URGE REDUCTION OF PRESS RATES

CONCESSION GRANTED BY PACIFIC BOARD

Deputation of Delegates to Wait on Premier Asquith.

London, June 26. — The Imperial press conference met yesterday to consider the report of the committee appointed at its opening session to consider the matter of cable rates. Hon. H. L. W. Lawson presided. The chairman submitted the committee's recommendation, which urged the governments of the empire to increase their efforts towards obtaining a reduction in imperial electric communication and to ask Mr. Asquith, premier of Great Britain, to receive a deputation. It also emphasized the necessity of linking up the different parts of the empire with a wireless service.

One positive result, said Mr. Lawson, had been reached. Mr. Baxendale, on behalf of the Pacific cable board, having stated that the board would reduce their rates on press messages by one half if the New Zealand government would do the same regarding terminal charges. It is believed, Mr. Lawson added, that the Australian government will do the same. Continuing, Mr. Lawson said it was the general opinion that nothing would meet the necessities of the case except a general reduction in press rates.

It was resolved that the committee, with the addition of Lord Northcliffe, J. W. Dafoe, of the Winnipeg Free Press, Mr. Spender, of the New Westminster Gazette, Mr. Donald, of the Chronicle, and others should wait upon Mr. Asquith. The other recommendations of the committee adopted. Moberley Bell, of the London Times, pointed out that the concessions by the Pacific cable board would reduce the press rates from 1s to 9½d. Mr. Bell added that the Canadian authorities would also be asked by the board to reduce their charges.

P. D. Ross, Ottawa, reintroduced his resolution favoring state-owned electric communication between Canada and Great Britain, remaking that in view of the possibility of wireless telegraphy he was perhaps making a great mistake if he used the words "state-owned cable." (Hear, hear.) He thought the governments of Canada and Great Britain should consider the matter immediately, as Mr. Marconi had informed the committee that morning that in August next he would be able to give a service of 15,000 words daily at half the cable rates. (Hear, hear.) It was state-owned communication, however, which would ensure a reduction in rates. Rates were kept high in combines. The representative of the Anglo-American Co. had informed Moberley Bell that his company was willing to reduce press rates one-half, but could not because of arrangements with other companies.

Mr. Fenwick, director of the Otago Times and Witness, Wellington, N. Z., seconded the resolution, pointing out the appropriateness of such a resolution coming from a Canadian.

Mr. Temperley, of New South Wales, said it would be the duty of Newfoundland to contribute to the cost of such a scheme.

Mr. Marconi thought it would be injudicious for governments to enter into a scheme of state-owned cables without first investigating the merits of wireless communication. The cost of equipping two stations for communicating over a distance already tested of 3,000 miles will be £10,000. The speed of transmission at present was 25 words a minute, but by duplexing he hoped to make it 50. (Applause.) If the service increased his company would be prepared to reduce the cost of press messages to twopence a word. (Applause.)

Kiffin Thomas, of Adelaide, and Thomas Cunningham, also of Australia, opposed the resolution. They pointed out the danger of cable companies also gaining a monopoly of wireless telegraphy.

Mr. Brierley, of Montreal, said this was very largely a Canadian question. The reduction announced by the Pacific cable board was the strongest argument in favor of Mr. Ross' resolution. They could not look for a reduction across the Atlantic under present circumstances. They should not pay exaggerated respect to the question of competition with companies. How long would it be tolerated for Canadians to pay fivepence across the Atlantic while Australians were paying twopence across the Pacific?

Mr. Dafoe said that what they wanted was a rate of five cents a word. If by wireless, well and good, if not then by cable. (Applause.) The shortest road to get that rate was by a state-owned cable. (Hear, hear.) This, he declared, was an imperial question in its widest aspect and significance, and while being tender towards vested interests, let them not forget the rights of the public. (Applause.)

J. A. Macdonald, of Toronto, remarked that he had no fear of Socialism and no sensitiveness for companies either here or in Canada. The papers in Canada paid for all they got and sometimes for things they did not get. (Laughter.) He was prepared to vote for the resolution, knowing that the system of Mr. Marconi will probably be in full working order before the governments would do anything. It certainly would be longer than August before they got to work. (Laughter.) He agreed with Mr. Dafoe that this was an imperial question, and remarked that every Canadian paper not entangled in some telegraphic company was in favor of the resolution. (Applause.)

Mr. Dafoe seconded the resolution, Mr. Temperley withdrawing at the request of the chairman. Thirty-six voted for the resolution and none against.

It was also agreed that the deputation in favor of state-owned electric communication with South Africa. He said the Union government would certainly give a subsidy for the purpose. This was also carried.

Mr. Nelson, of Victoria, B. C., then pointed out that Mr. Baxendale's offer depended on a reduction in terminal rates by the New Zealand and Australian government, and moved a resolution urging upon those governments the desirability of co-operation. This was carried unanimously.

Sir Hugh Graham moved a resolution concerning immigration. He said there was not a question of greater importance than the maintenance of British sentiment in Canada, which was the keystone of the imperial arch. The majority of the population in Canada was overwhelmingly British. Canada wanted good people from all lands, but wanted more of them from Britain. He announced that a serious effort would be made in Canada to commemorate the conference by organizing an association of leading journalists and public-spirited citizens to strengthen and stimulate the existing organizations in order that desirable immigrants may receive the utmost encouragement. He moved a resolution to the effect that the press should co-operate in the wise direction of emigration. (Hear, hear.) Mr. Macdonald gave the proposition the heartiest sympathy. Mr. Nichols, of Winnipeg, declared that the foreign immigrants in Western Canada as citizens were absolutely all right. (Hear, hear.)

The resolution was carried unanimously.

MANY CORPORATIONS WILL LOSE CHARTERS

Removed From Washington Records for Failure to Pay License.

Olympia, Wash., June 25.—Nearly 1,000 Washington corporations soon will be wiped off the records of the office of the secretary of state, and such of them as are not already dead, will no longer be permitted to do business in this state.

Under a law of 1905, all corporations delinquent two years or more in the payment of the annual license must be taken from the list. The attorney-general has just ruled that this delinquency cannot be settled by paying up now.

Thousands of old corporations are delinquent and many hundreds more will fall in the class unless they pay up this month.

FORMER ATTENDANT AT HOSPITAL ON TRIAL

Doctor Declares Patient's Death Was Due to Shock Following Violence.

San Bernardino, Cal., June 26.—"Henry Grassmee died from shock, following violence, not from general paresis," declared Dr. F. W. Huff, of Los Angeles, on the witness stand yesterday in the preliminary hearing of former Attendant Hans Berg, charged with manslaughter in connection with Grassmee's death at Patton hospital for the insane.

Dr. Huff flatly contradicted the testimony of hospital surgeons that Grassmee died of paresis and supported the post mortem examination of the coroner's surgeon at Los Angeles which was the basis of a coroner's jury verdict censuring the hospital.

The morning session was occupied in technical argument on paresis and its effects.

WELSH PICNIC.

Pleasant Afternoon is Planned For Dominion Day.

The Welsh picnic at Shoal Bay, July 1st, will be one of the principal events of the day. The prizes now total over $100, contributed in goods or cash by David Spencer, Ltd., $10; Harris & McDonald, sack flour; Smith & Champion, furniture, $2; W. McDonald, Douglas street, pair boy's boots, $2.50; Watson & McGregor, $1.50 penknife; James Maynard, pair boy's running boots, $1; A. W. Knight, workbasket, $1.50; Jackson & Co., druggists, perfumes, $1.25; A. Petch, jeweller, watch chain, locket and brooch; Wilby, Douglas street, doll, $1.50; P. Burns & Co., ham; Lilly, Douglas street, box candy, $1; McManus, Douglas street, goods; Mr. Pennock, jeweller, goods; Hall & Walker, half ton of coal; Hub cigar store, pipe, $2.50; B. Williams & Co., pants, $5; Goddacre & Son, roast of beef, $2; Mr. Stewart, bottle liquor; S. Bantley, box cigars; W. B. Hall, groceries, $2; Brown & Cooper, fruit; Thorpe & Co., 6 doz. soft drinks; Wilkerson & Son, jewellers, brooch, $3.50; Leigh & Son, mill load of wood; Dr. O. M. Jones, $5; Dr. Forrest Leeder, $5; G. R. Hughes, $5; Mr. Owen, $1; R. Dinsdale, $1; Mr. Wynne (Prior & Co.), $2; T. R. Davies, $1; J. Lewis, $1; D. Moses, $2.50; A Friend, 50c; Wm. Lewis, $1; Mr. Bennett, $1; Mrs. Petch, 50c; T. Davies, $1; Mr. Evans, $1; J. M. Thomas, $1.

Ladies will furnish sandwiches and cake, and the gentlemen are asked to bring fruit, etc. The programme of sports will be published later.

BLACKSMITH'S SUICIDE.

Ends His Life While in Attitude of Prayer.

Seattle, Wash., June 26.—Chris Schoening, a blacksmith, 38 years of age, committed suicide at the Goldfield hotel yesterday morning by shooting himself through the head with a 38-calibre revolver. From the position of the body when found—kneeling by the side of his bed in his room—the coroner believes the man was praying when he killed himself.

Schoening came here three weeks ago from Greenwood, Ia. He had been sick since being here, and is believed to have been despondent because of his illness.

PROBING MURDER IN MARYLAND

POLICE FIND LETTER WRITTEN BY EASTMAN

Was Eye-Witness of Tragedy, But Took No Part in Crime.

St. Michaels, Md., June 26.—That Robert Emmet Eastman, known as Emmet Roberts, played no actual part in the killing of Edith Woodill, is the assertion he made in the letter to Vinnie Bradcome, an actress in the employ of Klaw and Erlanger, that was found in the dead man's pocket.

The letter, which was made public from the man who was killed yesterday by a pursuing posse, and who was thought to have been guilty of the terrible crime, said:

"Vinnie, take this money and go at once to McDaniels, Talbot county, Maryland, and claim my body and my property. My body will be there. The property consists of 22 acres of land and the bungalow; also a motor boat. Have a sale and convert everything to cash.

"I don't owe a cent except for a paint pump, which the firm of Shannahan, Wright & Easton will be glad to take back. It is not broken and is just as it was shipped.

"Little girl, I had no hand in that awful tragedy. I was there and removed the evidence after the two couples had fled. I did this for my own preservation, for I am haunted.

"The victim was my particular friend: we were well mated. I had known her but three weeks.

"We all, that is two men and two women from Annapolis, went to the bungalow for a time. Everyone got full except Edith and myself.

"Edith tried to win one of the girl's fellows. While lying on the bed she was hit on the side of the head three times with a full champagne bottle. She fell over on the floor, dead. The fellow was hit once and didn't come too for an hour.

"I was left with the corpse, and cannot take a chance for trial. Life to me is very bitter, and I will pull down my shades and say good-bye. You can claim my property. Say as little as you can about it, but get it.

"I'm awfully sorry for you and my boy, and have been hustling madly to make your path clear for you, but fate is against me.

"BOB."

"P. S.—Take Penna. railroad to Easton, and change to B. C. & A. Don't neglect this for the property is valuable."

The police believe the letter is a fabrication to save the memory of Eastman and to clear his name. They are, however, searching for the alleged companions of the couple mentioned in the letter.

That Emmet Roberts, the man who was shot by a posse early yesterday, was Robert Emmet Eastman, is thought to have been established beyond all doubt by Louis E. Pedlar, cousin of Vinnie Bradcome, who viewed the body to-day. Pedlar is a newspaper artist of Washington. He formerly was in the employ of the San Francisco Chronicle. He stated that he had paid many visits to his cousin in New York, and was well acquainted with the man who is said to have been the actress' intimate friend. Pedlar was certain in his identification and stated that there was no possibility of a mistake.

The coroner's jury will push an investigation as rapidly as possible.

That Robert Eastman did not intend to kill himself, and wrote the letter found in his pockets to cover an intended flight from the country was the opinion given by George B. Taylor, his closest friend, at the inquest to-day. He testified further that Eastman had not known Edith Woodill long, and never spoke of her among his friends. Aside from these facts, his testimony offered nothing of value to the investigators.

Eastman lived with Taylor in this city while his bungalow, in which the crime was committed, was being built. They were known as bosom friends. Eastman's body is being held here pending the arrival of Attorney Rosenthal.

Find Mrs. Woodill's Jewelry.

Baltimore, Md., June 26.—Several articles of jewelry known to have belonged to Mrs. Woodill were found today in a pawn shop in this city. The keeper of the shop stated that a man resembling Eastman's description called with them Monday afternoon. According to the shop keeper, Eastman appeared agitated and nervous and left the shop as quickly as possible.

Attorney Rosenthal, who acted for Eastman in the stock fraud case, left to-day for St. Michaels. Rosenthal declared his implicit belief in the story told by Eastman's letter. He stated that when his client jumped bail in New York last September he went directly to Los Angeles to meet Edith Woodill.

"He told me," the attorney said, "that he was going to California to meet a very dear friend. He stayed in Los Angeles until last April, when he returned east."

—St. Andrew's and First Presbyterian Sunday schools are making perfect arrangements for the joint annual basket picnic at Goldstream on July 1st. Baskets will be transferred to and from the grounds free of charge. A special train service has been provided on the E. & N.

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—The united clericus of the Anglican churches was brought to a close Friday evening. The Rev. Archdeacon Scriven preached the sermon. In the afternoon an "at home" was given by Mrs. E. Crow Baker. The next meeting place is to be Seattle.

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—A. Boggs, of this city, has passed the entrance examination to the Royal Military College, Kingston, and will enter at the opening of next term. Other western matriculants are T. H. Taylor and B. A. Rhodes, Vancouver, and G. B. Latimer, New Westminster.

SUNDAY CLOSING TO BE AGAIN DISCUSSED

By-law Will Be Reconsidered at Monday Night's Council Meeting.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

On Monday night the city council will decide the fate of the Sunday closing by-law. Although it is a piece of civic legislation which has passed all its stages in council, it is to be brought up for reconsideration on a motion of Ald Humber.

When it was before the council on Monday evening for its last and most formal stage it went through unnoticed by six of the aldermen, some of whom desired to speak in opposition to the proposal. As reported at the time, Ald. Humber and Ald. Turner were very indignant with the acting mayor, blaming him for putting the motion without having called their attention to what was going on.

Some of the aldermen are entirely opposed to the extension of Sunday closing proposed in this by-law, and there is a likelihood that it will be recommitted, as Ald. Humber will propose that the restrictive clauses be struck out of it.

The vote taken on the matter by way of referendum at the municipal election is not thought by several of the aldermen to be a sufficiently definite expression of opinion to warrant the passage of the by-law. They point out that out of some 4,500 municipal voters the mayoralty vote was 3,648, the school trustee vote was 2,842, while on the two referendums there voted 2,543; of whom 1,198 desired the passage of a by-law. There were 255 spoiled ballots and 1,090 votes cast against closing.

FIRE PROTECTION AVAILABLE AT ONCE

Main Will Be Laid to Connect With B. C. Electric Salt Water Pumps.

A step taken by the streets committee Friday will render available for fire protection purposes at once the new high-pressure system of mains.

An eight-inch main is to be laid from the city system at Herald and Store streets, where it runs down to the pumping station, to connect with the salt-water system which the B. C. Electric Railway Company has installed for the protection of its property in that vicinity. This will give additional protection to the company and to the sawmills, and until the city pumping plant is installed it will have the additional advantage that the B. C. Electric pumps can be used to force water into the whole system of mains should a fire break out in any part of the district protected.

A petition was received from a large number of residents on Linden avenue, asking for the grading, surface draining and laying of sidewalks on that thoroughfare from Fairfield road to Dallas road. They would leave to the city engineer the determination of how the work should be done, and to the water commissioner as to laying water mains. Then in a year's time they would ask for the paving, curbing and boulevarding of the street.

City Engineer Topp agreed that this would be a good idea, as it would give the winter for the trenches and cross-trenches to settle.

Ald. Fullerton protested against any work being done on a street which had only two houses in a stretch of three-quarters of a mile. Parts of the centre of the city were more in need.

Ald. Raymond and Ald. McKeown pointed out that people would not build until there was drainage and sidewalks.

"Why should this street get a sidewalk for two houses when on my street we cannot get a permanent walk with a hundred houses?" asked Ald. Fullerton.

To the chairman the Ward Three alderman said the walk had been asked for, but it would be years before they got it. This one on Linden avenue would be given before Pembroke street got its.

Ald. Fullerton made it plain that he had no objection to sewering and road-making, but only to putting in a sidewalk for so few houses.

The engineer was asked to make a report.

The city solicitors reported that from the passing of the by-law dealing with the removal of poles, the B. C. Electric or B. C. Telephone companies would have to pay the cost of their removal. In regard to the bill of $140 odd for moving poles on Belleville street, ordered before that, the city would have to pay.

GROUND FOR THE COMOX TENNIS CLUB

Provisional Committee Will Meet Shortly to Consider Offer.

Comox, June 24.—Father Mertens states that he will lease one acre of land for ten years to accommodate the tennis club. The provisional committee will meet soon to go into the question.

A company to manufacture and distribute electric light and power, also water power, will apply for an act of incorporation under the title of the Campbell River Power Company.

Mr. Pidcock arrived on Tuesday from Quathiaski cove in his launch Lily.

Mrs. (Dr.) Millard gave a tennis party at her residence at Courtenay on Tuesday. Among those present were Mrs. Piercy, Mrs. Horace Smith, Mrs. Beadnell and Miss Hale.

—The funeral of the late Napier Kingsbury took place this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the Hanna chapel. There was a number of friends present and a few flowers were sent. Rev. T. E. Holling officiated.

ORGANIZATION FIRST REQUISITE

LORD ESHER ADDRESSES PRESS DELEGATES

Admiral Beresford Advocates an Interchange of Cruisers.

London, June 26.—The Imperial press conference to-day resumed the discussion of Imperial defence, Lord Esher presiding. The chairman told the delegates he thought it impossible to be agreed upon a definite scheme of Imperial naval defence.

"If, however," he added, "you can agree upon a plan which will give you good sailors and good officers, then good ships, and the right type of ships are bound to follow. Your true guide will ultimately be not the British admiralty, but your own naval experts who will have learned their lesson with the main battle fleet who will be in touch with strategical plans of the British admiralty, and also in touch with your own sentiment and needs."

The necessities of Imperial military defence, Lord Esher said, were summed up in the words: "Imperial general staff." He then urged the necessity of organizing the whole resources of the nation for defence, for in future victory would rest with the organized nation.

Lord Charles Beresford thought that the grave note of the statements in speeches during the conference was due to the fact that the nation was not prepared for defence. He thought that owing to the deferred liabilities and other things it would be impossible for Britain to maintain the two-power standard without the aid of the five sister nations. "Don't let us be in a hurry," he said, "but don't let us be too long. Let us meet together on the same platform and discuss how each can help the other."

Lord Beresford suggested that the overseas nations could do most by protecting their weakest places, namely, the Imperial trade routes. They should have mobile defensive forces, and he advocated an interchange of cruisers, pointing out the pleasure it would be to British sailors to see a Canadian or Australian ship leading the line. He praised the personnel of the navy, which had never been better in the last fifty years. (Applause.) He then referred to the information which resulted in the dismantling of repairing stations all over the world. He suggested that the overseas statesmen might put those in repair, and concluded by declaring that when it comes to war the oversea fleets must come under the great strategical bureau, which will be at the admiralty, but was not there now. (Laughter and applause.)

Sir John French dealt with the Imperial general staff and its endeavor to weld together the scattered forces of the Empire, and he asked the delegates to use their power in furthering that object. (Hear, hear.)

Lord Charles Beresford, at the conclusion of the conference, promised Macdonald and Brierly that during his forthcoming visit to Canada he would speak at the opening of the Toronto exhibition and before the Canadian clubs of Toronto and Montreal.

Mr. Temperley moved a resolution to the effect that national defence is the most urgent question of the day for the Empire.

Australian and home delegates monopolized the ensuing discussion, but towards the close Mr. Macdonald, of the Toronto Globe, rose and hoped the resolution would not be put because it either meant too little or too much, and second because it could not express the result of the conference, which he summed as follow:

"The result is that we know and see each other's standpoint and obligations and we go back with a wide outlook and a sense of Empire relationship and Empire obligation which could not be expressed by this reckless, themeless and pithless resolution. The conference has not been a junket; it has been a serious affair largely because it is not bound by any resolution and we shall go back truer Empire men," he said.

Referring particularly to defence, he said that if Canada had 20,000,000 people no power could beat it off the map, but with eighty millions alongside of it it behooved Canada to be wise. Their international boundary of 2,000 miles was without a gun and without a warship, and he desired to see that one instance of humanity and civilization was retained undisturbed.

Mr. Temperley then withdrew his resolution.

Then the delegates expressing their great appreciation of their reception in Great Britain, the conference concluded with the National Anthem and cheers.

Mr. Nichols, of the Winnipeg Telegram, submitted to the conference a cabled request from Hugh Sutherland, chairman of the Winnipeg world's fair committee, to the effect that he and Mr. Dafoe, of the Free Press, should invite the conference to meet in Winnipeg in 1912. Mr. Nichols said that if the conference would meet in Winnipeg he could assure them a warm-hearted British welcome. Kyffin Thomas expressed appreciation of the invitation and requested the delegates to meet subsequently and consider it.

HARVARD COMMENCEMENT.

Cambridge, Mass., June 26.—Hundreds of visitors for the annual commencement of Harvard University are in this city to-day. The great event of this year's programme will be the formal delivery of $1,000,000 bequeathed by the late Gordon McKay, to further technical education at the university.

—Friday the young people of the First Baptist church had a social gathering at the Gorge park. They met shortly after 6 o'clock and had tea, afterwards spending a very enjoyable evening. Owing to the inclemency of the weather the gathering was broken up about 9.30, much to the regret of all

LARGE PRIZES FOR AIRSHIP RACES

Many Entries Expected for the Contests to Be Held in Germany.

Berlin, June 26.—Final arrangements were completed to-day for the international aeronautic exhibition which will be opened July 10th at Frankfort-on-the-Main and for which prizes amounting to $50,000 will be offered. The exhibition hall, now in progress of erection, covers 6,000 square meters, while on a large field adjoining there will be real contestants in which the heavier-than-air machines and the dirigibles will contest for supremacy. The fact that the Gross military balloon, the pet of the German signal corps, will not be exhibited for military reasons is a great disappointment, especially to Count Zeppelin, who had hoped to show that his machine is the better.

There will also be an interest from the side line of guns for use in combating aerial craft. Both the Erhard and Krupp factories are completing guns to be shown designed to reach airships in flight and also guns to be carried in the proposed armored balloons.

During the exhibition there will be three race meetings open to every class of aerial traveller, and it is understood that there will be entrants from every section of the globe.

AUTO BY-LAWS ARE TO BE ENFORCED

Citizens Must Sound Horns as Required by the Regulations.

G. H. Barnard, M. P., has been summoned to appear in the police court to answer a charge of non-observance of the automobile driving regulations. Thursday night last, it is alleged, he turned the corner of View and Broad streets in his automobile without sounding the alarm horn. He was observed by the constable on duty and a summons issued. The summons is returnable Tuesday.

The police are determined that the safety of the public shall be insured against the reckless driving of automobiles, and that all the automobile by-laws shall be observed. Those who do not display their license numbers, blow horns at crossings, or do not observe the speed limit will be prosecuted.

CRUSHED UNDER WHEELS OF WAGON

New Westminster Youth Fatally Injured While Unloading Logs.

New Westminster, June 25.—His body crushed by the wheels of his wagon under circumstances almost exactly similar to those which resulted in the death of his father scarcely a year ago, Frank Bowell, of this city, died at the Royal Columbian hospital yesterday afternoon.

At the time when the accident which resulted in his death occurred, Frank Bowell was engaged along with George Eberts, of this city, in unloading a number of logs from a wagon and throwing them into the Brunette river in order that they might be floated down to the Brunette sawmill.

The wagon was standing on a little bridge on one of the plank roads between the Dewdney trunk road and the Fraser. The two men were about to pull the last one of the logs off the wagon and roll it into the river, when one of the horses suddenly became restless and started forward.

The heavy log, already half off the wagon, swung round, one end of it catching in the woodwork of the bridge. As the wagon jerked forward the other end raised, and swinging swiftly round, hit Frank Bowell, throwing him to the ground and under the wheels of the moving wagon. As he lay, the wheel passed across the lower part of his body, causing fatal internal injuries.

The injured man was at once taken to the Royal Columbian hospital, where he expired about an hour and a half after the accident took place. The late Frank Bowell was 18 years of age.

DESPONDENT WOMAN'S SUICIDE.

Hopland, Cal., June 26.—Funeral services over the body of Mrs. Louise Lea, who committed suicide because she feared her husband had contracted tuberculosis, were held to-day.

Mrs. Lea, who was but 22 years of age, had been despondent since physicians ordered her husband to go to San Francisco to be examined by tuberculosis experts. They refused to permit her to accompany him. Brooding over the possibility of her husband's death, she is thought to have become temporarily insane. She ended her life at their little ranch house Thursday, drinking a poisonous solution obtained by soaking poisoned wheat grains in water. The wheat had been prepared by Lea to exterminate gophers on the ranch.

—The funeral of little Sophia Metro, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Metro, 508 Government street, took place on Saturday from the hospital and proceeded to Ross Bay, where interment took place. The orthodox Greek priest from Vancouver officiated.

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—The Collegiate school cadets on Friday afternoon were inspected by Capt. P. Elliston, R.C.G.A., in the absence of Major C. C. Benett, who was unable to be present. The corps was in command of Captain G. B. Procter and Lieutenants Smith and Ross. A total of 49 cadets out of 50 were present for the inspection.

SKINNER STREET CORNER A TRAP

ALDERMAN AND FIRE CHIEF GET CLOSE CALL

Council Will Try to Remedy Condition Residents Complain of.

The danger of the present position of affairs at the corner of Skinner and Russell streets was brought home to the members of the city council Friday night when, at the streets committee, they learned that Ald. Mable and Fire Chief Davis had had a narrow escape from a terrible death at that point earlier in the evening.

In order to get an easier grade in getting out on Craigflower road the company, some time ago, bought a corner lot and relaid its line. In doing so it crossed the sidewalk on the north side of Skinner street and, a few feet further on, the sidewalk on the east side of Russell street. The result is that pedestrians have to walk along the track for some forty feet, and the conditions are described as very dangerous. The residents have asked the council to remedy this and the construction of the permanent walk on Skinner street has been suspended till something is decided on.

Last evening Ald. Mable was escorting Fire Chief Davis through Victoria West looking at the location of hydrants. At this corner, in the dusk of the evening, they were caught in a bunch of cars and only the chief's coolness and good driving saved them.

Ald. Mable mentioned the matter to the committee, but laid a great deal more stress on the fact that at any moment there was liable to be a bad accident to children. He insisted that something must be done, and done at once.

The city has tried to purchase a lot and run the walk in but the owner does not wish to sell. The committee did not see just how to get over the difficulty but Chairman Turner will see the company and endeavor to get an amicable arrangement.

The B. C. Electric Railway was granted permission to run its Esquimalt and Gorge cars in a loop by way of Government, Yates, Douglas and Bay streets. The line on Douglas street will be double-tracked from Pembroke to Bay and a connection will be put in on the short block of Bay street between Douglas and Government. There will be no wait at the corner of Government and Yates, and whether on time or not the west-bound cars will have to keep moving to get out of the way of the Spring Ridge and Douglas street lines.

The city engineer asked for an additional amount to carry on the survey of the Spring Ridge gravel pits, for which $350 was voted. He said it would cost about $600. The work has not been started yet, even with the $350, and the committee told Mr. Topp to lose no more time with it.

A meeting or two ago the city engineer was instructed to purchase another small crusher. Last night he asked the committee if they desired him to call for tenders. He was told that it was up to him to go ahead and buy the crusher as he had been told to do.

INTERESTING LAW POINT.

Right of Co-owner to Freedom in the Making of Agreements.

An interesting legal point arose in the course of the trial of Maunell vs. Enos, an action for specific performance, which was dismissed by Chief Justice Hunter Friday afternoon. John Enos owned one-half of lot 46 in Alberni district, the other half being held by Mrs. George Baverlochy. Enos gave Baverlochy, whom he thought was the owner, power of attorney to lease or sell the whole lot. The latter entered into an agreement to sell to Stuart Maunell, but later the plaintiff found that the wife was the owner of the half-lot and a new agreement was made. Before she would sign it, Mrs. Baverlochy insisted on getting $10 an acre more than the price first agreed upon.

When Enos heard of this he refused to complete the sale of his half and the lawsuit followed. The chief justice dismissed the action on the ground that the power of attorney did not authorize Baverlochy to make any agreement in which Enos would be tied up with his co-owners. The agreement lacked, as far as Enos was concerned, that mutuality essential to maintain an action for specific damages. It is understood that the case will be carried to appeal. A. P. Luxton, K. C., represented the plaintiff and R. T. Elliott, K. C., the defendant.

—James Moggy has taken out a building permit for a dwelling on Sutlej street to be erected at a cost of $1,800.

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—A couple of young children had a narrow escape from death at the corner of Fort and Broad about 11 o'clock on Saturday. A work car, pushing two gravel wagons in front of it, was going up the street when they started to cross over towards the Pemberton corner. When they saw the wagons bearing down on them they paused irresolutely on the track. Fortunately the motorman saw them in time to stop and passers-by called to them to get out of the way, but their escape was so close that eye-witnesses got an unpleasant thrill.

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—Court Northern Light, A.O.F., at their meeting on Wednesday evening elected the following officers for the ensuing term: P.C.R., V. L. Williams; C.R., T. C. Smith; S.C.R., N. T. Lee; Treas., W. P. Smith; Sec., W. F. Fullerton; S.W., H. Ingram; J.W., H. Corfield; S.B., A. C. Chislett; J.B., W. A. Hurst; Surgeon, Dr. McMicking; Organist, E. Yardley. At the next meeting of the court, on July 14th, joint installation of officers of all the local courts will be held by the D.C.R. and district executive. At the next district meeting Court Northern Light will again hold the position of banner court in the province, with a membership of three hundred and forty-one.