DOUBT GOES IN FAVOR OF TREE

ROCKLAND AVENUE OAK AGAIN IN COURT

Chief Justice Gives Decision to Continue Its Life.

(From Friday's Daily).

The tree on Rockland avenue was again the subject of debate before the Chief Justice sitting in chambers this morning. This was on an application to strike out the statement of claim presented by the plaintiffs, J. W. Jones et al. The striking out of this statement would have had the effect of giving the city another opportunity to cut down the tree, but was refused by the Chief Justice.

The matter was introduced by W. J. Taylor, K. C., who stated that the plaintiff bought the parcel or tract of land according to a plan having certain boundaries. The ownership did not pass beyond the fence nor include any part of the street. The statement was defective, in that it did not claim any right to the tree, nor did it allege that the claimants had any proprietory right beyond the street. They did not claim to have any control over the tree, yet they claimed the right to prohibit its being cut down. The municipality had the absolute right over the streets within the municipality.

Chief Justice—If they choose, then, the city can block up a street?

Mr. Taylor—Certainly. The municipality has the right to exchange or sell the streets if they wish. There is no reservation in the claim that the tree is the property of the claimant.

E. V. Bodwell, K. C., who appeared for the plaintiffs, said what Mr. Taylor said might or might not be a fact, that the owner had dedicated the property in the way claimed.

Chief Justice Hunter—The statement of claim is certainly a very picturesque one. I have never before seen one in which there was an exclamation mark.

Mr. Bodwell—That must be a mutilated statement. The exclamation mark is not in the copy I have. I do not think the defence should mutilate the statement in order to prejudice our claim.

His Lordship—I do not think the statement should be set aside at this stage.

Mr. Taylor—As there is no reservation alleged and no ownership claimed—

His Lordship—I am not going to assume that there is no right at present. I am going to assume that there may be a case. If I strike out this statement down goes the tree and irreparable damage is done.

Mr. Taylor—There is nothing in the statement to show that they make any claim to a right in the tree. There is nothing for us to meet. If he claims the tree then we know how to meet the claim, but the statement put in shows nothing.

Mr. Bodwell—This is not a question of law, but a question of fact. It is not necessary to amend the statement.

An interruption from Mr. Taylor brought on a tilt between counsel, Mr. Bodwell saying that Mr. Taylor was like a brook that went on and on for ever, while Mr. Taylor retorted that there was a difference in that the voice of the brook was pleasant to listen to, differing in that respect from Mr. Bodwell's.

Mr. Bodwell then went over the same ground as on a previous occasion. He claimed that the city were not owners, but that the right was still vested in the crown. The owner of the property had the right to maintain the tree against trespassers, which the city now was. All this would, however, be brought up at the trial.

The Chief Justice—I think I must refuse the application. I have some little doubt, but I am going to give it in favor of the tree.

SOOKE QUARREL IS SETTLED IN COURT

Edward Cutler is Fined Twenty Dollars for Assaulting Aaron Gent.

(From Friday's Daily).

Magistrate Jay held a matinee yesterday to hear a charge of assault preferred against Edward Cutler by Aaron Gent, the result of the hearing being that Cutler was fined $20. The parties are neighbors living on the West Sooke road some distance from the city. Until the license of the place was cancelled a year ago last January Cutler ran the British Ensign hotel, one of the well-known roadhouses of the district. The trouble which led to his appearance in court was Gent's refusal to lend him a horse to drive into the city. As a result of this refusal the latter hit the former a blow which damaged his face, the marks of the fray being plainly visible in court yesterday, although the assault was committed Sunday evening last. S. Perry Mills, K. C., appeared for the prosecution and C. L. Harrison, of Barnard & Robertson's office, for the defence.

After the charge had been read and Cutler had pleaded not guilty Mr. Mills called Aaron Gent to the witness stand. Before he commenced his evidence, however, Mr. Harrison objected to the case proceeding further and asked for a dismissal on the ground that the information had been laid before one magistrate and the summons issued by another magistrate.

Mr. Mills argued that the point had no application in the present case, but, even if it had, Mr. Harrison had been caught in his own trap for he should have taken the objection before pleading. The magistrate held that by pleading Mr. Harrison had waived his right of objection. The case then proceeded.

The evidence of Gent was to the effect that last Sunday evening, while bringing home his cows, he had been met on the road by Cutler, who asked him for the loan of his horse to come into Victoria. As Cutler was under the influence of liquor he refused him, telling him that he would not lend his father a horse while he was drinking. Following this Cutler had hit him such a blow on the nose that he thought the organ had been broken. Cutler had then left him and gone home.

Cutler swore that when he had asked Gent for the horse the latter had called him a foul name and told him he would not lend a horse to a man who stopped at every roadhouse on the way. Following this Gent had rushed at him with his head down and had said he would throw him over his shoulders and break his neck, and he had merely put up his arm to ward off an attack. Gent, who, as a matter of fact, is a comparatively small man, Cutler said, was a great fighter and wrestler and had been known to throw men weighing 180 or 200 pounds over his head. It was because of this knowledge of Gent's prowess that he had put up his hand to ward off an attack by him.

When Mr. Mills undertook to cross-examine Cutler the answer to his questions which he most frequently received was that the witness didn't know. This nettled Mr. Mills and there were some stormy scenes. Mr. Cutler did not know why he had lost his hotel license; he didn't know why he had been fined in the police court two years ago; he didn't know who had brought a keg of bear to his place last week and he didn't know who paid for it. On the other hand he was quite positive that Gent was a foul-mouthed man, that he was not drunk Sunday evening and that he could drink three or four glasses more of beer a day than he was now in the habit of doing and it would do him good.

Neil McKinnon, who has been working for Cutler until recently, and who is still living with him, gave evidence that he had been with Cutler last Sunday evening when the trouble between him and Gent occurred. In refusing Cutler the loan of a horse the former had used a foul name toward the latter and had rushed at him with his head down. He had not seen Cutler strike Gent for he had his back turned just at that moment. He had seen immediately afterwards, however, that Gent's face was badly marked.

Gent was recalled and swore he had not rushed at Cutler with his head down. He was stooping to pick a wild strawberry when hit by Cutler.

Mr. Harrison asked for a dismissal as this was only a neighbor's quarrel. It would be impossible, he said, from the posture of the two men for Cutler to have struck Gent on the right cheek with his left hand as the latter said had been done. That Cutler had had provocation and that Gent had rushed at him was also borne out by both the statements of Cutler and McKinnon.

Mr. Mills in reply asked that Cutler be sent to jail without the option of a fine. Cutler when he was sober, which was extremely seldom, was a first rate fellow. His one great failing was the accursed drink, and when he was drunk he used all kinds of foul language and became in fact a regular blackguard. It would be a blessing to the community of Sooke to send him down for a short time. The assault on Sunday was absolutely unprovoked.

The magistrate said that from the evidence he could come to no other conclusion but that an unprovoked assault had been committed. If Cutler had merely put up his hand to ward off an attack Gent's face would not be so badly marked as it was at present. He attached no value to the evidence of Neil McKinnon as to what had passed and at best he had been looking the other way when the blow was struck. He would inflict a fine of $20 payable forthwith or in default ten days in jail.

Mr. Harrison asked for a few days delay in which to pay the money but the magistrate refused. The money was eventually produced and Cutler released.

AN INSURANCE POLICY.

Court Dealt With an Application Relative to Old Accounts.

Application was made to the chief justice sitting in chambers this morning for an order to compel S. Perry Mills, K. C., to deliver up an insurance policy held by him as secretary for the payment of an account of one thousand dollars owed by Mrs. Dennis Harris. W. J. Taylor, K. C., on behalf of the plaintiff, stated that Mr. Mills was formerly the solicitor for Mr. Dennis Harris and had charge of his affairs. The policy of insurance was on the life of a man named Sinclair and was assigned to Harris by his late partner Snowdon. Mr. Mills had taken a lien on it against an old debt of his against Mrs. Harris.

F. Peters, K. C., on behalf of Mr. Mills, said that Mills acted as the solicitor for Mr. Harris and at the time of the dissolution of the partnership between Harris and Snowdon everything was assigned to Harris including this insurance policy. When asked to conduct his litigation in the courts, Mr. Mills had consented to do so on condition that this policy and some deeds were assigned to him as security for the costs. This was never done but the policy and the deeds were held by him for that purpose by consent. All they wanted was the amount of the bill of costs. It was finally decided that the money should be collected from the insurance company, a sum of over two thousand dollars, and that when that had been done the matter should be fought out.

BANK OF ENGLAND.

Weekly Statement of English Financial Institution.

London, June 4.—The weekly statement of the Bank of England shows the following changes: Total reserve, decrease, £170,000; circulation, increased, £699,000; bullion, increased, £523,794; other securities, increased, £474,000; other deposits, increased, £1,424,000; notes reserve, decreased, £207,000; government securities, increased, £433,000.

The proportion of the bank's reserve to its liabilities this week is 50.62 per cent. Last week it was 51.90 per cent.

SIGNS TREATY WITH U. S. A.

Montevideo, June 5.—The Uruguayan government has signed an extradition treaty with the United States.

MAGISTRATE MAY HAVE TO RESIGN

Vancouver Council Said to Have Considered Williams Case in Caucus.

It is understood that the question of a change in the incumbency of the position of police court magistrate for the city has been freely discussed by the civic authorities of late, and rumors floating about the street this morning were to the effect that the subject has already been discussed at a private session of the council with the result that an almost unanimous opinion was found to prevail in the body that an immediate change was desirable, says the Vancouver Province of yesterday.

There was a private session of the council last night, held in the mayor's office, prior to the regular session. Inquiries as to the nature of the business transacted, made this morning of members of the council, elicited only the reply that the matters dealt with could not be made public at this time. In view of the well founded reports noted above it is probable that the question discussed was that of the change in the incumbent of the police magistrate's post.

This subject was touched upon in open council session several times last year, the references showing that the then existing council favored a change, the matter coming nearly to the head in the form of a stated resolution asking for the action at the time Magistrate William's request for an advance of salary was presented.

Just what course the council intends to take in the matter cannot be ascertained, but from the intimations gathered it is evident that a section of the body will go so far as to present a formal resolution asking the attorney-general to take action on the matter.

BLUE BELL SHIPPING.

Nelson, June 4.—The noted Blue Bell mine has been again opened, and will ship to the Trail smelter. C. F. Sherwin, the superintendent, considers the Blue Bell one of the best properties in the Kootenay country.

The total shipments of ore to the various smelters, during the week ending May 30th, amounted to 32,382 tons; for the year (the first five months of the year) the shipments total 606,471 tons.

INTERNAL MISSIONARY UNION.

Clifton Springs, N. Y., June 4.—The Internal Missionary Union opened its convention to-day with a religious service conducted by J. Campbell White, formerly connected with Y. M. C. A. work in India. The song service was followed by scripture reading and prayer. The second service was opened an hour later and was conducted by J. Sumner Stone, secretary of the union, and Mrs. W. H. Beldon. This was the annual memorial service. During the past year 15 members have died. In the deaths noted the workers represented nine different fields and were sent out by eight different missionary boards.

REPORT ON BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES

Statistics Given by the Registrar General of the Province.

The report of the registrar-general for the year ending December 31st, 1908, has just come to hand and some of the statistics published therein are very interesting.

The number of births for the year in the city of Victoria totals 525. Of these 248 were males and 277 females. Last year the total number registered exceeded the number of last year by fifteen, while Nanaimo shows a decrease of two. The total net increase for the province was 577.

There were nearly as many marriages in this city as births during the year. The largest number have been Episcopalians and it has been found that the tendency is for young people to choose for their life companions those of their own religious denomination, while only in seventeen cases throughout the province were the religious denominations not given.

Victorians are a marrying people. The increase in number for the year has been 117 as compared with the increase in Vancouver of only 79.

The number of deaths in the city is nearly one hundred less than the births. There were during the year 439, an increase of 48 over the previous year. In this the city compares very favorably with others, for in Vancouver the increase in the number of deaths was 269 over the year before.

PAINFUL ACCIDENT.

New Westminster, June 4.—J. J. Cameron, an employee of the Fraser River Sawmills at Millside, met with a painful accident last evening by a fall from some scaffolding in the mill. He had two ribs fractured on his left side, and was brought to the Royal Columbian hospital, where the broken bones were set.

OFFERS FREE ELECTRIC POWER.

Nelson, June 4.—Nelson's city solicitor telegraphed the Tramway company offering free electric power in return for the resumption of the street car service, discontinued through the burning of the sub-station and car barn. The losses at both fires have been appraised and total $26,300.

YOUTH'S NARROW ESCAPE.

Vancouver, June 4.—Masters Jack Travis and Allen Lackie had a very narrow escape from drowning on Monday in the inlet opposite Moodyville. They were out sailing, and were caught in the tide-rip and their boat was overturned. They were in the water for an hour, and were at last rescued by a tugboat.

ON AMERICAN LINES.

Chinese Empress Dowager Reported to Favor Education Methods of U. S. A.

Pekin, June 5.—The government is at present engaged in framing a plan for the education of Chinese boys in America. Under it it is proposed to pay American schools and colleges the majority of that portion of the Chinese Boxer indemnity which was cancelled by the United States for a period of ten years. The Empress Dowager is reported to be in favor of American education after the works of Confusianism had been imbibed by the scholars in China.

GRAND LARCENY CHARGE.

Japanese Domestic Is Under Arrest at Port Townsend.

Port Townsend, June 4.—H. Tomita, a young Japanese domestic, was arrested yesterday on a charge of grand larceny. Tomita was employed in a fashionable boarding house in this city and it is believed stole a gold watch and diamond ring from his employer, Mrs. Peters. The thief was arrested while trying to dispose of his loot at the jewellery store of J. W. Fritz in the city. He is held at the county jail.

INSURANCE PERJURY.

Verdict on Walter Gillette is Set Aside by Appellate Court.

New York, June 5.—The verdict against Walter R. Gillette, former vice president of the Mutual Life Insurance Company, who had been convicted of perjury in connection with life insurance investigation, was set aside today by the appellate division of the Supreme court. Mr. Gillette had been sentenced to serve six months in prison on the conviction.

KAMLOOPS POLO CLUB HOLDS GYMKHANA

Results of Competitions of Varied and Interesting Character.

Kamloops, June 4.—The weather man was favorable and gave the Kamloops Polo Club a good day for their ninth annual gymkhana and race meet.

A big crowd turned up at Alexander park to see the bending race won by Lieut. Fisher's Skittles and the egg and spoon race captured by D. S. George's Daphne. The first race, that for the Futcher cup, was carried off by D. S. George's gelding, the Spider. The high jump was won by W. F. Richardson's Jack at 6 feet 2 inches, Young's Ladysmoth and Batten's Fairy Form going to the 6-foot mark. The novice pony race was a good one. Batten's Fairy Form won, but was protested and missed the standard by one-eighth inch. Longbourne's Midget was second and was declared winner. W. O. Smith's Midnight second and Frank Gordon's Waif third. The Victoria Cross race sent three riders out of the saddle and resulted in a win for D. S. George's Daphnie. The seven furlongs was won easily by Signee, an Assignee colt owned by W. H. Smith. The peg-sticking was a novel feature and after a splendid series of heats was won by W. F. Richardson on Jack. A cow-boy race was won by R. Blair. The two-mile steeplechase here was pulled off and there were three bad falls on this, but none resulted seriously. Richardson's Batton's Fairy Form and Longbourne's Tanner filled the other places. An Indian and a consolation race finished the list of events.

There is some chance of the fall race meeting being turned over to the Polo Club, as it is recognized that their races are handled to better advantage than those under control of the Agricultural Society.

TEN BITS NO USE TO VANCOUVER BANDIT

Hold-up Apologizes to Citizen and Goes in Search of Other Game.

Vancouver, June 4.—To be held up by a man who apologizes all the time for doing it is a rather unique experience. Yet this is what befel a citizen last night while going quietly home along Georgia street. Just as he passed the Burrard sanatorium a man of average height, aged about 30, in a dark summer coat and a cloth cap, stepped out from under the trees and jammed a revolver in his face.

"Hold up your hands. I want your money."

The citizen's hands were hung up smartly.

"How much have you?"

"A dollar in one pocket and twenty-five cents in another."

"Good Lord," explained the brigand, "you're no use to me at all. I thought you looked like a man that had money."

The citizen looked ashamed, the man apologetic.

"I want to get out of town," he continued. "I've hunted all over it for work and now," he shook his head despondently, "I'll have to hold another man up."

"I'll give you the dollar for a meal if you like," ejaculated the citizen in a burst of generosity.

"No. I won't take it. I really could not think of it. It's most good of you." The revolver disappeared into his coat pocket. "Here, will you shake hands?"

They shook hands and with a polite "Goodnight, I'm sorry I stopped you," the man walked quietly away toward Granville street.

The citizen strolled onward fumbling thoughtfully in his waistcoat pocket. Hesitatingly he pulled out three five-dollar bills, looked at them and then glanced at the fast disappearing figure of the man—

"Well I'm——," he exclaimed, "the beggar never even searched me." And he went homeward pondering.

BRITISH CANADIAN WOOD PULP CO.

Work on Big Plant at Port Mellon Will Soon Be Under Way.

Bids are now being advertised by the British Canadian Wood Pulp & Paper Company for the erection of their large concrete buildings at Port Mellon, and the plans and specifications can be seen at the office of the engineer, Col. T. H. Tracy, on Howe street, Vancouver. The building is 400 feet long and divided into distinct departments, each department protected by fire walls and iron doors, so as to afford the best of fire protection. The buildings cover a large area and consist of the following parts:

Evaporating room, 60 x 37; digester room, 60 x 48; paper machine room, 15 x 50; finishing room, 50 x 44; warehouse, 50 x 60; machine shop, 40 x 60; engine room, 40 x 60; boiler house, 70 x 40; mixing room, 50 x 36; incinerator room, 60 x 24; chip room, 32 x 52.

Aside from these buildings, the company are to erect their chemical plant separate from the main plant. The object of the chemical plant is to recover the pitch and resinous matter from the residue of the pulp, as well as to recover the sodium carbonate in the alkali liquor, which is originally used in the boiling of the wood. The company already has a large amount of machinery purchased, such as beating engines, Jordan refiner, Fourdrinier paper machine, etc., and one of the conditions to contractors is that the work must be rushed from the acceptance of the contract, so as to permit the immediate installation of the machinery. Arrangements are being made to instal the heavy machinery while the building is under course of erection. All the frame buildings have now been completed and a steam dredge and pile driver are at work preparing the dock and piers so that the work of the contractors can proceed without a moment's delay. The steam power of the plant is to consist of one 250 horse-power engine, one 160 horse-power and one 110 horse-power engine, supplemented by two electric dynamos. The plans of the mill have been drawn so as to provide for two paper machines instead of one, so it is very likely that the company will put in another paper machine at an early date. They have already purchased one huge machine of the Fourdriner type. The machine is equipped with reels for the running of newspaper or extra attachment for wrapping, and thoroughly complete with forty-six table rolls, gun metal conch rolls, adjustable Deckle frame, Hutton wire guide, first and second presses, drying cylinders, etc. The machine is over 100 feet long and will be the first paper machine ever shipped to Western Canada. So far the company has made remarkable progress in their work. It is not easy to establish a town and a big industrial plant in a virgin forest, but the directors went about it in a way that has reflected great credit on the management, and from present indications it will not be long before they are prepared to go on the market with their finished product.

VENDETTA LEADS TO AWFUL CRIMES

Sequel to Love Tragedy—Revolvers and Swords in Pitched Battle.

Details have reached Odessa of a terrible affair at Elizabethpol in the Caucasus.

It appears that a young American fell in love with a Circassian girl, whose parents firmly refused to allow the couple to marry. For some time he endeavored to overcome their disapprobation, but matters came to a crisis when the young fellow was driven from the girl's house and forbidden to enter it again. In a frenzy of rage and despair, he committed suicide.

Then began a vendetta between the members of the two families. Determined to avenge her brother's death, Usuntutu, a sister of the dead brother, hired a man, who killed the girl's brother. Her revenge, however, did not stop at this. She prepared some ice-cream mixed with arsenic, and sent a man to sell it to Sotikh, the girl's father. Sotikh and five of his relatives ate some of the ice cream, and two of them died in great agony within a couple of hours, while the remaining four were taken seriously ill.

Sotikh's eldest son, suspecting Usuntutu, made his way to her house, and, finding her in the street outside, fired three times, with the result that the girl fell to the ground terribly injured.

The girl's relatives, seeing that her injuries were of a dangerous nature, proceeded to remove her without delay to the local hospital, and by an extraordinary coincidence they arrived there at the same moment as Sotikh's family were conveying their poisoned relatives into the institution.

The result was, as might have been expected, a pitched battle between the rival families, and for some time revolvers and swords were used indiscriminately, a large number of persons being injured.

The frightened passers-by fled, and the police, drawing their swords, intervened in the fighting and put the combatants to flight after making several arrests. The girl Usuntutu has now succumbed to her injuries.

CLYDE SHIPBUILDING.

The Returns for April Show a Busy Month.

The April shipbuilding returns on the Clyde, says a Liverpool dispatch, are better than for any of the previous months of the year. The total launches were thirty vessels of 43,670 tons, against 21,642 in March, but the figures show a decrease of 15,124 tons compared with April, 1907. The output of the four months on the Clyde has been ninety-six vessels of 103,754 tons, compared with ninety-eight vessels of 180,146 tons in 1907, a decrease of 76,392 tons. The prospect cannot be said to be improving.

CHINESE CLAIMS INQUIRY.

Dominion Government Will Pay Bill of $25,000.

Vancouver, June 4.—The Chinese claims inquiry will close to-morrow, and Commissioner King will, early next week, send his report to Ottawa. The Chinese embassy in London will be duly notified of the result. But the bill will be paid by the Dominion government without any further suggestions from the Imperial authorities, through whom it was presented.

While some of the claims were reduced, the commissioner made additions to others. The total bill will not likely fall short of $25,000. The total claims exceeded $27,000.

This morning the two wealthiest Celestials in British Columbia appeared, namely, Lee Gee Wing and Sam Kee, their combined wealth exceeding a million dollars.

MAKES PORT DAMAGED.

Barquentine Wrestler Towed Into San Francisco After Being Battered by Great Storm.

A dispatch from San Diego of yesterday's date says: The American barquentine Wrestler was towed into port in a badly disabled condition and with her crew worn out by constant work at the pumps. She sailed last week from Albion, north of San Francisco, carrying 600,000 feet of lumber for Guaymas and with a big deckload. Two days out she struck bad weather and the seas came aboard, washing the cabin away, along with the bulwarks and one boat, and taking part of the deckload. The food supply was spoiled and the seams were sprung so that at one time she had seven feet of water in her hold. She will probably have to be hauled out on the ways for repairs.

OUTSIDE RIVALS.

British Ship Queen Victoria Made Smart Passage From Tacoma to Queenstown.

Outsailing nearly a dozen vessels that left in advance of her, the British ship Queen Victoria, 1,587 tons, Captain Baker, arrived at Queenstown, Ireland, from Tacoma on Tuesday. This handy ship made the passage in 124 days, having made one of the few smart runs recorded among this season's wheat fleet from Puget Sound.

Unless the five-mast auxiliary German barque R. C. Rickmers arrives this week, the Queen Victoria will have achieved the distinction of having bested the big German. While the Rickmers was reported leaving Fayal May 20th, no word of her arrival has since been received.

BROUGHT WHALE PRODUCTS.

Steamship Tees Arrived To-Day From West Coast With 200 Tons of Cargo and 30 Passengers.

Bringing 200 tons of whale products from Sechart station and thirty passengers from Alberni and way ports, the steamship Tees arrived in port this morning. Good weather was experienced on the trip both north and south bound.

Among the passengers who landed here were: Capt. Parsons and Mr. Parsons, C. Small, G. W. Monlua, J. A. Hosman, R. Erickson, J. Whyte, E. Flette, A. McLeva, A. Burgison, W. D. Morrison, Mr. and Mrs. Daunt, from Alberni; Mrs. Barlow, I. Barlow, Miss Stephenson, C. Schnutz, from Clayoquot; E. L. Roberts, R. A. MacLachlan, and Miss Daley, from Alberni; R. Daykin, from Banfield; A. Martin, from Carmanah; F. Norris and Mrs. Jackson, from Port Renfrew.

SUDDEN DEATH.

Big Eddy Millwright Succumbs to Heart Failure.

Revelstoke, June 4.—Joe Vincent, 55 years of age, a resident of Revelstoke for some considerable time, who has been employed as a millwright for 6 years in the Revelstoke Sawmill Company's Big Eddy mill, dropped dead shortly after starting up work after the dinner hour. His helper had just left him to go to the blacksmith's shop and on returning found Vincent dead.

The deceased had been suffering from ill health and his death was caused by heart failure. Vincent was but recently married, his wife and family living near Edmonton, where the body will be shipped.

TANANA OFFICIAL RESIGNS.

Vancouver, June 4.—J. H. Rogers, of Vancouver, traffic manager of the Tanana railway, with headquarters at Fairbanks, has resigned and is now on his way to this city. His resignation is reported to have taken place on June 1. Mr. Rogers is expected to arrive in Vancouver in about two weeks' time. Prior to taking the position at Fairbanks, which was to all intents and purposes the general management of the Alaskan railway, Mr. Rogers was traffic manager of the White Pass & Yukon route, with headquarters in Vancouver.

NOT ALLOWED TO LAND.

Vancouver, June 5.—The steamer Iroquois yesterday brought up six more American citizens who had left their papers in Seattle and were in consequence debarred from landing. In this case they were all Swedes, as compared with the Norwegian, Swede and Australian Americans who were turned back the previous day. Some of their companions, who had their papers, tried to argue the point, and the immigration officer explained that unless they came direct from Sweden they could not enter Canada without American papers.

INSPECTING SUNSET MILLS.

Nelson, June 4.—W. Waldie and A. N. Wolverton are on Vancouver Island inspecting the property of the Sunset Mills Company. The first mentioned sold his mine, located at Ymir, for a large sum. C. A. Shearer, of Toronto, will meet the two directors of the company, and will accompany them on the tour of inspection.

NELSON EAGLES.

Nelson, June 4.—The Fraternal Order of Eagles will erect a two-story brick and stone building on Baker street, adjoining the Queen's hotel. The lower floors will be occupied by business men who have already leased the premises. Nelson Aerie numbers four hundred members.

SECOND CALL IN TWO YEARS

STEAMSHIP HENRIETTE LOADED HERE TO-DAY

McKenzie Freighter May Make Regular Calls for Rupert Cargo.

Making her second trip to this port in two years, the McKenzie steamship Henriette, Capt. Butler, arrived from Vancouver this morning and loaded 50 tons of dynamite for the G. T. P. contractors, Foley, Welch & Stewart, to whom the rest of the cargo is consigned. The Henriette will probably call here regularly in future as it is expected that Foley, Welch & Stewart will take a considerable amount of groceries and supplies from this port as well as from Vancouver during the coming summer. Up to the present the Henriette has been carrying from Vancouver a large amount of freight for the railroad construction work, and on her last trip took up 700 tons of cargo and two loaded scows. This trip she is towing a new scow, not loaded, for Foley, Welch & Stewart.

As an instance of what might be done locally in the way of securing business with Prince Rupert, it is interesting to note that the steamer Charmer brought over 100 cases of cream from Vancouver which were transferred to the Henriette here. Among the local cargo which the McKenzie steamship loaded was coal oil, sugar and provisions. She has also a large shipment, part deck load, of lumber. She will leave Departure Bay to-morrow for the North. The Henriette is known as a splendid sea boat and a good carrier. She was formerly a barque and has a clipper bow with a big flare.

SMART SAILING.

Erskine M. Phelps Makes Fast Trip From Kahului to Delaware Breakwater.

The American ship Erskine M. Phelps, Captain Graham, reached Delaware Breakwater May 28th, from Kahului after a remarkably smart passage of ninety-nine days, retaining her reputation as a speedy vessel, made on her last voyage from the Atlantic coast to Honolulu, when she covered the distance in ninety-seven days. This makes a round trip from the Atlantic coast to the islands and back in 196 days, one of the finest records ever made by a sailing vessel. The ship Fort George was but a short time behind the Phelps, being spoken off Delaware breakwater on the day the Phelps arrived. She was at that time 100 days out.

GWENDOLYN II. DAMAGED.

Trans-Pacific Racing Yacht Had Rudder Head Broken in Storm on Way to 'Frisco.

While on her way down the coast from this port to San Francisco the yacht Gwendolyn II., which left here on May 20th, met with a heavy storm in which her hudder head was carried away. The yacht, which is to take part in the trans-Pacific race from San Pedro to Honolulu, will be repaired at the Bay City. The accident occurred on May 27th, when the Gwendolyn was 120 miles northwest of San Francisco.

STEAMER SEIZED.

Washington, D. C., June 4.—Complying with the request of the state department, the minister for foreign affairs of Honduras has ordered the arrest of F. G. Bailey, former president of the Export Shipping company of New Jersey, and the detention of the steamer Goldboro and her cargo. This information came to the department in a dispatch from Minister Dodge at San Salvador dated yesterday.

ALLAN LINER'S RECORDS.

On her latest trip from Montreal to Liverpool the Allan liner Victorian established two river records on her way down the St. Lawrence. She traversed the distance between Montreal and Quebec in 7 hours and 35 minutes. The distance between Quebec and Dimouski was covered in 8 hours and 25 minutes.

B. C. HAS COCKER SPANIEL CLUB

Fanciers Meet in Vancouver for Election of Officers.

Vancouver, June 4.—At a meeting of cocker spaniel fanciers, held last night in the offices of Col. L. Edwin Dudley and with Mr. E. C. Powell, secretary of the V. K. C., in the chair, the British Columbia Cocker Spaniel Club was organized. The following ladies and gentlemen were elected officers of the organization: Hon. president, Hon. L. Edwin Dudley; president, Mr. Hendrie Leggat; first vice-president, Chas. H. Aetzel; second vice-presidents, H. M. Johnstone, Dr. Glynn Campbell and Mrs. Geo. E. Macdonald; secretary-treasurer, Geo. J. Dyke; committee, W. J. McManus, C. S. Bolton, C. S. Wakefield, T. C. Morgan, Mrs. J. Stewart Gall, W. M. Coates.

The executive committee will draft the constitution and by-laws. The membership fee was fixed at $1 for gentlemen and 50 cents for ladies. In order that all cocker fanciers on the Coast should take an interest in the local club, it was unanimously adopted that representatives be appointed from all cities and districts in British Columbia, Washington, Oregon, California and Alberta.

At the next meeting of the B. C. Cocker Spaniel Club names will be submitted for election as district vice-presidents from the different districts of the Coast and other points where cocker spaniel kennels are established. The following gentlemen will be asked to become district vice-presidents of the local club, to be voted upon at the next meeting, to be held in Col. Dudley's offices on Thursday, June 11th: Roland C. Ganiwell, of Bellingham; Mrs. (Dr.) Sharples, Seattle; Chas. C. Campion, Portland; J. W. Creighton, Victoria; Mrs. W. Clinton, Cumberland, B.C.; J. E. Lange, Philadelphia; J. J. Devine, Revelstoke; Henry Freeman, New Westminster; and Allan C. Klein, Spokane.

CAPT. WORSNOP AN... THE BOARD O...

Manager of Canadian ... Line Says No Cha... Contemplated

(From Friday's Da...

At a meeting of the cou... Board of Trade held thi... Capt. Worsnop, manager o... dian-Mexican Pacific Stea... pany, was present by reque... sult of the conference was ... Worsnop assured the boa... wanted to do the best pos... concerned. He gave the b... derstand that no discrimi... being followed.

The board did not go int... tion of the trouble between ... snop and Capt. Shadforth ... felt to be outside their du...

Capt. Worsnop's statemer... considerable time, and in ... the above announced it w... that there are practically ... contemplated as far as Vict... cerned, and the steamers ... pany will call as usual. Ca... expressed himself as very ... with regard to some state... had appeared in the press a... members that he simply tr... with contempt as they wer...

From the memorial prepa... special committee on the se... tion it was found that the s... of the sealing company, t... principally interested, are n... the contents, and in conseq... meeting of shareholders to b... ly next week, the matter wa... until the general monthly ... the board of trade to be held... day next. In the meantim... mittee may confer with ... company with respect to th... that there may be no worki... purposes.

A lengthy report of the pi... mittee which was appointed ... years ago was received and ... sidered at the regular ... Thursday as it has always b... ter which the full board has ...

WITHDREW CHARGE OF VAGRANCY

Decision of Chief Justi... Plans of the Cit... Police.

(From Friday's Dai...

Thanks to the judgment ... Justice Hunter yesterday in ... vagrancy case, in which R. ... pealed from Magistrate Ja... tion, the charge of frequenti... of prostitution on which Vin... dell was up in the police co... day, when the case was enl... to-day, was dismissed by t... trate this morning at the ... Mr. Moore, the city prosecut...

In doing so Mr. Moore sa... view of the judgment of the ... tice in a samilar case yes... which it was held that cer... must be complied with in s... and as this had not been d... case, as under previous ju... cisions it had not been thou... sary, therefore he would ask ... missal. In future all the re... demanded by the Chief Jus... be complied with, he could ...

The case was accordingly ...

The point upon which th... tion in the Waddell case fel... that according to the Chie... decision when an officer goe... a man for vagrancy he mus... him that he is an officer, and ... tell him what the charge i... him to give an account o... This, it was admitted, had ... done in the present case.

ASPIRANTS FOR U. S. PRES...

Signs of Activity in ... Where Republican ... nation Takes Pla...

Chicago, June 5.—Politica... commenced in earnest ... around the Auditorium, the A... Annex and the Coliseum, ... Republican national conventi... to be held. The Cannon he... were permanently opened in ... torium, and the announce... made by a number of the ... friendly to candidates other ... lian H. Taft, that Foraker ... ters will be opened soon in ... Northern hotel.

Charles P. Taft, of Cincinn... er of the secretary of war, ... Chicago yesterday and pron... nounced that he expected th... to be nominated without dif... the first ballot.

Vice-presidential gossip w... nent for the first time, the ... Senator J. H. Dolliver, of ... James S. Sherman, of New Y... mentioned. John Hays Ham...

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