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THE COLONIST LEADS FOR NEWS

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F. J. BITANCOURT, who is retiring from the second-hand business, begs to thank his numerous clients for their past support, and trusts in the near future, when he opens his Real Estate Office, they will extend their patronage.

BARK MELANOPE SOLD

The derelict British bark Melanope, which was towed into Astoria several months ago by the steamer Northland, has been sold by the owners, J. J. Moore & Co., San Francisco, to Jas. Griffiths, of Seattle.

DEBATE POSTPONED ON BETTER TERMS

Documents Tabled to Permit Members to Gain Information

RAILWAY ASSESSMENT IN CITIES

Public and Private Bills in Various Stages—Answers Given to Many Questions

The public galleries of the provincial legislative assembly were crowded Wednesday afternoon in anticipation of a spirited debate upon the question of "better terms." It became apparent, however, immediately after prayers had been read by Rev. Dr. Campbell, that the matter would not be discussed.

Asked for Correspondence J. A. Macdonald, leader of the opposition, asked that the correspondence upon better terms be submitted to the house before Premier McBride's resignation, which was on the order paper.

Documents Submitted In responding, the premier remarked that he had understood the member for Delta, John Oliver, to have stated that was the desire of the people.

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reference to the three above-mentioned petitions. That the standing orders in connection with the undermentioned petitions have been complied with:

- (No. 1) An act to ratify and confirm "The Queen Charlotte Islands Railway Company Act, 1905."
(No. 2) An act to incorporate "The Coldstream Telephone Company."
(No. 3) An act to incorporate "The Bell Telephone Company."
(No. 4) An act to incorporate "The Kootenay Southern Railway Company."
(No. 5) An act to incorporate "The Vancouver Stock Exchange."
(No. 6) An act respecting "Slough Creek."
(No. 7) An act respecting "The Consolidation of Leases held by the Carleton Place and Mining, Smelting and Development Company."
(No. 8) An act to incorporate "The Kootenay Log Railway Company."
(No. 9) An act to incorporate "The Prince Rupert Light and Power Company."
(No. 10) An act to incorporate "The Consolidation of Leases held by the Bullion Hydraulic Mining Company."
(No. 11) An act to incorporate "The Kootenay Log Railway Company."
(No. 12) An act to incorporate "The Prince Rupert Light and Power Company."
(No. 13) An act to incorporate "The Bell Telephone Company."

Private Bills Introduced A member's private bills were then introduced. Among them were the following: By Mr. Macgowan, of Vancouver, a bill entitled "An act providing for the consolidation of leases held by the Carleton Place and Mining, Smelting and Development Company."

Renewed Registry This proposed enactment clearly outlines the conditions under which certificates of renewed registry may be taken out by societies under the provisions of the "Land Securities Act" of the revised statutes, 1897, by section 2 of chapter 5 of the statutes of British Columbia.

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Retirement of The Will Result in In Service

"There is no doubt but that the proposed service proposed by the Canadian-Australian line will result in the retirement of the ship line in an interview with the company."

"The contract calls for service to England by way of the new vessels ordered placed in commission. The Australian and British Co. touch at Auckland as a port of call, and then proceed to Brisbane by reason of which the company has been government calling mail service."

"This service, however, terminated by the government of New Zealand, the prime minister being sent down to Auckland. It is a twenty-and the steamers instead of Brisbane take the route to Auckland. By the present this is almost impossible. This may facilitate change in relation to mails."

"The new steamer of the company will be cancelled on the seventeenth or eighteenth continuously between Sydney and Auckland. The passage will be short of sixty hours."

"The Canadian government is now reconsidering the action of the government in New Zealand mail service is not a certainty, and if the government is not satisfied with the present arrangement, it will be a day longer to carry the mails to the New Zealand ports, and then to Brisbane by rail."

REMOUSE CAUSED Settler's Wife Who Had Husband Tro Stetter, Alb. March 19 was brought in a few days after had been comm. Dame de Savoie, a set twenty miles east of their usual promenade. The distance between the terminus of the line and the terminus of the line is not great, not more than two miles, and between the two points lies a district that is being rapidly settled. Just what streets the line would be likely to follow it is impossible to say, but with very little deviation from a direct course it would be possible to lay a track which would pass through a comparatively well inhabited district. There can be no doubt but that such a line would pass from its very inception."

Immigrants from Australia There promises to be a big influx of immigrants from Australia with the next few months, according to arrivals from the Antipodes on the steamer Aorangi. W. H. Lillington, of Sydney, is at the head of a large party of Australasians who have come to this province with a view of investing in realty."

Government's Position Repeating, the minister of finance stated that there was one canny to his knowledge valued at as low as \$3,500 and three or four running between that figure and \$10,000. The government had adopted the principle of imposing a minimum rate, and it seemed likely that the same should be followed in this case. In his opinion the taxation was placed at a figure which was easily within the reach of those concerned. However, the matter would be given consideration and an amendment might be introduced by the honorable member upon the third reading of the bill. He wished it understood that he gave no promise as to what action would be taken."

Probate Duty Bill Passed The report on a bill entitled "An Act to Ratify an Order-in-Council Regarding Probate Duty" was adopted. The bill was read a third time and passed. The other bills upon the order paper, of which there were a number, were stood over."