by Prosecutor Conkling, Dr. B. C. Hyde, charged with the murder of Colonel Thomas H. Swope, showed first signs of nervous collapse this afternoon.

The physician, who insisted on taking the stand in his own defence, at first showed resentment at the questions asked by the state's attorney. A continued battering by the district attorney caused a change in the demeanor of the witness and he showed extreme nervousness.

Dr. Hyde denied specifically all charges brought against him. In turn he charged that when he returned to his office from an out-of-town trip, he discovered that some poisons and culture tubes had been taken from his office.

DR. HYDE'S TRIAL.

Kansas City, Mo., May 12.—The state in rebuttal rested at yesterday afternoon in the trial of Dr. B. C. Hyde, accused of the murder of Col. Swope. It is probable that the summing up of both sides will occupy two days. The case may go to the jury on Friday morning.

Mrs. James C. Clinton, called in rebuttal for the state, flatly contradicted the testimony of Mrs. Hyde and her husband, Dr. B. C. Hyde, the defendant.

Mrs. Clinton declared that Thomas Swope telephoned from her home on the night of December 18th, the day he said he saw Dr. Hyde throw away capsules which he believed contained svanide of potassium. She said that Tom Swope came to her home about 8.30 o'clock on that night, December 18th, contradicting the statement of Mrs. Hyde that Tom did not leave the house that night at all.

Mrs. Clinton also contradicted Dr. Hyde's statement that he remained in the house until 9.15 o'clock on that evening. Mrs. Clinton declared that Tom held a capsule in his hand while he telephoned.

"A good second-hand hansom cab can be bought nowadays for $24," a London witness declared recently.

TRUSTEES WILL MEET COUNCIL

TO JOINTLY DISCUSS SPRING RIDGE SITE

Arguments Favoring Locating the High School There Presented by Residents Last Night

(From Thursday's Daily.)

After hearing several arguments and explanations relative to the proposed site for the high school at Spring Ridge, the Board of School Trustees last night decided to meet the City Council on Tuesday evening next and discuss the matter jointly.

The attendance at the meeting necessitated the use of the City Council chamber, about one hundred citizens, mostly from Spring Ridge, being present. A communication from the City Council and a copy of the report made by the special committee of the Council which considered the Spring Ridge question were read. These were laid on the table, upon motion of Trustee McNeil, until the delegation from the property-owners and residents was heard from.

Alderman Bannerman, chairman of the City Council Committee, presented a map showing the proposed site. He reviewed the terms of the city's offer to the Board and said that they enabled the Trustees to secure the site within the estimated cost.

Dr. Lewis Hall spoke in favor of the Spring Ridge site. He compared it with the Jewish Cemetery hill site and said that the only advantage the latter possessed was a scenic one. It was impossible to connect the hill with the city sewerage system except at a great cost. Another argument against it was its inaccessibility by street-car. The Spring Ridge site could be made the finest school ground in the province for practically nothing.

Alderman Bannerman—You should say the finest in the Dominion.

W. Marchant referred to the city's offer of its property, consisting of over 3 1-4 acres, and a sum of $7,500 to enable the School Board to purchase the other property required, and said that it was a most satisfactory one. He felt that the whole city was in favor of the Spring Ridge site and asked the Board to rescind its former resolution favoring the acquirement of the Jewish Hill site. He believed that it would be wise to obtain eleven acres as there would in the future be technical schools erected. It was also probable that the location of a normal school in this city would be considered by the government before many years, and no better inducement could be offered than a site next to a fine high school. He was certain that, if the Board would call a public meeting, an overwhelming majority would express themselves in favor of placing the school at Spring Ridge.

J. L. Beckwith expressed the opinion that the citizens would, in case there was some shortage of funds to complete the purchase of the site, gladly vote the money. It would be two years before the building would be completed and no lack of funds could possibly arise before that time.

S. Perry Mills, K. C., also spoke in favor of the Spring Ridge site. He said he was not influenced by the fact that he resided in that district. He thought that the city had wronged the residents of that locality in maintaining the unsightly gravel pits and owed a duty to them which could be fulfilled by building the high school there. Similar remarks were made by Alderman McKeown.

After some discussion it was decided, upon motion of Trustees Riddell and Staneland, to meet the Council next Tuesday evening to discuss the whole question.

OBITUARY RECORD

There passed away Monday at Denman Island James Graham, who for many years has kept a store and farm on the island. Deceased was a native of Belfast, Ireland, and had reached the advanced age of 83 years. He was well known by the residents on the island. A wife, five sons and three daughters survive him. The funeral will take place to-morrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the chapel of the B. C. Funeral Company. Interment will be made in Ross Bay cemetery

The funeral of the late Miss Margarette Shaw took place on Saturday afternoon from the B. C. Funeral Company's parlors. Services were conducted at the chapel and graveside by Rev. A. Henderson. There was a large attendance of friends and many floral offerings were presented. The following acted as pallbearers: W. J. Anderson, O. C. Hastings, W. Humphreys and F. Davey. M. P. P.

The remains of the late Alexander McDonald, who was killed on Friday as the result of an explosion at Mill Bay, were interred in Ross Bay cemetery on Tuesday. The funeral took place at 3 o'clock from the chapel of the B. C. Funeral Company. Rev. T. W. Gladstone officiated.

WAS A RHODES SCHOLAR.

Herbert Bond, who was lost in the canoe accident off Nootka, when four lives were lost, was a son of Rev. Geo. J. Bond, a former editor of the Christian Guardian published in Toronto. Rev. Mr. Bond is now pastor of a Methodist church near Amherst, N. S., and the news of the tragic death, which was sent to Rev. Dr. W. B. Creighton, the present editor of the Christian Guardian, was forwarded to a pastor in Nova Scotia to be broken to the father of the unfortunate young man. Herbert Bond was a nephew of Sir Robert Bond, former premier of Newfoundland, was a graduate of the University of Newfoundland, and was the Rhodes scholar of his graduating year. While his father was in Toronto conducting the Christian Guardian Herbert Bond was attending Oxford. He was in his 27th year.

TAFT FAVORS WORLD'S FAIR AT SAN FRANCISCO

California City Logical Place for Exposition to Celebrate Opening of Panama Canal

(Times Leased Wire.)

Washington, D. C., May 12.—President Taft has declared himself in favor of San Francisco for the world's fair to celebrate the completion of the Panama canal. He expressed his preference at a banquet given by him to the California congressional delegation and the San Francisco exposition representative.

The president authorized the committee to give publicity to his views and the delegation left the White House highly elated.

President Taft said that in his opinion it would be all right for the country to hold a double celebration of the event. Let one eastern city share the honor with San Francisco.

"But if congress should decide that but one celebration be held unreservedly I say San Francisco is the logical place and should be chosen."

Taft expressed the belief that congress should act on the subject in the near future, as plenty of time should be allowed for preparations.

TENDER DAMAGED DURING PRACTICE

Struck by Projectile While Towing Target for Artillery—Boiler Damaged

Port Townsend, Wash., May 10.—During target practice this morning the United States artillery tender Thomas was struck by a projectile, exploding her boilers and putting the ship out of commission. She was towed to her mooring at Tyler wharf.

The Thomas, which was towing a target, was struck on her main deck within near the pilot house. Captain Madison was standing at the wheel at the time. The projectile entered the captain's cabin on the main deck, tearing the bunk to splinters and entered the boiler. The escaping steam made escape for the engineer crew exceedingly difficult.

MILLIONS OF DOLLARS FOR FREIGHT EQUIPMENT

Harriman Lines Award Contract for 12,400 Cars to Be Delivered This Year

(Times Leased Wire.)

Chicago, May 12.—One of the largest orders for freight equipment in the history of western railroads has been given by the management of the Harriman lines, and consists of 12,400 freight cars, which will cost approximately $13,750,000.

The cars are for delivery this year, the order consisting of 5,750 box cars, 1,000 automobile cars, 1,800 stock cars, 1,160 gondola cars, 150 hopper cars, 1,200 ballast cars, 1,325 flat cars and 65 cabooses.

This order is in addition to an order recently given for 1,500 refrigerator cars, for delivery this year.

GOHL GUILTY OF MURDER IN FIRST DEGREE

Jury in Trial at Montesano, Wash., Return Verdict After Being Out Nine Hours

(Times Leased Wire.)

Montesano, Wash., May 12.—William Gohl was found guilty of murder in the first degree at 12:35 o'clock this morning, the jury recommending as much leniency as possible. They were out nine hours, returning for instructions only once, then to ask whether premeditation was essential to second degree murder.

Foreman L. O. Stewart said to-day that the first ballot was 10 to 2 for conviction as charged, the clemency compromise being effected shortly after the verdict was returned.

Gohl was ushered into the courtroom to hear the verdict. He had not been asleep. He did not wince as the foreman said: "Murder in the first degree."

Gohl was charged with the murder of Charles Hadberg, and was also accused by the police with complicity in a long list of alleged murders of seafaring men on Gray's Harbor.

RETURNING FROM NOME.

Seattle, Wash., May 10.—Up in Nome, three thousand miles away, to-day is a red letter day, the second in importance of the year. The first day is the one when the first steamer arrives from civilization. The second is the day the word is flashed from Seattle that the steamer has left.

The steamer Corwin will be the first boat this year and weighs anchor at 8 o'clock to-night. All passenger and freight reservations were sold out weeks ago.

In past years the frenzied residents of Nome have stormed the first ship in, and raided it of every vestige of green vegetables or fresh fruit. This year the Corwin is taking 500 pounds of fruit and vegetables to be distributed to the crowd that meets the boat gratis, for the sole purpose of preventing the looting of freight.

ANOTHER MERGER.

Toronto, May 12.—A merger of all tanning companies is now said to be under way with a capital of $30,000,000.

The population of the British Empire comprises about twenty-two per cent. of the entire population of the world.

THREE MINISTERS TAKE OATH OF FEALTY

Resolutions of Condolence Passed by Local Bodies—Public Memorial Service

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

Hon. W. J. Bowser, attorney-general and minister of finance and agriculture; Hon. F. C. Carter-Cotton, president of the council, and Hon. Price Ellison, minister of lands, took the oath of fealty to King George V. before Lieut.-Governor Paterson this morning.

A cablegram has been sent to Dowager Queen Alexandra, as follows: "The president and members of the Alexandra Club, representing the women of Victoria, British Columbia, beg leave to offer humble expression of grief and sympathy with their beloved Queen." The following reply has been received: "The Queen thanks the members of the Alexandra Club for their kind sympathy. (Signed) Knollys."

The regular meeting of L. O. L., No. 1610, was adjourned last evening after the passage of the following resolution: "We, the members of L. O. L., No. 1610, having learned with deepest regret of the death of our most gracious sovereign King Edward the VII., desire to express our heartfelt sympathy with the dowager queen, King George the V. and all the royal family, in this their sad bereavement. And to give expression to our sympathy, do now rise and remain adjourned until our next regular meeting. And we also desire to place on record our unswerving loyalty to the British throne and its present sovereign King George V."

Alexandra and Pride of the Island lodges, S. O. E., and the local lodge of Sons of St. George met last evening to arrange for their share in the public memorial services. W. H. Price was elected chairman and Charles Holmes secretary in connection with the matter.

The Foul Bay Tennis Club dance, which was to have been held this evening, has been postponed until May 27, in the A. O. U. W. hall.

The Ladies' Musical Club has postponed its closing concert, which was fixed for May 18th in Institute hall.

A navy league meeting was to have been held at Duncan to-day but it has been postponed.

Review Cancelled.

Halifax, N. S., May 10.—The review of the permanent and local forces ordered for Empire Day have been cancelled by the military authorities on account of the death of King Edward.

DISTANCE RECORD IN WIRELESS WORK

Philippine Islands Station Heard Calling by Operator at Hill Crest

San Francisco, May 10.—A spark of the wireless leaping through the air from the navy wireless station at San Juan, P. I., was heard by the operator at the Hill Crest station, seven miles south of here, late yesterday, and a new aerial record was established.

Operators at Tatoosh, Table Bluff and other stations along the Coast to-day are endeavoring to pick up the "N. A. U." call from San Juan. The possibility of their success depends largely on atmospheric conditions.

When Operator Rankin at Hill Crest heard the call he realized at once that it was not from the sending machine of any Pacific Coast station. "N. A. U." was calling "N. A. L.," which is the wireless station at Washington, D. C.

Rankin, when he learned that Porto Rico was calling, endeavored to get a response. He was unable to learn whether his call had been heard in the far away island. The Hill Crest had intercepted a message from Japan, and later one from Key West, Florida, but the San Juan flash has broken all records save the great one made when Amapala and Valdez once flashed each other.

LOCAL NEWS

—The provincial government is insisting on the second payments on lots in Prince Rupert, purchased at the sale a year ago, being met promptly. It is understood that no further lots will be sold this year.

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—Percy Williams, M. E., who is in charge of operations on Lasqueti Island, was in Nanaimo recently arranging for the shipment of ore to that port. It is expected that these arrangements will be completed shortly and the mine worked to its capacity.

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—A building permit has been issued for the erection of a bandstand and dressing rooms on North Ward park. The permit is issued to the city and the cost is $1,140. A permit has been issued to Rasmus Sorenson for a house on King's road to cost $1,800.

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—Rapid progress is being made by Registrar Harvey Combe and his assistants in the work of dividing the list of electors into five registers for use in the ward polling districts. Mr. Combe is giving his customary care and attention to the task, which this revision is an exceptionally tedious and harassing one. Fully half the names on the list have old addresses and consequently many voters will find themselves placed in polling sub-divisions they no longer reside in.

MISSIONARY CONVENTION.

Toronto, May 12.—The following have been appointed to represent the Church of England in Canada at the world's missionary convention at Edinburgh in June next: Delegates to the assembly hall, Rev. Canon Tucker, Archdeacon Cody. Delegates to the synod hall: Dr. W. H. Hewitt and Rev. H. Symonds, D. D. Vicar of Christ cathedral, Montreal. Rev. Canon Tucker left for England yesterday and will conduct a series of addresses at various points before going to Scotland.

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FIRST GOLD COINS WITH GEORGE'S HEAD

But There Will Be No New Coinage or Stamps Till End of the Year

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, May 12.—The head of King George V. will appear on the coins or postage stamps of Canada before the end of the year. The likeness of Edward the Peacemaker will continue on the currency and stamps for another six months, at least.

The post office department has a six months supply on hand and these will be used up while dies are being prepared for the new issue of George V. stamps. Changing the design of the metal currency is also a matter of time. Designs have to be prepared and approved in both Canada and Great Britain. When the head of the King appears on a coin his special approval of the portrait has to be obtained. The finance department has for some time been looking into the question of designs for the new gold coinage of Canada and on these the head of King George will appear. The first of January next will probably be the date of the first appearance of the Canadian gold coinage.

NEW WHALER.

William Grant to Be Moved to Marine Slip To-Morrow.

Steam whaler William Grant, which was imported in sections and has been put together by the Victoria Machinery Depot, is ready for launching, and is being moved over to the slip to-day. It is improbable that she will take the water until to-morrow.

The William Grant will not be ready to leave the shipyards for two or three weeks yet. She will be taken to the Queen Charlotte Islands by Captain William Heater, who is at present on the St. Lawrence.

TRIAL PROCEEDS.

New York, May 10.—Judge Hough to-day refused to dismiss thirty counts in the 1908 indictments against F. Augustus Heinze. The trial of the copper man will proceed on these counts.

TWO-YEAR-OLD BOY DISAPPEARS

Bloodhound Has Been Secured in Effort to Find Traces of the Little One

Elkhorn, Man., May 12.—A bloodhound has secured in one last desperate effort to solve the amazing circumstances surrounding the disappearance of the two-year-old son of Thomas France.

The third day of search shows several hundred people in the field diligently covering every foot of the surrounding country. The resolution displayed by every class to abandon business to assist the bereaved family indicates the widespread interest in the affair. But the authorities are baffled. Yesterday they arrived at the conclusion that less than ten minutes elapsed between the time when John Heritage, a farmer residing near the France homestead, saw the baby in the road and the time when Mrs. Heritage arrived at the point to ascertain what the little fellow could be doing there alone. In that ten minutes, made necessary by a walk of a quarter of a mile, the child disappeared as completely as if it had vanished in the air.

The country immediately surrounding the place where the little fellow was seen is so level that if a person was passing Mrs. Heritage would certainly have observed them. The grass is not high enough around the place to conceal a child's body, reclining or standing. These facts add to the mystery of the distressing case.

Mrs. France has given up hope of seeing her baby alive, and the father is but little more hopeful.

—The contract for the conduit system to be employed in the electric lighting system of the city has been awarded to the B. C. Electric Construction Company of Vancouver, and the contract for the necessary wiring to Messrs. Hutchison Bros., of this city.

Frederick Moore, ex-coxswain of the Southend lifeboat, who died recently, helped to save 150 lives and had many narrow escapes from death.

BORN.

NEWBURY—On the 2nd inst., the wife of John C. Newbury, of a son.

BALE—On the 10th inst., at Stadacona avenue, to the wife of D. H. Bale, a son