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arious Resolutions Adopted at Convention of Eastern Boards of Trade-Publicity Committee Appointed

ROSSLAND, B. C., Jan. 18 .- The Asciated Boards of Trade of Eastern itish Columbia today appointed a mmittee, consisting of J. D. McDonof Rossland, C. F. McHardy of Neln. Noble Binns of Trail, Guy Lowenof Creston and J. W. Cockle of aslo to formulate a combined plan or a wide campaign of publicity for ll eastern Kootenay.

The resolution forwarded by Trail was adopted urging that in order that anadian gold and silver be used for coming purposes, that the Dominion vernment be requested to purchase old and silver at Trail on the same asis as the United States purchases nese metals at Seattle and Helena. hereby preventing the exportation of gold and silver to the States.

It was also recommended that a wagon road be constructed from the orth end of Kootenay lake to Windernere'via Earl Grey pass. The formation of rural telephone companies was adocated, support being given to the proposal that the British Columbia Telehone company be ordered by the govrnment to construct immediately a line between this section and the Boundary towns, to do away with the service of the leased line through Washington. A uniform boiler inspection act was proposed by Rossland and agreed to.

Votes of thanks and appreciation were ordially passed to Hon. R. McBride and he provinical government for so romptly having the Kaslo and Slocan ailway opened up again; to the Doinion government for granting \$36,-00 for a survey of the Columbia river; to the Rossland board of trade and the Rossland club for entertainment given the delegates; to the president, to the vice-president, to the press and to the secretary of the convention.

MUSICIANS DESPAIR

Conference of Incorporated Society Deals With Methods Employed in Granting of Degrees

LLANDUDNO, Wales, Jan. 20 .- The 27th annual conference of the Incorporated Society of Musicians was held here recently, and it became apparent that the keynote of the present position of the musical profession is one of profound gloom. This is said to be due to the methods employed in granting professional diplomas, the few letters placed after a name, and granted by some institution in return for a fee, being considered of no real value as evidence of the fitness of the teacher for his calling. Unfortunately, these diplomas are frequently quite sufficient for the ordinary parent, who is further enticed by the charges for lessons which in many instances are so trifling as to make the musical education of a child a matter of small consideration The remedy suggested is that the pro-fession itself should educate the public to discriminate between the good and the bad, and it is thought that much could be accomplished in the direction of persuading the public that if a payment is made for teaching, the instruction should at least be worth the

Dr. Cummings made the interesting statement that the oldest specimen of in the twelfth century and entitled "Sumer is icumen in" (summer is coming in). The manuscript is now in the museum. It was Celtc in origin.

Packers' Trial

CHICAGO, Jan. 19 .- Several hundred original memorandum cost sheets for beef used by Armour and Company at its South Omaha plant between March and September, 1910, were introduced into evidence into the packers' trial today. They are the first original data dealing with the actual figuring of the beef cost within the period covered by the indictment unearthed in the trial

ISLAND BREEDERS WIN AT VANCOUVER

Many Local Birds Among the Prize Fowl at First Provincial Show Held by B. C. Poultry Association

The first annual provincial poultry show held under the auspices of the British Columbia Poultry association at Vancouver, closed on Friday last. Those who saw the exhibits at the show held recently in Victoria foresaw that competition at the mainland city would be exceedingly keen and that the birds that won would have to be very good indeed. Many of these were given a preliminary canter at Victoria and in several instances were birds bought from all over the continent at heavy prices. The following awards were gained by Island exnibitors: Tinted eggs, W. Jennings 3rd; White Cornish Game, W. M. Higgs of Sooke, 1st cock, 1st hen, 2nd and 3rd pullets; Old English Black Red Game Bantams, P. S. Lampman, 1st exhibition pen; S. C. Brown Leghorn, F. Garland 1st cock and 1st exhibition pen; J. D. West, 1st cockerel and 1st pullet. S. C. Buff Leghorn, W. M. Higgs, 1st cock; G. Simpson 2nd and R. Butler 3rd; H. Ivan Clarke, 1st hen. Single comb Black Minorca, G. Simpson 2nd cock; E. Greenwood, 1st hen, 2nd and 3rd cockerels and 1st & 2nd pullets, also 3rd exhibition pen. E. Greenwood showed the 1st and second rose comb Black hens and the 2nd pullet. Blue Andalusian, P. S. Lampman; 2nd cockerel. Silver Grey Dorkings, W. M. Higgs, 1st cock, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd hens. Buff Oringtons, J. Wood, 1st cockerel. Black Orpington, W. H. Medd, 1st cock, and 1st and 2nd hen, also 1st exhibition pen;

White Wyandottes, W. Pye, 1st hen.

The above are the only awards given ut to the press as yet but enough to show that Victoria breeders gained their full share of the prizes competed for. As was the case in Victoria regret is expressed at the small attendance of the public, but a good number of breeders from this city went over to attend.

Portland Man Murdered

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 20.-Edison W. Mutch, a well-to-do resident of Fortland, was found early today mysteriously shot to death. The body, still warm, was discovered by a policeman at the rear entrance to a saloon in East Portland before one o'clock. According to the police the body had been dranged to the place where it was

CONSTANTINOULE, Jan. 19.-The dissolution of the chamber of deputies last night, when the minister of jus tice, in the presence of all the deputies. read an imperial decree dissolving the assembly. This closed a brief profitless session, which was chiefly taken up in quarreling. The new parliament will re-assemble within three

Battle in Ecuador

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.-State department advices today from Consul Gen. Dietrich at Guayaquil, while confirming the report in which one thousand men were killed or wounded, indicated that the engagement was decisive and that it would put an end to the rebellion against General Plaza, who was chosen by the Liberals in Quito to act as provisional president after the death of President Estrada last December.

This Year's Anniversaries

LONDON, Jan. 19 .- This year will have some interesting anniversaries. Perhaps the most noteworthy is the centenary of the birth of Charles Dickens, who first saw light at Portsmouth February 7, 1812. Samuel Smiles, who has helped so many to help themselves by his "Self Help," was born on December 23, 1812, while the Robert Browning centenary occurs on May 7. Then the "quincentenary of the birth of Joan of Arc occurred on January 6. The hapless Maid of Orleans was born on that day in 1412. The great Peninsular War supplies noteworthy events, and 1912 is the centenary of the battles of Cludad Rodrigo, Badajoz, and Salamanca, and Napoleon commenced his disastrous re treat from Moscow on October 18, 1812.

Women's Rights in Norway

CHRISTIANIA, Norway, Jan. 19 .-- A law admitting women to all public ofwas voted at tonight's sitting of the storthing. Exceptions, however, were made in regard to cabinet positions and in the milita"y, diplomatic and naval

Turks and Bulgarians Fight

LONDON, Jan. 19. Burkish troops have had a fight with Bulgarians near Uskub, says a dispatch. Five Bulgarians, including their leader, were killed, while the Turks lost one man. It is said that bombs and a number of important documents were found on the

Letter from Official of B. C. Telephones Company Says Local Rates Will Not be Raised

It is not the intention of the B. C. Telephone Co. to make any increase at the present time nor in the near future in the rates in effect in Victoria. This pleasing information has been conveyed to the members of the Board of Trade in a communication from the secretary of the company in the following letter: Dear Sir,-I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 13th inst., in reference to the question of increased telephone rates in the city of Victoria and am pleased you have written me in reference to this matter, which I understand has been the subject of a great deal of newspaper correspondence

In reply to pour enquiry I would say that it is not the intention, nor has it been, to make any increase, at the present time, nor in the near future, in the rates now in force in Victoria, although this must not be construed into any promise that an increase will not be made in some classes of service at a future date, as this will be found necessary owing to the increase in the number of subscribers and the additional cost of operating; however, I can promise that before any change is made in the rates at present in force, official information will be given to subscribers who would be affected, either by mail or by advertisement in the Victoria

GEO. M. HALSE.

Secretary-Treasurer. This explanation follows an outburst of indignation on the part of the publication some two months ago in the press that it was the intention of the company to increase the rates very materially both in Vancouver in Victoria. At a meeting of the Real Estate Exchange resolutions endorsing the stand of the Colonist were passed. Later the Real Estate Exchange arranged for a meeting with the Board of Trade, and at the quarterly general meeting of the latter body held on Friday of last week, the statement was made by Mr. R. B. Mc-Micking, the local manager of the tele-phone company, that it was erroneous to suppose that the company intended making an increase in rates as alleged. Thereupon the secretary of the Board of Trade was instructed to communicate with Mr. Halse, and the reply of that gentleman is as given above.

FOR ONE YEAR

Temporary Agreement Reached by Cotton Mill Owners and Operatives in England -Some Dissatisfaction

MANCHESTER, Eng., Jan. 19 .- The lispute in the cotton trade, which culminated in a lockout affecting about

The question in dispute between emoloyers and workers was the employnent of non-union labor. All the mills will be re-opened on Monday.

The operatives by a two to one vote This is regarded as a victory for the employers. The rank and file of the operatives are not satisfied with it, as their difficulties in persuading nonunionists to join the unions will be

WOULD RUIN THE FRUIT INDUSTRY

Mediterranean Fly Which Has Devastated Hawaii Would Bring Disaster to This Province if Allowed In

worst fruit pests in the world," as the Minister of Agriculture for British Columbia lately termed it, is quoted in extenso from the San Francisco Chroniele in view of the fact that quantities of fruit are imported into this province from the westward, and only last week, forty boxes of infected nineapples from Hawaii were condemned at Vancouver by the provincial fruit inspector, Mr. Thomas Cunningham, who aboratory has spent seven years in fighting this same dread pest in Aus tralia. He adds that the strictest watch s being kept on consignments fruit to this port and to Vancouver. It possible to detect the presence of the disease by squeezing the fruit forces the larva or eggs out through the original hole of entry." The San Francisco Chronicle says:

"California faces a new yellow peril. "It is the Mediterranean fruit fly, known in entomology as Ceralitis Cap-itata a small, othreous-hued insect." It has devastated St. Helena and the Isle of Malta and brought the inhabitants to such destitution that they are compelled to abandon those countries. It is working havor in the great orchards of Brazil, Hawaii, parts of Australia the and the countries along the Mediterran

vholesale, few fruits withstanding its onslaughts, and it holds science and all other man-made methods of relief at bay. Scientists say it is the deadliest enemy to the fruit world that has come to light in a century, and now it is threatening an invasion of California, hree-fourths of whose industry today is based on her fruit production.

So great is the pest and the fear of it that the last legislature of this State, following its adjournment for the Christmas holidays, convened again in special session, and in forty-five minutes enacted a law placing a rigorous quarantine on all Hawaiian-grown fruits and the law, receiving the Governor's signature immediately, instantly went into

The pest already has permeated Hawall, so that very little of that country's fruit, either cultivated or wild, is mmune, and the danger to California was so great a year ago that the Board of Commissioners or Agriculture and Forestry at Honolulu officially notified the Callfornia State officials. Millions of dollars' worth of orchard property on the islands has been ruined, and not a single piece of Hawaiian fruit, unless it be hermetically sealed and kept so, can enter California unless it is smuggled in.

May Buin Pruit Crops. Incredible as it may seem, all of this State's fruit industry, which has been estimated annually to be fully \$140,000,-000, may be totally ruined through the carelessness of one traveller, who, re-turning from Honolulu, smuggles one bit of Hawaiian fruit into the State. This is the statement of officials of the California State Commission of Horticulture who have charge of the quar-

Once established, the pest seems to have proved permanent wherever it has appeared. Poisonous sprays on the trees and all other methods of pest extermination have failed to kill it or check its spread. Parasitic enemies of the fly have proved only partially successful, and the only sure death so far discovered is fire and steam.

"Should it ever appear in this State the orchard in which it is found will be quarantined and surrounded by militia," declares O. E. Bremmer, chief deputy quarantine officer at San Francisco, "and then every tree will be burn-

"If it were not caught in time it would clean up California's entire stonefruit crop in two years' time. The citrus fruit would withstand it a very little longer, and then would follow the complete destruction of the apple, pear and grape crops, killing the wine and dried "In St. Helena and malta its devasta-

tion was the most complete ever ac-complished in the fruit world," asserts complished in the fruit world," asserts

The reason for this feeling is that Alfred Mosley, the wealthy English no one knows until the fruit has been philanthropist and education expert, who at present is in California seeking a larvae of the pest. And that is one of colony location for the establishment of a colony of the St. Retens people. They

The fly pierces the growing or ripen- ones curving around in front of the ing fruit and lays its eggs underneath the skin. The fruit goes on ripening, reaching maturity without a sign of the rottenness at its heart, while the eggs hatch and the fruit is filled with

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The Mediterranean fruit fly does not confine its operations to the fruits alone. In Hawaii and parts of Australia where a mass of maggots. All the ground around the trees is. it has gained root it attacks the bean,

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tion, and Mosley proposes to transplant

"Only the other day I had trouble

with a motherly, kindly old lady who

jewel into the country," says Bremmer.

When I started to go through her lug-

gage she said, "Oh, you don't need to search, I wouldn't do a thing like that.

If I had any fruit I'd be willing to say

that she made me feel like a boor and a clown, but I went through the bag-

gage conscientiously. When I got in the last piece she repeated her mild,

reproachful protest. 'Haven't you gone

far enough to be convinced I wouldn't

lie to you? she asked. But I went on

ruthlessly, though it seemed horribly impolite, and right at the bottom of that

grown in Hawaii."

home."

last grip I dscovered a great big orange,

"Well, you've found it," she confessed

ruefully. "I hoped you wouldn't because

I wanted to show it to my folks at

The quarantine officers, in fact, en-counter the most difficult part of their

duty in working among the cabin-pas-senger class of travellers who come

from Honolulu. A number of consign-

ments of Hawaiian fruit have been re-ceived here since the enactment of the

quarantine fruit law, and all have been

destroyed by burning or by steam treat-

ment. The largest of these arrived two days after the measure became law,

and the San Francisco dealer to whom it was consigned threatened to obtain

an injunction to prevent its destruction

and to sue the officials.

A Difficult Duty

"Her manner was so gentle and honest

wouldn't think of smuggling a valuable

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ment, we offer the following:

tomato, cotton, meloon and kindred soft vegetables.

This statement is proven by the samples that the California State Commission has obtained from these contracts of the same spot.

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It has no relation, so far as known one, and will live whereconfined to any zone, and will live whereconfined to any zone sion has obtained from those countries. ever fruit can be grown. and which are on exhibition at its quar-T. W. Kirk, head of the New Zealand Department of Agriculture, Says:

antine offices in the Ferry building. Those samples are kept carefully in air-"In Western Australia and New South Wales nothing has been found of any The imminence of the danger to fruituse against this fly. At the Cape of growers here is caused by the thoughtlessness or carelessness of tourists, who return to the States with a desire to Good Hope the only successful method has been covering the fruit with mosquito curtain while the fruit was riper exhibit specimens of Hawaiian or other Oriental fruits to their friends at home. Not realizing the gravity of the situaing. We have now had to burn consignments of the following fruits because they were infested with the tion, they attempt to silp by the quarantine officials with these fruits and dreaded maggot: Peacnes, cherries, man goes, pineapples, persimmons oranges in many instances the work of the State's men is made as difficult as that grenadillas, apricots, pears, shadducks, tomatoes, plums, bananas, figs, nectarof the Federal customs inspectors who ines, apples, mamee apples, loquats, are searching for smuggled jewelry.

mandarine and Maupi fruit." A Parasite Discovered He gave statistics proving that adult flies have been bred in temperatures down to 37 degrees Fahrenheit, and says that in winter he has had the insect remain in chryselis stage for seven

nonths and then emerge. In Brazil a parasite has been found that will aid materially in mitigating the evil, and a parasite has been imported and used with partial success in India and Italy, but it has never proved satisfactory. In Hawaii pears and some other fruits are kept covered with paper bags during the ripening period; but this does not kill the insect. In South Africa the Government has been buying factory outputs of gauze curtain finer meshed than mosquito netting and selling it to orchardists at cost to use as blankets over the entire tree; but even then the fly succeeds in reaching fruit that projects from the branches and touches the curtain.

"Once this pest gets root in California it will kill our entire fruit-growing and allied industries," says Bremmer, because other States will place a quar antine on California, We never can know that our fruit is clean and solid; and on the Eastern Markets California products would be tahooed when they learned that an entire consignment might prove to be decayed."

This destructive species is about the ame size, alive, as the common housefly, though it shrinks somewhat after death. The general color is an othreous yellow, lighter on the sides of the thorax and basal points of the antennae The eyes are of the usual reddish-purple tint and a blackish blot is marked in the centre of the forehead, from which spring two stout black bristles, a fine fringe of similar bristles round the hind

head between the eyes. It is an active little creature, run-

the trees, with its wings drooping down on the sides of the body. When disturbed it has a short flight, seldom going more than a few yards, and it often returns

the Morelos orange pest, but is far more destructive to check or kill.

LOCAL ENTRY IN HONOLULU RACE

Captain Ashe Enters Vessel Which Has Been Rechristened Natoose-Was Formerly Yacht Olympic

For the first time in several years Victoria will have an entry in the San Pedro-Honolulu yacht race. Captain Ashe of William Head, owner of the yacht Natoose, which will fly the colors of the Royal Victoria Yacht club, has decided to enter his vessel. He will be associated with another well known navigator in pursuing the race course. The vessel, which was formerly the Olympic, is a big green colored craft and is an excellent sailer. She will leave Victoria some time in April. The race starts from San Pedro, Cal., in June.

Each year the event brings out some of the best vessels on the Pacific Coast, and to win the event is almost as important to yachtsmen as a world's championship is to the baseball player. This will be Victoria's entry this year, whereas the city has not been represented at all previously, and the success of the local enthusiast is wished for by all. Captain Ashe is a true sportsman and

does considerable cruising about the coast. He is very well known among yachtsmen of the Pacific slope.

P. E. Island Parties

CHARLOTTETOWN, P.E.L., Jan. 18. This is declaration day. The returns show the standing of the parties in the Liberals. In the second district of Kings, where the result was in doubt. Simpson, the Conservative, has a mamargin of the head, with some coarser jority of six over Cox, hiberal.

L. F. SOLLY, Lakeview Poultry Farm, Westholme, Vancouver Island. Breeder of the most profitable of strains of White Leghorns and Pekin ducks. Hatching eggs \$10 per 100. Write for particulars.

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WINNIPEG, Jan. 18 .- Fire in Shoal Lake, Man., tonight destroyed Martin's bakery, where it started. Eakins and office, George Squires' block and a residence. Forty thousand dollars' damage

Count Oku Betires

TOKIO, Jan. 19 .- Field-Marshal Count Oku, chief of the general staff of the army, retired today, and General Viscount Hazgawa, ex-commander of the Japanese troops in Korea, was appointed to succeed him.

Portuguese Biot

LISBON, Jan. 19 .- Many persons were injured today at Sao Bartolomew priest attacked a separation law and republicans among his auditors protested. The military drove the warring factions out of the church.

TORONTO, Jan. 19 .- The board of control decided tonight to recommend that the council pass a bylaw prohibiting tobogganing in Toronto parks on

Against Sunday Toboganning

Stealing From Prisoners

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Jan. 19.-While the prisoners in the city jail, locked in their cells, slept last night, a thief ransacked the place and stole everything of value. The thefts were discovered this morning.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 18 .- Andrew Fuller, 103 years and 17 days old, the oldest man in King county, died yesterday at Red Leaf. Old age caused his death. He was a native of Quebec.

British Columbia fruit lands return on an average \$100 to \$500 per annum A Prince Rupert teamster last week dug his fork viciously in to a sack containing 300 pounds of dynamite. Mir-Captain William Bentley, one of the

original pioneers of the Boundary is Vancouver is taking steps to secure more adequate police court accommoda-

Negotiations between Nanaimo and the B. C. Hydraulic Co. are at an end. the company notifying the council that it cannot consider the installation of a tramway system unless the city will guarantee both principal and interest

on the necessary investment. Mr. and Mrs. James Harding of Murrayville, on the Fraser, have just celebrated their golden wedding.

Over \$2,000,000 has been expended

within the past six months in construction of the Kettle Valley railway.