

be prosecuted and this was decided upon.

Stray cows in the municipality was another matter that troubled Councilor Newton. He instanced the case where a cow and a calf got into a garden and worked considerable havoc before they were chased out.

Councilor Subularius was of the opinion that it was time some effort should be made to see about a water supply for the municipality. He thought the council should take some steps in this connection with the city.

Councilor Noble did not think anything could be done far a while. If the city secured the water from Sooke lake, which it was considering doing, then there would be plenty of water available for Oak Bay.

Councillor Rattenbury could not see how the municipality could co-operate with the city in any manner. He offered a suggestion instead that the council might purchase its water in bulk from the city instead of having the residents do it individually.

The meeting was a short one and adjournment came about 9.15 o'clock.

EXTENSIVE DEALINGS IN B. C. TIMBER LANDS

North American Company Will
Erect Six Mills—Railway
Commission Orders

Vancouver, Aug. 6.—W. E. Simpson, president of the North American Timber company, is in the city. His company has its headquarters at St. Paul, and is composed of Minnesota and Iowa capitalists. They have been buying largely both on Vancouver island and the mainland of late, their expenditure being about five million dollars, and their purchases composing 261 square miles of timber limits, of which 100 square miles are on the mainland and the balance of 161 square miles on the east and west coasts of Vancouver island. Mr. Simpson says his company formerly operated in Oregon, but has sold out and will invest in Canada exclusively. Next year they will erect six large mills at mainland and island points not yet settled, and expect to commence cutting about October next year. The island mills will cut for export trade only, and the mainland mills for northwest markets.

The Railway Commission concluded its sittings here this morning. Mr. McMullen, C. P. R. solicitor, announced that an agreement had been reached with the city of Victoria about the old Esquimalt road. The difference between Vancouver and the V. W. & Y. over False creek were all amicably adjusted. On an application by Mr. Harvey of the C. P. R., the commission will supply mills on branch lines in Kootenay with cars, the board made a general order that branch lines must supply cars to carry freight to points on the line in the mainline, after which main line must carry it on.

PROVINCE'S IRRIGATION PLANS

J. A. Macdonald, K. C., and leader of the opposition, recently attended as a delegate to an irrigation convention in Calgary. Mr. Macdonald said that the problem of irrigation was one of the important ones which confront the people of this province, says the Rossland Miner. He was the first to support the appointment of an expert as a commissioner to look into the question of the irrigation of the arid and semi-arid lands of the province. The outcome of this was that the matter was actually taken up by the legislature and the appointment of Mr. S. A. Carpenter of Greeley and Fort Collins, Colorado, who has had a long experience with irrigation questions. He will give the results of his investigations to the next legislature, together with suggestions as to the best methods to put into vogue to irrigate the land in the dry belts of the province. There are three belts, Mr. Macdonald says, the first being the wet belt outside of the mountains. The second belt is east of the mountains, which is an arid or semi-arid belt. Then comes a section, of which the Kootenay is a portion, which is neither very wet nor very dry.

In the arid and semi-arid belt the land is rich, and can be made to produce splendid crops, provided water can be got upon it. The problem of water for its irrigation will be solved either by storage or by carrying the water by flumes or ditches from the existing streams to the places where it can be run over the land and make it blossom like a rose. The irrigated belt should in time become the home of many thousands of prosperous agriculturalists.

Mr. Macdonald said that some of the land in the province is selling for a good price. For instance, recently some land on the Stirling place in the Okanagan sold for \$1,400 per acre. This land has trees six years old and yields \$500 per acre a year. There is a 20-acre orchard on the Aberdeen place in the Okanagan valley that yields \$800 per acre a year. Land that can produce wealth at such a rapid rate is not dear even at \$1,400 an acre.

Mr. Macdonald went on to say that as soon as all of the information was in, as furnished by Professor Carpenter and obtained from other sources, he had no doubt that the beginning of what in the future will be a comprehensive system for irrigating the belt would be made. It would be a commencement of much importance, as in the not very distant future it would add largely to the material wealth and resources of the province, besides making many prosperous homes for agriculturalists and their families.

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ANTIOCHUS REACHES PORT FROM LIVERPOOL

Big Blue Funnel Liner Bringing
Large Cargo—L. S. Holt
a Passenger

(From Wednesday's Daily)

The steamer Antiochus, of the Blue Funnel liner reached William Head last night from Liverpool and the port of the far east, bringing a large cargo and a number of Japanese immigrants to add to the number who have reached the province during the past few weeks. L. S. Holt, a director of the Blue Funnel line, is a passenger. The Antiochus will come to the outer dock this morning and after disembarking her Japanese passengers, will sail for Tacoma, returning about the end of the week to discharge about 1,000 tons of general freight for this port.

The Antiochus left Liverpool on May 25, Colombo, on June 19, Singapore, June 28, Hongkong, July 9, Kobe, July 19, and Yokohama, on July 24.

The Antiochus is one of the largest steamers of the company's fleet, being of the mastless type adopted some time ago. She is 8,011 tons, and is exceeded only by the Teucer which has a tonnage of 9,017 tons. The Teucer is following the Antiochus having left Liverpool on June 22 for this port. She left Hongkong yesterday bound here via Moji, Kobe and Yokohama, which port she is scheduled to leave on August 22, and is due here about September 4. The Titan will follow a month later.