ESCAPES FINE BY A LEGAL MISTAKE

Wife and Horse of Abbis Have No Food—Pugilists and Gamblers

(From Friday's Daily.)

Careless work on the part of the attorney-general and his department in connection with drafting the Liquor Regulation Act has resulted in the fact that all interdictions made prior to March last year, when the new act came into force, are invalid, owing to the new act containing a clause repealing the old act and making no provision for the penalizing of offenders against the orders issued under it.

Magistrate Jay this morning found he had no jurisdiction when the adjourned case of C. E. Maidment, of the Bodega saloon, was called, the charge being that of supplying an interdict with liquor. The man was interdicted under the old act. The magistrate said that but for the mistake of the legislature he would have found accused guilty and imposed the highest fine possible.

A majority of interdictions are made for one year, and most of those under the old act are expired. The police, however, are now taking the precaution to issue new orders in place of those which have been voided by the new act. The position in no way effects orders issued since March last year. These remain in force.

Katherin Abbis took the witness stand this morning and complained that her husband had horsewhipped her. She had him arrested early yesterday and being left without money, she had received no funds since. In a similar plight was accused's horse, which was in the stable owned by him. When arrested accused had $377 in his possession. A remand was given because W. C. Moresby, who appeared for the accused in place of R. C. Lowe, had not had time to consult his client. The hearing is taking place this morning, and meantime accused has instructed the police to give his wife $20. The parties were married nine months ago and came from England.

James Bardwell, a colored man employed as fireman by David Spencer, Ltd., was fined $10 for an assault on A. E. Harrison, despite the fact that J. A. Aikman defended him. Accused had been made the victim of insulting remarks and took the law into his own hands. He paid the fine and wiped away a tear from his eye as he did so.

Harford Board and William Phillips, who mixed up in separating the component parts of a fight on Johnson street three mornings ago, were allowed their freedom when the matter was explained. They have been dwelling on the futility of interfering in a fight while they have been under arrest the last three days.

Colin Hill and John Price were charged with playing in a gaming house. They were fined $35 each. The house is situated at 576 Johnson street and has been under police notice for some time. The first prosecution this week against a man for looking on at a game in the same house resulted in a conviction.

MENAGERIE REMAINS IN SOUTH SAANICH

Cannot Prohibit Legal Occupation Under Guise of Regulating, Says Judge

The quarrel between the South Saanich municipality and J. G. French, who keeps a menagerie within the bounds of the municipality, was closed by the action of the municipality at law Thursday, when the reserved decision of Mr. Justice Murphy, who heard the application of the lion-tamer to quash the by-law under which the municipality tried to oust his menagerie from its limits, was handed down in favor of the applicant.

Mr. Justice Murphy gave several reasons why the by-law of the municipality should be quashed, and among them that a municipal council cannot, under the guise of regulating, absolutely prohibit the carrying out of a legal occupation.

Referring to the question of sanitation raised and preservation of the public health, the judgment says that this was in contemplation when the council passed the by-law. His lordship says that the effect of the by-law would be to absolutely prohibit the keeping of wild animals in the limits of South Saanich municipality.

At the hearing of arguments J. A. Aikman appeared for the municipality and Hon. A. E. McPhillips, K. C., for the appellant, J. G. French.

PROPOSED ARBITRATION TREATY

Washington, D. C., May 19.—Ambassadors Bryce and Jusserand yesterday cabled their home governments the tentative outline of an arbitration convention between the United States and Great Britain and France which was submitted to them by Secretary Knox Wednesday. Both ambassadors acted quickly on the matter. The next move will be in the foreign offices of Great Britain and France.

It is expected that the time is not far distant when both Ambassadors Bryce and Jusserand will receive definite instructions to proceed to the negotiation of a convention on the basis of Secretary Knox's suggestions.

PITCHER INJURED.

New York, May 19.—Pitcher Wiltse of the New York Giants had the little finger of his pitching hand broken today in the seventh inning of the New York-Pittsburg game in stopping a liner from Clarke's bat.

INSURANCE COMPANY CASE.

T. B. Moore Acquitted on Charge of Conspiracy—Bail on Theft Charge.

Vancouver, May 19.—Thos. B. Moore, who was charged with Charles W. Jennings in being concerned in a conspiracy to defraud the public by the sale of stock of the Hudson's Bay Mutual Fire Insurance Company, was acquitted by Judge McInnes. At the conclusion of the evidence in the case the court held that while it was shown that Moore had sold stock of the company, the evidence did not justify finding him guilty of being a co-conspirator with Jennings.

With regard to the other charge against Moore, that of theft, Judge McInnes held that it would have to go before the jury.

Mr. Russell contended that this charge had been disposed of by the failure of the first count. The theft charge arose out of information laid by J. Ball and as Mr. Ball had started a civil action over the same matter Mr. Russell said he did not see any object in proceeding further in that court with it.

Judge McInnes still held that the charge would have to go before the jury and allowed bail for the accused in two securities of $1,250 each.

CHARGES AGAINST ASSESSOR.

Accused of Having Received Money From Water Company.

Oakland, Cal., May 19.—Henry H. Dalton, county assessor of Alameda county, was arrested here late yesterday as he was leaving a downtown restaurant where it is declared he had met a high official of the Spring Valley Water Company. He emerged alone. District Attorney Donohue, by whose orders the arrest was made, is authority for the statement that $5,000 in marked bills were taken from Dalton following his arrest.

Dalton has been county assessor for twelve years. The Spring Valley Water Company is a giant corporation which supplies water to San Francisco, Oakland and other bay cities, and has large holdings in Alameda county. As Dalton left the restaurant, near the corner of Ninth street and Broadway, he was stopped by Detective Helms of the Oakland police force.

"You're under arrest, Mr. Dalton," said Helms.

Dalton hesitated and Attorney Donahue stepped up to him and searched him, securing a roll of bills.

"Dalton," said the attorney, "where did you get these? Do they belong to you?" "Yes, they're mine," replied Dalton. "Where did you get them?" "None of your business," snapped Dalton, and he was led away from the throng which had gathered.

He denied that he had been in company with any representative of the Spring Valley Water people at the restaurant.

Dalton's case will be presented to the grand jury to-day.

DECIDE IT IS SUICIDE.

Greenwich, Conn., May 19.—Lester Husted, 12 years of age, told the authorities yesterday that at his father's request he pulled the trigger of a shotgun which blew the left side of the man's head off.

Frederick Husted, a wealthy farmer, was found in his home late Wednesday with his head partly blown off and a shotgun lying on a table. The boy said that his father sent his mother away, called him into the house, and laying the gun on the table knelt so that his left eye was at the muzzle of the gun. Then he said: "Pull the trigger; it is not loaded. I want to hear how it sounds." The boy pulled the trigger, the charge of shot blowing away the left side of his father's face and head.

The authorities decided they would have to call it a case of suicide.

RETAILERS ARE NOW ATTACKED

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States Retail Lumber Dealers' Association and its constituent organizations. The government bill alleges that in some localities wholesalers selling to a consumer has either been heavily fined or expelled from the organization.

Officials of the department of justice regard the suit as the most important in principle ever taken by the government against alleged conspiracies said to affect the cost of living. It is believed that should the courts uphold the government's contention that it is a violation of the Sherman Anti-trust law to prevent the ultimate consumer from buying direct from the producer, other suits will be started against combinations of retailers alleged to be in control of the marketing of many of the commodities of life.

The defendants named in the suit and who are alleged to have conspired among themselves and with the assistance of the National Wholesale Dealers have prevented wholesalers from selling directly or indirectly to consumers, are: The Eastern States Retail Lumber Dealers' Association, a New York corporation with offices at No. 18 Broadway; the New York Lumber Trade Association of New York City; the Building Material Men's Association of Westchester County, New York; the Lumber Dealers' Association, of Connecticut; the Massachusetts Retail Lumber Dealers' Association; the Lumber Dealers' Association, of Rhode Island; the Retail Lumber Manufacturers' Association, of Baltimore.

The officers and directors, trustees and members of the above are named as individual defendants, as well as the officers and directors and members of the three following voluntary organizations: The New Jersey Lumber Manufacturers' Protective Association; the Retail Lumbermen's Association, of Philadelphia, and the Lumber Exchange, of the District of Columbia.

The government asks for a permanent injunction restraining the defendants from continuing the conspiracy charged.

UNITED TRAVELLERS IN CONVENTION HERE

Knights of the Grip Gather in Council—Varied Bill of Entertainment

The thirteenth annual convention of the United Commercial Travellers of Oregon, Washington and British Columbia opened in this city to-day and will conclude to-morrow evening.

This morning the grand council was in session, discussing matters pertaining to the good of the order. Those present are: Grand Counselor T. R. Carlyle, Tacoma council, No. 124; Grand Junior Counselor H. I. Somers, Spokane council, No. 92; Grand Past Counselor T. W. Miles, Seattle council, No. 83; Grand Secretary Fred Beebe, Tacoma; Grand Treasurer C. A. Whitmore, Oregon council, No. 84; Grand Conductor R. L. Phelps, Vancouver council, No. 284; Grand Page W. W. Gordon, Oregon; Grand Sentinel E. B. McMaster, Vancouver; Grand Executive Committeemen A. A. Wismolek, Seattle; A. R. Kelly, Victoria council, No. 434; A. L. Young, Oregon, and Dan McKellar, Seattle. There are fully five hundred delegates present at the convention and one hundred more are expected from Mainland points to-day.

While the travellers are here on business, that of furthering the interests of the order to the utmost, they also intend to enjoy themselves, and a programme has been mapped out that, for variety and scope of entertainment, would be hard to equal.

At noon to-day a reception and luncheon at the Empress hotel was given the visiting ladies by the ladies of the Victoria council and afterwards both visitors and hostesses adjourned to the Sheffield Choir concert at the drill hall.

An open-air concert by the Fifth Regiment band will be given this evening, the band starting at the causeway and playing on every street corner until arriving at the A. O. U. W. hall, where a "smoker" is to be held.

To-morrow morning, commencing at 10 o'clock, there will be a grand parade of all the councils through the principal streets of the city. In the afternoon, through the courtesy of the Victoria Country Club directors, all delegates wearing the U. C. T. badge will be admitted to the horse races.

An "at home" will be given the visiting members and ladies by the Victoria council at the Gorge park. The reception committee is as follows: Mrs. Charles F. Gardiner, Mrs. C. G. Duncan, Mrs. H. W. Fraser, Mrs. P. B. Hallett, Mrs. H. W. Goggin, Mrs. E. M. McSonnan, Mrs. Percy G. Cudlip, Mrs. J. R. Clarke, Mrs. A. H. Hartley, Mrs. J. R. Clarke, Mrs. A. E. Shanks, and Mrs. P. E. Toneri.

The reception committee consists of H. W. Fraser, J. R. Clark, H. J. Vaughan, H. B. McKelvie, G. T. Temple, H. A. Leigh, H. W. Goggin, H. R. Houston, J. H. Renfree, J. C. Houston, P. E. Toneri and Thomas Lumsden. The committee looking after the convention arrangements in general is: J. M. Hughes, chairman; E. M. McConnan, secretary; V. K. Gray, assistant secretary; Fred M. Russell, S. P. Moody, C. F. Gardiner, P. G. Cudlip, S. H. DeCarteret, P. B. Hallett, G. T. Temple, W. S. Nason, R. Swords, H. W. Fraser and W. P. Bassett.

The subordinate councils represented are: Seattle Council, No. 83; Tacoma Council, No. 124; Oregon Council, No. 84; Spokane Council, No. 92; Vancouver Council, No. 284; Victoria Council, No. 434; Nelson Council, No. 437; Bellingham Council, No. 295 and Everett Council, No. 487.

GOVERNMENT AND CABLE CHARGES

Investigation Will Be Made When Rates Are Held to Be Excessive

(Special to the Times.)

London, May 19.—Postmaster General Samuels stated in the House of Commons that a new clause was to be put in the licences of cable companies to the effect that when rates are held to be excessive the matter is to be discussed between the government and the company and if necessary referred to impartial arbitration for award. There is to be a fifty per cent. reduction all round in non-code cablegrams which can be delayed to let urgent ones through.

EIGHT CHINESE SLAIN.

Attacked By Bandits Who Raided Stores—Three Wounded May Not Recover.

Imures, Sonora, Mexico, May 19.—Bandits raided the Chinese quarter here last night, killing eight Chinese and leaving three others so badly wounded that they are believed to be dying. The gardens and stores owned by the Chinese were looted. The butchery has resulted in a general exodus of Chinese who control the truck market and merchandise trade of the west coast.

Imures is a station on the Mexican line of the Southern Pacific railway, 42 miles south of Nogales.

MISS POOLEY DEFEATED.

Portrush, Ireland, May 19.—Miss Violet Pooley, Victoria, was defeated in the fifth round of the golf championship tournament here yesterday, Miss Thompson being the winner by the margin of one hole. Miss Dorothy Campbell, Hamilton, Ont., has been successful in the fourth round.

EARL OF SELBOURNE ATTACKS GOVERNMENT

Declares It Failed to Safeguard Interests of United Kingdom in Agreement

London, May 19.—The government was shartly criticised by the Earl of Selborne in the House of Lords last evening for "extraordinary supineness" in failing to safeguard the interests of the United Kingdom in the American-Canadian reciprocity agreement. He said that he thought it but right that the Dominions should work out their own salvation; but when the action of one part of the Empire affected the United Kingdom, he said that they (the House of Lords) had the right and indeed the responsibility to consider the question. The earl referred to President Taft's "very remarkable speech," and declared that when President Taft said annexation talk was all bosh, all accepted the president's words. Nevertheless the agreement formed a precedent capable of large extensions.

President Taft's speeches had shown a complete misapprehension as to the ideas of tariff reformers and imperial preferentialists. It was no part of their policy, he added, to establish a Chinese wall in any part of the empire. He advocated preference first within the empire and afterwards each part could make its own arrangements.

Ratification of the agreement, the earl continued, would place this country in a position of extraordinary difficulty.

Baron Lucas, parliamentary undersecretary to the war office, replying for the government, said that the Earl of Selborne greatly over-estimated the damage to the trade of the United Kingdom and the difficulties that might arise. Canada was perfectly within her statutory rights, and the government could not interfere. The United Kingdom could never offer Canada the same advantages as could the United States.

DID NOT REPORT AUTO ACCIDENT

First Case Under Motor Traffic Act — Fine Imposed Against R. Jaffrey

Charged under the Motor Traffic Regulation Act, of last session with not having reported an automobile accident in which he was concerned within twenty-four hours after its occurrence, Ralph Jeffrey was fined $5 in the provincial police court on Friday.

The accident occurred at Colwood and Goldstream roads on May 11, when the automobile damaged a vehicle occupied by Daniel and Agnes George, with the result that Mrs. George had to obtain medical attendance. A medical certificate was put in.

The new act provides that all accidents within cities must be reported to the police within six hours of the time of occurrence, and those which occur outside cities must be reported to the provincial police within twenty-four hours of the occurrence. The defendant failed to report and this morning pleaded guilty.

There was a second charge against him of passing a horse-driven vehicle in an automobile at a speed over ten miles an hour. The charge arose out of the same occurrence as the first and accused pleaded guilty and was fined $20.

COUNTERFEITING PLANT SEIZED.

Los Angeles, Cal., May 19.—Accused of circulating several hundred dollars' worth of false coins in this city, N. F. Guiterrez and G. Valenzuela are in jail here and a complete counterfeiting outfit said to belong to them has been seized at Beaumont, Cal., eighty-seven miles from here. The counterfeits of half dollars are of such high grade that several hundred of them were found in the cash boxes of local large stores.

TWO MEN DROWNED IN SKEENA RIVER

Boat Capsizes in Canyon—Bodies of Victims Not Yet Recovered

Prince Rupert, B.C., May 19.—As the result of a rowboat overturning in the canyon on the Skeena river, W. H. Tully, port engineer for Foley, Welch & Stewart, and Wm. Grant, fireman of the steamer Skeena, were drowned.

The men were going down the river from Kitselas to Kitsumkalum, where Tully was to join the steamer Omineca. How the accident happened is unknown. The upturned boat was found by the steamer Port Simpson. The bodies have not been recovered.

Tully was 40 years old and unmarried. His home is in Los Angeles, where his mother lives. Little is known of Grant here. He is said to be unmarried. This is the first fatality this season in this district.

ANOTHER TRAMWAY SCHEME SUBMITTED

Two Proposals Now Before Committee of Nanaimo City Council

Nanaimo, May 18.—At the weekly meeting of the city council a communication was received from Messrs. Stewart and Rogers, Victoria, containing proposal for an electric-tramway. The letter in part follows:

In response to several interviews with your honorable mayor we beg to submit the following proposal and suggest that your esteemed body of Councilmen will allow the writers and their associates a franchise conveying to us the privilege of constructing and operating an electric tram along such streets and public highways as may be agreed upon and with the further privilege of setting necessary poles and wires to conduct such tramway in your city and to the several mines in your vicinity. All such work and the conduct thereof to be further agreed upon and in a general way to be as follows:

We to instal a complete tramway of the most approved construction, along streets to be agreed upon and in a manner to afford the most satisfactory service to your citizens.

We to commence work upon the same within four months from date of franchise or by-law.

We to continue said tramway service to all principal mines in and around your city and have same fully completed within twenty-four months from date of said franchise.

We to maintain city service at regular intervals as may be agreed upon and to collect no more than a five cent fare along all lines within the city limits. Fares outside of the city limits to be further agreed upon. Free passes to be issued to such city and public officials as may be agreed upon.

We will also provide special fares for all school children and men employed at your mines, the former at half rates and the latter at rates to be agreed upon by your hororable body of councilmen.

Briefly, it shall be our purpose to proceed with said work as promptly as possible, push the same to the utmost, instal a plant modern in all respects, affording the most efficient service and always with a further view of city and surburban development.

The communication was referred to the Tramway committee.

The following communication was received from Messrs. Bird and Darling:

We are instructed by the syndicate of local people, who gave notice to your honorable body last week through the undersigned, that they desire to apply for a charter for a city tramline, to advise you farther as follows:

The syndicate understand that a proposition by coutside people, capitalists, for the building and equipping a city tramway (city and interurban) will be made at an early meeting of the council, and as the syndicate we represent wish more than anything else, to see such a road constructed as soon as may be, they instruct us to write that their proposition for a charter will be, for the present, witheld, in hope that the parties above referred to will make satisfactory arrangements with the council, such arrangements to be confirmed by the people, and the building of a tramline to be undertaken as soon as may be.

Should, however, the proposal referred to be not satisfactory the syndicate will take an early occasion to renew negotiations.

Yours faithfully,
BIRD & DARLING.

On motion the communication was received and filed.

KING GEORGE'S FIRST VICTORY ON TURF

His Majesty's Colt Pintadean Wins Sweepstakes at Doncaster

(Special to the Times.)

Doncaster, Eng., May 19.—King George won his first victory on the turf to-day when His Majesty's chestnut colt Pintadean by Florizel II.-Guinea Hen, won the Fitzwilliam stakes, a sweepstakes for two-year-olds, over five furlongs, here to-day from a smart field. A loyal crowd lining the course received the royal victory with great enthusiasm.

BANK CLEARINGS.

Toronto, May 19.—The following are the bank clearings for the week ending May 18, as compared with the corresponding period last year:

	May 18, 1911.	May 19, 1910.
Montreal	$ 46,764,171	$ 39,318,545
Toronto	36,091,626	28,811,757
Winnipeg	23,028,418	16,180,399
Vancouver	9,233,265	8,298,142
Ottawa	4,191,293	4,589,051
Calgary	3,806,946	2,888,455
Quebec	2,724,411	2,335,568
Victoria	2,704,240	1,983,662
Hamilton	2,327,056	1,830,864
Halifax	1,747,441	1,921,911
St. John	1,842,226	1,565,305
Edmonton	1,907,911	1,447,933
London	1,525,723	1,343,389
Regina	1,441,416	774,853
Brandon	498,295	464,814
Totals	$141,023,248	$113,754,468

The following are for this week of 1911 only:

Lethbridge	$ 479,739
Saskatoon	1,201,219
Brantford	495,270
Moosejaw	706,260

PROVINCIAL GAZETTE.

Companies Incorporated — Appointments—University Endowment Act in Force.

Yesterday's B. C. Gazette contains notice of the following new companies having been incorporated: Alberta & Pacific Development Company, Limited; Athenaeum Club; Bankhead Orchard Company, Limited; Bazan Bay Brick and Tile Company, Limited; Booth-Milner Trust, Limited; Campbell Lumber Company, Limited; Canadian Rohrbacher Tire Pump Company, Limited; Canadian Tugboat Company, Limited; Commodore Water Supply Company of Nanoose, Limited; Coquitlam Terminal Company, Limited; Gordons, Limited; Midway Maple Leaf Oil Company, Limited; Moore Printing Company, Limited; National Stock and Bond Corporation, Limited; O. K. Gannery Company, Limited; One-Six-One, Limited; Reed Roller Block Company, Limited; South Kelowna Orchard Co., Ltd.; Thompson Trading Company, Limited; Victoria Fuel Company, Limited.

Extra provincial companies licensed are: Berlin Interior Hardware Company, Limited; Berliner Gramophone Company, Limited; Canadian Postum Cereal Company, Limited; Charles M. Home, Limited; Goold, Shipley & Muir Company, of Brantford, Ltd.; McElroy Manufacturing Company, Limited; Norton Griffiths & Co., Ltd.; Sunset Orchard Lands, Limited. Corn Products Refining Company, Limited, has been registered.

Appointments announced are:

To be notaries public—Henry Thos. Wilson, Kamloops; James Arthur Arnold, Cranbrook; John Evans Lacey, Salmon Arm; Leslie Robert Pearse, Monte Creek.

To be justices of the peace—Omar S. Bent, Minstrel Island; Charles Anthony Watts Lethbridge, Hope; Edward Peters, Ymir.

James Maitland-Dougall, to be government agent at Duncan, stipendiary magistrate for the county of Nanaimo, registrar of the county court held at Duncan, recording officer under the Cattle Act for Cowichan and The Islands, registrar of vital statistics, registrar of voters, magistrate under the Small Debts Act, deputy assessor and collector and collector of revenue tax for Cowichan assessment district.

Thomas W. Herne, Fort Fraser, to be stipendiary magistrate for the county of Cariboo; John S. Morgan, Merritt, to be police magistrate for that city; G. H. Dawson, Vancouver, to be surveyor-general; Dr. John L. Atkinson, to be resident physician at Queen Charlotte; Wm. B. Paterson, solicitor, Glasgow, to be commissioner for taking affidavits in Lanarkshire and Renfrewshire for use in the courts of British Columbia.

Certificates as assayers have been granted to George L. Backus and Wm. J. Hamilton.

The University Endowment Act and the amending act of last session are proclaimed as in force on, from and after May 15.

DIETZ WILL APPEAL.

Waupon, Wis., May 19.—The case of John F. Deitz, who was found guilty last week of killing Deputy Sheriff Oscar Harp on October 8, during a raid on the Dietz cabin at Cameron Dam, will be appealed to the Supreme court. This announcement was made when Mrs. Dietz, accompanied by her three attorneys, called at the prison to visit her husband.

OVERCOME BY HEAT.

Detroit, Mich., May 19.—Jack Coombs, pitcher of the Philadelphia American Baseball Club, was overcome by the heat during the first inning of the game to-day with Detroit. He was resuscitated and carried off the field. Russell went into the game in place of Coombs.

STORY OF SUFFERING DENIED.

Boston, May 19.—A contradiction of a recent report that five thousand people were starving on the coast of Labrador was made to-day by Dr. Sir Wilfrid T. Grenfell, the medical missionary whose field of labor embraces northern Newfoundland and Labrador.

RUMORED PLOT TO KILL MADERO

(Continued from page 3.)

Advices from Pachuca to-day state that Delmado Medrano, who has proven by investigation to have been the leader of the mob that pillaged the town, was shot in the plaza at 6 o'clock last night. The execution was ordered by Col. Gabriel Harnandez, the revolutionary commander, and was witnessed by members of the Mexican White Cross and many prominent citizens who approved the summary punishment.

Mistaken For Federals.

Naco, Son., Mex., May 19.—The advance guard of Gen. Lomeli's rebel force, marching west from Agua Prieta, was mistaken for a force of federals early to-day and fired on by the insurrecto garrison at Naco. Five rebels and one civilian were shot and seriously wounded before the garrison discovered its mistake. It is believed that some of the wounded, who were brought to the American side for treatment will die.

Battle in Progress.

Cuernavaca, Mexico, May 19.—A sanguinary battle is being fought at Cuautla, 20 miles southeast of here, between the federal garrison under Col. Munguia and a force of rebels commanded by Col. Zapala. Fugitives arriving here to-day state that the streets of Cuautla are strewn with dead and wounded.

A commission left here last night for Cuautla carrying the news of the armistice, which it is hoped will put an end to the fighting. Gen. Figuerro is leading 3,000 federal troops from Iguala presumably en route for that city. Cuernavaca is the capital of the state of Morelos and is forty miles south of Mexico City. Cuautla is a town of about 8,000 population in Morelos.

SHAFT WILL COST HALF MILLION DOLLARS

General Manager of Extension Mines Tells of Exploratory Work

W. L. Coulson, general manager of the Canadian Collieries Company, was seen by a Nanaimo Herald representative when on his way from Extension mines to Comox and Cumberland. Mr. Coulson stated that Extension mines are working at full capacity and yet the demand for domestic coal, which is Extension's specialty, is greater than can be supplied, one reason for this being the difficulty of chartering colliers for the trade, for if shipping was more free, the mining would be perhaps pushed harder than at present. The company now has two boring machines at work in that vicinity, and while Mr. Coulson did not particularize as to results, he stated that a shaft to cost in the neighborhood of half a million would be begun when the work of prospecting and defining the coal measures were completed.

Asked as to the rumor that his company contemplate the reopening of the Old Wellington mines, he stated that such was the company's intention, if the exploratory work showed the measures that should be there. In that case Mr. Coulson stated that the shipping point for that section would be Departure Bay. His general conversation would indicate that he believed there were large and valuable measures of coal equal or superior to Extension coal in the Wellington tract owned by his company, and that these famous old mines would be again opened up at no distant day.

Mr. Coulson was asked if he cared to say anything for publication regarding the persistent rumors afloat that the Collieries Company would take over the mines of the Western Fuel. In reply he stated that he had nothing to say on the subject. He, however, remarked that Nanaimo was the natural centre of the extensive coal measures of Vancouver Island, that the mines in this section were in excellent shape and vast quantities of coal in sight.

NOT PERMITTED TO TESTIFY.

Berlin, Ont., May 19.—An unusual incident took place in the police court yesterday when Fred Reamert, a witness in an assault case, refused to take the oath because he disbelieved in God, heaven, hell and the future state. In accordance with the Canada evidence act he was not permitted to give evidence.

THREE INJURED BY TORNADO.

Sioux Falls, S. D., May 19.—A tornado in the vicinity of Dell Rapids, S. D., sixteen miles north of here, last evening injured three persons and destroyed at least a dozen buildings, most of them farm houses. The tornado started northwest of the town of Dell Rapids and struck a corner of the town.

GLEASON'S FIGURES WIDE OF THE MARK

Alderman Who Criticized the School By-law Finds His Authority Deposed

(From Friday's Daily.)

The ratepayers of the city of Victoria will have an opportunity of expressing themselves on Monday in regard to the several money by-laws which the city council proposes to pass this year. These include the school, sewers, parks, police and library by-laws, involving an expenditure of about $700,000. At this particular time each and all of them are important, but if anyone of them might be classified as supremely important it would be the schools loan by-law, which provides for the raising of $150,000.

The educational facilities of the city have in times past been the subject of much dissatisfaction and agitation. It was felt that for a city of the size and commercial importance of Victoria her educational opportunities should have been of a higher order. Many outsiders who came to live in the city declined to implement their promise to themselves simply on account of the educational facilities afforded their children. Since then concerted effort has been applied, with the result that the school system in vogue to-day is very much in advance. The number of schools has been extended, the teaching improved, and the accessories greatly increased. It is with a view of keeping this good and necessary work up to the mark that the present by-law is being proposed.

The money to be raised under its provisions will be spent in the following manner: Sixty-eight thousands dollars for site and building in James Bay; $35,000 for building and site on the Burnside road; $20,000 for building and site in Oaklands; $3,500 for four additional lots for the Bank street school site; $7,000 for manual training and domestic science buildings at the George Jay and Victoria West school grounds; $7,325 for furniture for new schools, and $9,857 for discount on debentures and cost of election, printing, etc.

When the by-law was in council Ald. Gleason reflected upon it adversely, but since then it has been conclusively proved that the government figures upon which his statements were based were very wide of the mark. He stated that since 1907 the school attendance had only increased 260, when as a matter of fact, they had increased by nearly 800. In the year 1905 the expenditure per capita on schools was $28.80, and in 1910 it was $44.59.