PROVINCIAL HAPPENINGS

Georgia street, Vancouver, is to have bithulithic pavement.

Enderby city band played at the opening of the new city hall recently.

P. H. Murphy is taking over the King Edward hotel, Enderby, from Mrs. Bell.

A comparatively large influx of settlers is expected in the Enderby district during the year.

J. L. LaVallee has been appointed the Fernie manager of the Kootenay telephone lines.

C. P. R. Agent Sharpe of Enderby, has been transferred to Donald and will be succeeded by J. Burnham.

Burnaby ratepayers are holding two public meetings this week to discuss general provincial issues.

Arthur Westcott, of Nanaimo, contracted blood poisoning while diamond drilling on the townsite.

Three of the Japanese injured in the Great Northern wreck near New Westminster have been discharged from the hospital.

Nanaimo's poultry association is meeting this evening when the desirability of forming a provincial association (as advocated by Mr. Juill) will be discussed.

Mr. James Cunningham of New Westminster has just celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his arrival in British Columbia.

Fernie corporation intends to further reduce the local electric light rates and a new schedule will be published shortly.

Mr. Joseph Allsop and Miss Viola Margaret Hutchinson, both of Ladysmith, were married in Nanaimo last Saturday by Rev. John Robson.

While preparing his boat to row across the lake at Balfour, William Scott, a resident rancher, collapsed, dying in a few moments of heart disease.

Ald. Cree of Fernie city council has given notice of a bylaw to amend the fire limit bylaw so that the Dominion government may erect a frame drill hall.

The Chilliwack line of the B. C. E. R. Co., has been connected with the Vancouver lines, and there is no no break in the line of communication from Vancouver to beyond Cloverdale.

Cowichan Indians hold a hiyou potlach tomorrow, when it is expected that more than four hundred Indians will be present from all parts of the Island and the lower Mainland.

Mayor Lee of New Westminster has just received unofficial intimation that in the event of the decision in the Coquitlam dam matter going against the city a flat will be granted the city to the Excheper court.

A South African Veterans' association is being formed in Nelson. The organization committee is composed of A. Haselden, chairman; L. Stewart, G. Anderson, A. E. Bennett, T. Chatterson, W. Holmes, S. A. Kelly, A. Fraser and P. J. Audy.

The authorities of Vancouver city are making inquiries for the whereabouts of John P. Alporte, who borrowed $1,500 from the city 15 years ago, giving a mortgage on property near Abbotsford which has since greatly appreciated in value. The city is now anxious to foreclose to satisfy a claim of $3,300 with accumulated interest.

Vancouver had a hurry-up courthouse wedding on Monday, the principals being Laban P. Zimmer of Odessa, Wash., and Miss Barbara Taylor of Coeur d'Alene, both of whom objected to the medical inspection formality precedent to marriages under Washington state law. Their haste was occasioned by their desire to catch the first train back to the states.

The advocates of moral reform and the restriction of the liquor traffic who were elected to the Nelson city council last month have begun to harass Mayor Selous, who favors the status quo. A lively year is evidently ahead of the council. Ald. McDonald has given notice of another liquor resolution for the next meeting.

One of the earliest pioneers of British Columbia has just passed away at Gabriola Island, in the person of Richard Chappel, aged ninety years. He led the van in the great Cariboo rush, and also is believed to have been the first prospector in Cassiar. Of the three surviving members of the family, a daughter, Mrs. E. H. Henley, resides in Victoria.

While boating in Chemainus harbor Monday, in company with one of the nurses from the hospital, Dr. Thomson received severe injuries through the accidental discharge of both barrels of his gun, which he had taken with him, hoping to pick up a few ducks. The contents on one barrel lodged in the wrist and those of the other in the elbow. The nurse applied first aid, and it is hoped to save the arm, although success in this is problematical.

"In the grove of trees below the Union street depot of the C. P. R., on Tuesday morning about 50 birds were heard singing," says the Rossland Miner. "There was a wild canary among the feathered songsters and its clear notes could be heard above the others like that of a strong-voiced soprano in a church choir. So many different songs were heard that there must have been several varieties of birds among the lot. This is one of the signs of the coming spring which is unmistakable. The mildness of the winter must have tempted the birds to journey north at an earlier time than usual. It was indeed cheering to hear these little warblers singing the glad song of the coming vernal season."

Black bass are plentiful in Christina lake.

The conciliation board meets at Greenwood tomorrow.

Forty fruit trees are to be planted near Bossburg in the spring.

Prince Rupert is to have two daily papers by the coming of the spring.

Vancouver's license commission will hereafter hold open meetings.

Enderby's new city hall has been formally opened with music and much speechmaking.

The ball given at the C.P.R. hotel in Sicamous last Friday proved the event of the season in the district named.

The No-Smoking-On-The-Platform rule goes into effect on Vancouver's street cars tomorrow.

It now takes five days for mail to reach Orient from Phoenix and Greenwood, 39 miles away.

Mr. George Johnson of Nanaimo has been appointed to a permanent position on H. M's. customs staff.

The Fort George Stage company has been formed to operate a weekly stage between Fort George and Quesnel.

Vancouver's first exhibition will be held during mid-August, immediately preceding the Everett show in the North Pacific Fair Circuit.

The Dundas Methodist church of Vancouver has unanimously invited its pastor, Rev. R. M. Thompson, to remain with the congregation for another year.

Mr. H. P. Dickenson, a well known Kootenaian, was united in marriage last week to Miss Margaret McRae of Coeur d'Alene.

J. L. Keeley of Port Essington was fined $150 a fortnight ago for selling liquor to an Indian woman. This may be referred to as the Keeley cure.

One hundred passengers are provided for in the accommodation of the new steamer for the Golden to Windermere run.

The Wallace Shipyards Co. of Vancouver have secured the contract for the building of the new North Vancouver ferry.

The threatened strike of the United Mine Workers of America, for a higher wage scale, will not affect this province.

Miss Mary Mason has left Nelson for Fulton, Cal., where she will be married today to H. R. Thomas, formerly of Greenwood, in this province.

The marriage of Mr. M. J. Bonner and Miss Isabella Whitehead was celebrated at Moyie on Saturday last by Rev. Father Beck.

The marriage of Mr. Joseph Pasquic and Miss Susa Buckna was solemnized at Nelson last by Rev. Father McKinnon.

Mr. E. C. Emde of Cumberland and Miss Clara Walker of Nanaimo were united in marriage at the Presbyterian Manse, Nanaimo, a week or so ago.

Harcourt P. Dickenson, a well known Rosslander, was married at Coeur d'Alene a few days ago, to Miss Margaret McRae.

Difficulties of a technical nature will prevent the contemplated change in the debentures of New Westminster City providing for a modification of the interest percentage.

Agents representing a Vancouver syndicate have located nearly six square miles of oil claims on Lulu Island. It is said that good indications of oil have been found.

Nelson's public school board is threatening the city council with proceedings for libel, as a result of the council's reference to certain school funds as "wrongfully appropriated and expended."

Mrs. Minnie Williams, an aged resident of Creston, was found dead in her bed at that city on Friday night last. She had apparently been ill some time, alone and without medical aid.

The water supply in Marshall Lake has become so low that a larger body of water in the old Stemwinder mine is being tapped with city mains for use in Phoenix in the event of fire occurring.

While in prison at Greenwood, charged with assault upon a half-breed woman, Arthur E. Mackenzie tore the bars out of his cell window and escaped. He was recaptured at Midway and brought back to Greenwood.

John Kando, alias S. Sano, has been sentenced to two years in the penitentiary by Magistrate Yarwood of Nanaimo, on his conviction for a series of forged check speculations.

Mr. John Boyd, president of the Moyie Miners' Union, has taken to himself a bride in the person of Miss Mildred Smith, also a resident of Moyie for some time past.

The Vancouver Power company is making initial preparations for the installation of a 20,000 h. p. unit at the Lake Buntzen plant, which, when completed will cost $500,000.

An overturned Peterboro canoe found afloat near Sable river it is feared may prove to be evidence of a tragedy. The ownership of the unlucky craft is not yet determined.

One of the very earliest pioneers of Vancouver, Mr. Robert Balfour, is dead. He came to the Terminal City with the railroad, having previously been engaged in C. P. R. construction.

The first wedding to be celebrated in the Bulkley valley took place at Aldermere on the 25th of December, Rev. F. L. Stephenson officiating, and Miss Lillian B. Wakefield of Deep Creek, giving herself to Mr. Emory Barger as a most acceptable Christmas present.

Harvey Creech and J. Bell are staking land on Copper river for Victoria parties and so soon as this work is completed Mr. Creech will return to Copper City and open an hotel. H. N. Ross and Bruce Johnson also contemplate the establishment of an hotel at Lakelse Hot Springs.

No. 10 mile at Coal Creek is closed down owing to the presence of water.

The city of Fernie is demanding post boxes and a city delivery system.

Fernie expects to double its population during the current year.

Cariboo is experiencing an unusually mild winter.

Fernie's Baptists will begin construction of a new church in March.

Ex-Alderman A. E. Goodman has been appointed city librarian of Vancouver.

John Thompson, late of the Mountain House, is the new proprietor of the Soda Creek hotel.

Vancouver city has decided to support the application at Ottawa of the Burrard Inlet Bridge & Tunnel Co.

J. H. Senkler has been chosen as president by the amalgamated Liberal associations of Vancouver.

Thomas J. Proctor has declined the proffered appointment of assistant electrician of Vancouver.

Vancouver citizens are protesting against smoking being permitted on the platforms of any street cars.

The wedding was celebrated at Princeton recently of Mr. Frederick Johnson and Miss Amelia Faust.

A Farmers' association has been formed in the Nechaco with W. Snell as president.

A New townsite near South Fort George is to be put on the market by Victorians. It is on a bench forty feet above the river level.

H. Snow, who lost an arm while working at the dumper at Coal Creek four years ago, is now in charge of the Coal Creek public school.

The wedding of Miss Nicholson and Mr. A. Wiltsie, formerly of Ladner, was celebrated in the Royal City last Thursday.

A civic investigation committee at Vancouver is studying the problem of "extras" in connection with the exhibition building there.

Three more Kispiox Indians have been committed to jail terms by the magistrate at Hazelton, as a sequel to a series of burglarious raids.

Nanaimo is moving in the direction of securing a public library, and Andrew Carnegie has advised the Citizens League that he will provide one under the usual conditions.

It is reported that the G.T.P. contemplates the dismantling of its Skeena river fleet and their shipment to Soda Creek, by way of Ashcroft, for service on the Fraser river during construction through Cariboo.

Messrs. Hastie and French, of Victoria, interviewed the Nanaimo Citizens' League urging civic assistance toward the establishment of a smelter in the Coal City. The proposals received the endorsement of the league.

Gordon Murdock was the victim of a serious accident near China creek, in the Princeton neighborhood, last week, through a sleighload of wood turning over upon him. Two ribs were broken, his jaw fractured, and he received numerous cuts and bruises.

Vancouver is waging war upon those barber shops which regard not the Sunday law. Three policemen were among the patrons of one of these shops last Sunday, so that the evidence was very conclusive in one particular case.

Reisi Hotta, editor of the Canadian Daily News, a Japanese newspaper published at Vancouver, has been committed for trial on the charge of having criminally libelled T. Nagano, an officer of the Canadian-Japanese association.

J. C. Johnnie, the lovelorn Chinaman charged with threatening the life of the white young girl school teacher at Pitt Meadows in the event of her persisting in refusing to marry him, has been further remanded until the 11th instant.

The charge of shooting with intent preferred against the alleged Black Hander Dominick Marsden in the Vancouver police court, has been further adjourned in consequence of the inability of the principal witness to leave the hospital.

The new C.P.R. steamer for the Arrow Lakes is to cost $120,000 and to be ready for the season of 1911. The new vessel will embody features not hitherto seen in Interior British Columbia; the hull will be of steel throughout and the engines of the tandem reciprocating type affecting a great fuel saving.

Cranbrook's Board of Trade is representing to the city council the desirability of levying a $100 tax on all brokers, beauty agents and curbstone brokers not permanently located in the city, as a means of dealing with a considerable body of men now touring the province wildcatting in lands.

Kamloops citizens, through their civic government, are objecting to the maintenance of a sanitarium for the treatment of tuberculosis within the city limits, and will petition the provincial health department to give the city power to close it. It is claimed that since the Tranquille sanitarium was established, Kamloops has been the dumping ground for that institution, and that the health of the citizens is in danger from the influx of consumptives.

At Chilliwack on Wednesday, Simon George, an Indian of the Skwi reservation, was charged with shooting Siwash Joe, a medicine man, on the previous Sunday morning. The story, as told to the police, was somewhat unusual. Simon was Siwash Joe's grandcousin and he called the latter out of bed at 2 o'clock in the morning to attend upon his wife, who was reported ill. On the way, Simon drew Joe's attention to the house of Indian Bob, and, on turning round again, Joe saw in Simon's hand the muzzle of a rifle, pointed directly at his eye. Joe instinctively grasped the barrel and threw it upwards, the rifle going off and the bullet plowing a wound, two inches long, in his scalp. He struggled with Simon for the gun and called for the assistance of Bob. Thereupon Simon ran away, leaving the gun in Joe's hands. The defendant said he intended to give Simon the gun in payment for services. He carried it under his arm, and, the night being dark, his companion did not notice it at first. When he did, however, he became alarmed and grasped it. The hammer had been pulled up and in the rebound discharged a cartridge in the barrel of the rifle. Simon George was sent up for trial at the spring assizes.

The Cumberland Branch of the Island Development League has petitioned the government to include in the amending timber laws a clause providing for the occupation for agricultural settlement of any logged-off lands held under timber licence or lease.

The Matsqui-Sumas Board of Trade has passed a resolution in favor of binding the Great Northern to completion of the V., V. & E. from Princeton to the Coast within a reasonable time, and the Columbian, the personal property of J. D. Taylor, M.P., suggests that other cities and Boards of Trade in the Fraser Valley and on the Coast follow the example set.

The Nanaimo Citizens' League has passed the following resolution, not precisely in the nature of studied compliment to the member representing Nanaimo in the local House: "Resolved that this league declare the statements made by J. H. Hawthornthwaite, M. P. P., on the floor of the House, reflecting on the Citizens' League of Nanaimo, are untruthful, uncalled for, having no foundation in fact and detrimental to the best interests of the city."

The provincial government is to be asked to amend the present franchises which the B.C.E.R. Company holds in Hastings Townsite and D.L. 301 so as to make them extend only for a term of years ending in 1918, as does the Vancouver city franchise to the company, instead of extending indeterminately as at present. In this manner it is hoped by the Vancouver civic authorities and those pressing for the annexation of the two districts named to remove all obstacles to a happy union.

Mayor Lee has returned to New Westminster from the Capital, where he was in consultation with the government in respects to the change decided upon in the Royal City, which desires to abandon its special charter and come in under the provisions of the Municipal Clauses act. The government is reported to have the matter under consideration, but New Westminster will probably be obliged to drop certain clauses which it was desired to have incorporated in the general act. The provincial executive has also under consideration the matter of the change in the rate of interest on the Royal City's bonds.

The Indian Reserve in the west end of New Westminster city, south of Sixth avenue and between 16th and 18th streets, is now the property of the Royal City. Negotiations have been for some time in progress looking to the securing of this property by the Royal City, and during Mayor Lee's recent visit to the Capital he obtained the deed for the reversionary rights of the province. The property was reserved by the Dominion government in the first place for Indian uses, but as the Indians had not lived on the property for some years it reverts back to the province. It will still be necessary for the city to apply to the Dominion government for the land, but that is a matter of form as it has practically no further interest in it once the Indians move away.

Princeton's Orange Lodge, No. 2102, has kindly taken it upon itself to advise the British government on the Irish question, and recently passed the following resolution, copies of which are on their way to the Worshipful Grand Master of British North America, the Home and Colonial Secretary, and Mr. Joseph Martin, M.P.: "Resolved, that we, members of Loyal Orange Lodge, No. 2102, Princeton, B. C., believing in self government in local matters as a solution of many troubles now perplexing British statesmen regarding Ireland, and having in view the peace, comfort and welfare of our brethren in that country, beg to respectfully recommend for the consideration of His Majesty's government in granting a measure of home rule, that two self governing legislative bodies be formed, thus separating "the dominant and opposing religious elements, thereby promoting peace and harmony."

FOUR TEAMS IN BALL LEAGUES

Vancouver, Spokane, Tacoma and Seattle Only Cities Represented in 1910 Pacific Northwest Baseball Series

SEATTLE, Feb. 9.—There will be only four clubs in the Northwestern league this season and on Monday night the league directors completed the 1910 schedule. Vancouver will open in Spokane, and Tacoma in Seattle. The complete schedule will be announced next Sunday. W. D. Haywood, of Vancouver, was elected vice-president of the league.

The muddled situation which has prevailed in regard to league affairs was cleared somewhat yesterday when the Northwestern Baseball league won a legal battle from the Aberdeen club, when Court Commissioner Robert H. Lindsay refused to grant the club an injunction restraining the league from making its schedule. The trial came up in the superior court. All the league magnates were present. Fred Miller, of Spokane, was the attorney for the league while Attorney Brunner, of Aberdeen, looked after the Black Cats.

The league's strong points were made when it submitted the constitution provision which gives it the right to drop a club for business reasons on the vote of the remaining clubs, and when it proved that Rowland had taken an option on the Tacoma club, thus accepting as binding the action of the league in ousting Aberdeen.

Aberdeen has also secured an alternative writ of mandate, which requires the league to reinstate Aberdeen or show cause for refusal. This is returnable on February 18, but it is not believed that Aberdeen can win after the strong showing made by the league today.

George Shreeder, the Tacoma magnate, who came over for the hearing, announces that he has sold the Tacoma club to Eddie Quinn, the former Spokane manager. Quinn is also in Seattle. Shreeder retains his ball park, which he has leased to Quinn for five years. The terms of the sale were not made public, but it is understood that Shreeder disposed of the club for approximately $5,000. Cliff Blakeneship is to be playing captain of the Tigers.

CONSERVATIVES WILL GATHER

Great Convention of Party to Assemble From Every Province in Dominion Next June —Mr. Green Returns

Mr. R. F. Green has returned from Ottawa where he took part in the conference of Conservative leaders from all portions of the Dominion, to arrange for a great national convention. Interviewed by the Colonist yesterday, Mr. Green said:

"This is, I believe, the first time in the history of the Conservative party in Canada that such a convention has been called. Delegates will be chosen from every constituency in the Dominion and will come together in a sort of parliament of the Conservative party. They will decide upon what issues it shall appeal to the people at the next general election. This is a thoroughly democratic method of procedure. Each delegate will be free to bring up the issues that he thinks ought to be raised, and the forward, progressive steps that he thinks the government of Canada ought to undertake.

"Although in Opposition at Ottawa, the Conservative party is a mighty national force. Conservative governments are in power in five out of the nine provinces, including such great provinces as Ontario, Manitoba and British Columbia. Even in Quebec they were in but a small minority of the popular vote at the last election. The policy decided upon by such a party will have a very important effect upon the future legislation of the country. And when it girds up its loins to the fight, and enters the conflict well prepared and well organized, its chances of victory will be better than they have ever been since the days of Sir John A. Macdonald.

"The country is ripe for a change, and the Conservative party is full of confidence, and ready to enter the next general election in splendid fettle. That is the feeling not only on the part of the delegates from British Columbia but on the part of the delegates from every other province. Everywhere the feeling is the same as reflected in our reports from all parts of the Dominion.

Mr. Borden Encouraged

"Mr. Borden himself, has been greatly encouraged by the success of the conference as the following letter shows:

"My Dear Mr. Green:

"I appreciate most sincerely your attendance at the recent meeting of delegates charged with the duty of making preliminary arrangements for the approaching convention. I was never present at a more businesslike meeting; and I hope that the further work in preparation for the convention will be carried out with equal thoroughness and efficiency. The fact that out of thirty parliamentary delegates selected from every province throughout the Dominion, no lower than twenty-six were present, is ample evidence of the strong interest and enthusiasm evinced by the Conservative party in this movement.

"With renewed thanks and all good wishes for the new year, believe me, yours faithfully, R. L. BORDEN."

When and Where

"When will the national convention be held?" Mr. Green was asked.

"On the 15th and 16th of June, at Ottawa."

"When will the delegates be selected?"

"Not later than March 15. That is the date fixed at Ottawa and I have just received a letter from Mr. Blount, the Dominion secretary, expressing the hope that the British Columbia central organization will be able to let him have a complete list of the delegates as soon as possible after that date."

Who the Delegates Will Be

"How will the delegates be chosen?"

"It was decided that every Conservative member of the Dominion parliament, and every defeated Conservative candidate at the last election, should be ex-officio delegates; also that twenty delegates be elected from each constituency. With a view of having the convention as representative as possible, it was also recommended that editors of Conservative papers, members and defeated candidates for local legislatures, and delegates from Conservative clubs be also chosen. For British Columbia the method and means of selecting these delegates has been left in the hands of the central organization of the province.

"The provincial executive will meet almost at once to begin the work."

B. C. in the East

Mr. Green visited Toronto, Montreal and other centres while in the East. Everywhere he found the greatest interest excited in the extension of the Canadian Northern railway to the Pacific with the consequent development of British Columbia. The sweeping victory of Hon. Mr. McBride had also greatly delighted all Conservatives.

SPIKES WILL BE ALLOWED IN BALL

No Rule Against Their Use Expected Despite Agitation of Couple Months Ago.

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—Despite the agitation against the use of spikes in baseball, it is apparent that no rule will be made against them. As a matter of fact, intentional spiking is not difficult to detect, and the capable umpire generally knows whom to watch. Cases of accidental spiking, while severe, must be charged against the chances of the game. Players and umpires believe that fast play depends upon the use of spikes.

"To anybody who has ever played baseball, abolishing the spike is foolish," declares Evans, the umpire. "The spike is the one big asset of the ball player. He must have his shoes so equipped that he can make a quick start as well as stop, and I can see no substitute that offers the same possibilities as the steel spike. To anybody who has ever played baseball, all this talk of leather cleats taking the place of the steel spike is a joke. More speed is the demand of every baseball manager and owner.

"To ask a ball player to work on a grass infield or outfield with leather cleats as his only means of re-inforcement would be foolhardy. On a skinned diamond it would not be so bad, but on a grass diamond, such as many minor and major league clubs now own, it would simply be out of the question. Incidentally, it would tend to greatly slow up the work of the men, as they wouldn't take so many chances or be so certain 'on their feet.

"I can't see one chance in a thousand for the abolition of the spike. The steel chain in the shape of a triangle that was tried last year utterly failed to bring results. I do, however, think that the present spike can be changed so as to make it less dangerous and still just as valuable to the player."

DEMONSTRATIONS OF SPRAYING

A series of spraying demonstrations, with evening talks on "Practical Commercial Spraying," has been arranged by R. M. Winslow, provincial horticulturist, for the districts of the Islands and on the E. & N., as follows:

Feb. 14. Mr. Stuart's orchard and Temperance Hall, Keating.

Feb. 15. Errington and Cantwell's orchard and Sidney Hall, North Saanich.

Feb. 16. Fred Crofton's orchard and Public Hall, Ganges Harbor.

Feb. 17. Hudson Lee's orchard and South Salt Spring schoolhouse, South Salt Spring.

Feb. 18. Jas. Bennett's orchard and schoolhouse, Mayne Island.

Feb. 19. Mr. Menzie's orchard, North Pender.

Feb. 21. Mr. Hayward's orchard and Agricultural Hall, Duncans.

Feb. 22. Mr. Mottishaw's orchard and Town Hall, Nanaimo.

Feb. 23. W. T. Shaw's orchard, Gabriola Island.

In each case the spraying demonstrations will start at 2 p.m., the boat connections, etc., permitting. Evening meetings are held at 7 p.m. In the afternoon the making and application of Bordeaux mixture, lime-sulphur, arsenate of lead and aphis sprays will be demonstrated. In the evening the discussion will centre on the different types of pumps and apparatus, their cost and efficiency, and conditions under which each is best. This will be followed by a talk on a simple spray routine for the needs of each district, and a practical discussion on all sprays necessary for use.

GROSSLY EXAGGERATED

Warburton Pike is in the city on business connected with the exhibit which the provincial government is sending to the Vancouver sportsman's exhibition. He will be in charge and as a well-known hunter of big game will be able to speak from his personal knowledge of British Columbia.

Speaking of the rumors of his death on a "perilous" journey down the Colorado, Mr. Pike laughed. The country, he said, was one of the easiest he had ever been through. The Colorado was for the most part a rather sluggish stream, not nearly as dangerous as the Cowichan. The only trouble was that the water was not always very palatable, and the stream sometimes shallow though wide. In one place it practically disappeared in the sand, and the shallowness often made the going laborious.

BURNS STUDIES HIS OPPONENT

When real ring seconds are spoken of, the names Tommy Ryan, Kid McCoy and "Spider" Kelly always appear in the front row. What about Tommy Burns? Tommy has seldom been referred to in the capacity of a second. Nevertheless, Thomas is one of the best advisers that any man might listen to. Tommy may not be as quick on the instant as Kid McCoy or Tommy Ryan, but he can plan ahead as well as either. Knowing that he is to second a man, Burns figures out a scheme of battle which will bring the best results possible.

An Instance

An instance of Burns' reasoning power was noted before he fought Marvin Hart. Tommy was scoffed and laughed at by some of the ring critics. They could not see the rudgy Canuck having a chance with a giant like Hart. Burns was in a bitter state of mind during his training. "I'll show a couple of those bums what they know of fighting," muttered Tommy as he whaled away at his work. Here's the way I figure it. Hart is a lot taller than I am. He outweighs me. But I think I'm just as strong and I'm clever. The first thing Hart will do will be to rush me. You just watch me take that rush and go back to the ropes with him, covering all the time. Sure they'll hoot at me and start giving knockout odds for Hart. But in that first rush of Hart's I'll know just how strong he is. After that I'll pick him to pieces, because if he doesn't outclass me on sheer strength he hasn't a chance.

Was Quite Right

Clang, went the gong. Hart lunged at Burns like a grizzly after a calf. Burns covers and is whirled back to the ropes with his gloves over his face and his back crouched. The crowd yells in derision at Burns. The big fat sport writers puffed their cigars and glanced knowingly at one another. Hart goes to his corner, smiling good naturedly. Burns, cool as he was a few weeks ago, steps slowly to his corner. Money changed hands. Somehow or other a little stream of red started from Hart's nose before long. Somehow or other red welts stood out on Marvin's sides. Strange though it may seem, the bluegrass gent became serious looking. A couple of the sport writers chewed nervously at their weeds and forgot to light 'em again. At the end of 20 rounds Mr. Hart of Kentucky resembled a beefsteak not long in the pan. Tommy Burns was made.

All Champions

Here is the way some of the boxers sign their names:

Jimmy Walsh, original bantamweight champion of the world.

Monte Attell, bantamweight champion of America.

Johnny Coulon, bantamweight champion of America.

Jimmy Moran, bantamweight champion of America.

Pal Moore, bantamweight champion of the east.

Charley Goldman, bantamweight champion of the south.

Joe Wagner, Italian bantamweight champion.

Johnny Morran, bantamweight champion of the Lambs' club.

Denny Webster, bantamweight champion of the west.

Marty Heffernan, bantamweight ex-champion of the Bedford club.

Frankie Burns, bantamweight champion of Jersey City.

Phil McGovern, bantamweight champion of Brooklyn and Carnegie.

Well, there are a lot more, but it takes too much space to put them all in. Every place and section has a bantam champ, but the north pole. Cook held the title there but grew too heavy to defend it.

RAILWAY BILLS ARE CONSIDERED

Committee Passes Upon Applications for Charters for Various Projected Undertakings

The railway committee of the local House yesterday granted a time extension as desired to the Vancouver & Nicola Valley Railway Co., although not just such an extension as this company had applied for. The company has now until December 31, 1911 (not Feb. 1, 1912), in which to complete its preliminary work and save the deposit guarantee.

Three Graham Island railway petitions were also considered by the committee, the promoters of these several roads being in each instance a coal mining company, and the roads being primarily designed to facilitate development of their properties and shipment of the product of these embryo mines.

In the case of one company represented before the committee by Mr. E. V. Bodwell, K. C., it was suggested that a change of name would be desirable for the avoidance of confusion, this being the Graham Island Railway Co., a title held by still another company previously incorporated. The change was made to the Queen Charlotte Railway Co.

The Island Valley Railway Co., promoted by Mr. Castleman, is still another transportation agency identified with the development of coal properties in the interior of the Queen Charlottes.

This latter road is to extend from Queen Charlotte townsite, on Skidegate Inlet, west to Hona River, and along that stream and the Yakun River to Masset Inlet. The route of the Queen Charlotte Railway Co. is from Skidegate Inlet to Miller Creek, and thence to Masset also.

The original Graham Island Railway Co., now the only one of the name, the other having become the Q. C. R., has until December 31, 1911, to expend its $10,000 in surveys or construction, and an extension of six months for deposit of the $5,000 security required by the government.

In each case dealt with yesterday the committee adhered strictly to the adopted principle of insisting upon all proposed branches being specifically defined, and no blanket privileges being given in respect to branches.

Petitions have been received by the attorney general's department from the people of prosperous and progressive Creston, asking that both county and small debts courts be established in their community. It is expected that the request for a small debts court will be garnted, Mr. J. K. Johnson, editor of the Creston Review, being named as magistrate.

THE LOCAL MARKETS

Flour.	
Royal Household, a bag	$ 2.00
Lake of the Woods, a bag	2.00
Royal Standard, a bag	2.00
Wild Rose, a bag	2.00
Robin Hood, per sack	2.00
Calgary, a bag	1.75
Snowflake, a bag	1.85
Drifted Snow, per sack	1.75
Three Star, per sack	1.80
Moffet's Best, per bag	1.85
Feedstuffs.	
Bran, per 100 lbs.	1.50
Shorts, per 100 lbs.	1.70
Middlings, per 100 lbs.	1.80
Oats, per 100 lbs.	1.60
Feed Wheat, per 100 lbs.	2.25
Crushed Oats, per 100 lbs.	1.75
Barley, per 100 lbs.	1.50
Crushed Barley, per 100 lbs.	1.50
Chop Feed, per 100 lbs.	1.50
Whole Corn, per 100 lbs.	2.00
Cracked Corn, per 100 lbs.	2.05
Feed Cornmeal, per 100 lbs.	2.05
Hay, Fraser River, per ton	20.00
Hay, prairie	19.00
MEATS.	
Beef, per lb.	.08@.18
Mutton, per lb.	.12½@.20
Veal, dressed, per lb.	.10@.18
Geese, dressed, per lb.	.18@.20
Guinea Fowl, each	1.00
Chickens, per lb.	.25@.30
Chickens, per lb., live weight	.12½@.15
Ducks, dressed, per lb.	.20@.25
Hams, per lb.	.18@.22
Vegetables.	
Onions, 6 lbs for	.25
Sweet Potatoes, 3 lbs.	.25
Beets, per lb.	.02
Carrots, per lb.	.02
Parsley, per bunch	.05
Celery, per bunch	.10
Cucumbers	.25@.35
Potatoes, per sack	1.50
Cauliflower, each	.20@.35
Cabbage, new, per lb.	.03
Lettuce, a head	.05
Garlic, per lb.	.20
Dairy Produce.	
Eggs	
Fresh Island, per dozen	.40
Eastern Eggs, per dozen	.35
Cheese	
Canadian, per lb.	.20
Neufchatel, each	.10
Cream, local, each	.10
Butter	
Alberta, per lb.	.35
Best Dairy	.25@.30
Chilliwack Creamery, per lb.	.40
Victoria Creamery, per lb.	.45
Cowichan Creamery, per lb.	.45
Comox Creamery, per lb.	.45
Salt Spring Is. Creamery, lb.	.45
Fruit.	
Lemons, per dozen	.25
Figs, colossal, per lb.	.08@.10
Local Apples, per box	1.75@2.50
Bananas, per dozen	.35
Figs, table, per lb.	.35
Raisins, table, per lb.	.25@.60
Pineapples, each	.35@.50
Quinces, 3 lbs.	.25

Births Marriages, Deaths

MARRIED.

POWELL-HOWARD—Duncan Powell, son of the late William Powell, London, Eng., to Euginie Winifred Howard, of Victoria, at St. Barnabas church, February 2, 1910.

DIED.

HICKS—On the 2nd inst., at his son-in-law's residence, 221 Menzies street, Robert Hicks, a native of Norfolk, England, aged 81 years.

COLSTON—At 1061 Hulton street, on the 2nd inst., William Colston, age 69 years; a native of London, England.

WOLLASTON—At his residence, "Elacot," Oak Bay avenue, on the 4th inst., Francis Henry Wollaston, aged 50 years; a native of Liverpool, England. The funeral will take place on Monday at 10:15 a. m. from the residence and 11 o'clock at Christ Church Cathedral.

ROSS—At St. Joseph's hospital, on the 5th inst., Alexander Ross, a native of Aberdeen, Scotland, and 60 years of age.