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taxation of and the Premier- ined to agree. He reminded e that if railways were not e should be the fault rest- e previous Conservative ad- on. He suggested that the Liberals consult "your good r. Scott," on certain proposi- umented in their provincial are "My ideas are brooding," d Sir Witrid at the close of res." "I am imbibing the and hopeful atmosphere of I shall return ready to d I hope to master the difficu- ch await me."

Mr. Hrid was the recipient of a dress of welcome from Mayor eway and Hon. Thos. McEurt- was born in Melville shortly e Premier's arrival yesterday in e of a newly immigrated Cana- e another named the chief a tribute which the Premier edged with a happy letter of elation.

FER TRAM TO RAILWAY

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nts Are Now Building Hopes B. C. Electric Railway Extension

idents o. Sooke have given up of securing the advent of the in Northern railway into their district, but are now building hopes on the B. C. Electric Railway, who, it is said have an running a line through Colmetchosa, and Sooke. This e along the life of their ordan- er supply and would be com- y very easy to build.

idents of the districts con- sider that it would be far- for them to have a tram line their districts than a standard railway. By the former they expect several services a day by the railway all they could for some time to come would be in a day each way, and those by the experience with other would not be nearly so long as an electric tram.

people of the districts interest- ed and convinced that they will the railway, but it will take gether different route and e d. There are still, however, the owners of the charter to hear. These have stated that they de- to build, even if the Canadian do not buy them out. Should n this the tramway company be out of the running, but it is probable that the tramway by may make some arrangement he charter holders, or at any at the railway, when built, will rated by electric power.

WATER POWER CASE.

London, July 22.—The judicial com- on of the privy council yesterday two cases of the Dominion of a vs. Ontario and the Burrard Company, and the attorney gen- of British Columbia vs. the King (cross appeal) at the close of ar- guments for the appellants, announced the judgment. Judgment was re- ported to be in favor of the Burrard Company in that which involves con- of water powers within the juris- diction of British Columbia, the ruling out of a provincial license ng the Lillooet river.

RAILWAY STRIKE IN ENGLAND OVER

TRAINS AGAIN RUNNING ON NORTH EASTERN

Factories Are Gradually Reopen- ing—Much Freight Has Accumulated in Yards

(Times Leased Wire.) Newcastle, England, July 22.—Trains on the North Eastern railroad are running again to-day and the great strike which tied up a large part of England and spread to Scotland, throwing thousands of men out of work, is going.

Factories and mills, closed down because of their inability to get coal and handle freight, are gradually re-open- ing. Mines which closed down because the coal could not be shipped away will resume work as the strike in a few days things will be running normally again.

The railroad to-day is congested with freight which for two days has been accumulating in the yards. Passenger traffic is being handled as usual.

THE ACCESSION OATH.

Melbourne, July 22.—Hugh Mahon, who in 1881 shared imprisonment at Kilmahare, will move to the House of Representatives for elimination of the words in the accession declaration reflecting on the beliefs of Catholics. Both Premier Fisher and former Premier Deakin favor the modification, but it is not certain whether the House will adopt the address in the form proposed.

WOMAN LOSES LIFE IN FIRE

PERISHES WHEN FLAMES DESTROY HOTEL

Two Men Are Missing and it is Feared Were Caught in the Burning Building

Houquim, Wash., July 22.—One person is dead and two are missing as a result of a fire which destroyed the Houquim hotel early to-day and for some time threatened destruction to the business section of the city. The fire broke out about 10 o'clock and danger to adjoining buildings had passed.

Mrs. Olsen, aged 70, a guest of the hotel, was burned to death in her room. Two men, one a fireman named Junett, are missing and are believed to have perished in the burned hotel. The fire started in the hotel, an old iron structure, shortly after mid- night and soon was a mass of flames. A strong wind was blowing and carried embers toward the city. Water in the reservoir was low and the firemen were helpless to control the flames. Volunteer firemen hurried to the assistance of the fire department and did heroic work in preventing the spread of the flames to adjoining buildings. The Houquim cigar factory, next to the hotel, caught fire and was totally destroyed.

Thirty persons were in the hotel when the fire broke out and all but Mrs. Olsen and two men were taken out in safety. Two of the guests of the place were severely injured and were taken to a hospital. The Houquim was once the leading hotel of the city, but was converted into an apartment house several years ago.

CALL OF NATURE.

Vancouver Exhibition Offering Prizes for Nature Collection.

Plodding away in the cold north- digging long for that elusive thing sought by all men, which glitters in the crannies of swiftly-purging streams, Rex Beach was once a plain miner. He, however, heard and felt the call of nature in her every mood, and upon a suggestion one day put what he had seen and treated up in words, and that was "The Spoilers." Since then the author's rapid rise to fame is a matter of common knowledge.

The coming Vancouver exhibition, to be held August 15-20, will offer untold opportunities for the first real attempt of Canadians to portray their own her- itage in some manner. There are prizes offered for the best collection of wood varieties, Canadian woods, leaves and flowers. There are abundant prizes for the skill of the Canadian artist, whether with brush or pen, for an archi- tect, wood-carver, modeller in clay, the camera-lover. There are prizes given for those of especial originality of mind, such as designers.

SUFFRAGISTS IN NEW YORK.

New York, July 22.—The exclusive residential section of the city, in which is located the home of J. P. Morgan, is facing invasion by suffragettes, if present plans go through. The suffragettes, headed by Mrs. Clarence Mackay, are negotiating for the purchase of the mansion of the late T. Henry Mason at Madison square and 83rd street. They propose to make of this structure the first mark- et home in America. Morgan's residence is situated directly across the street.

CHICAGO'S POPULATION.

Chicago, July 22.—The population of Chicago has passed the million mark, according to the estimates based on the school census made public to-day. The census of German parents takes the first rank, followed by Poles, Russian and Irish.

EXECUTIVE GIVES AN ULTIMATUM

ESQUIMALT PROPERTY OWNERS COMPLAIN

Waterworks Co. Told Charter Will Be Amended if Reasonable Demands Are Refused

(From Friday's Daily.) Troubles existing between the Esqui- malt Waterworks Company and a number of residents of Esquimalt district, regarding excessive charges levied for house connections, and refusals of the company to give water supply to certain property holders, will, owing to an ultimatum issued by Premier McBride yesterday, have to be settled by the company within one month, otherwise the provincial government will take action and amend the company's charter, as announced in yesterday's Times.

A deputation, consisting of P. R. Brown, H. M. Fullerton, W. B. Ryan, Simpson and others, waited on the provincial executive to protest against the treatment they have been given by the company. Theodore Lubbe, president of the Esquimalt Waterworks Company, was present also.

The deputation complained that the company had refused water connections to a property owner for a proposed dwelling on Lampton street, while connections round the corner on Craigflower road were agreed to. The owner of the property purchased a corner block at Lampton street and Craigflower road, and intended to erect three houses on Craigflower road, and one on Lampton street. The company agreed to allow him water connections for the Craigflower road houses, but refused to allow them for the Lampton street property. Another Lampton street resident, Mr. McKenzie, on lot 10, has water connections to his lot, and the company has refused to give the same facilities to Mr. Butler, owner of lot 8, situated about 200 feet away. Another purchaser of property on Lampton street proposes to sub-divide into town lots, and on application to the company for water connections has been informed that for each town lot connection he will be charged \$150.

The deputation also informed the executive that an owner on Connaught street had been refused water connections, while on either side of the street the privilege had been granted. Connaught street is within the city limits, and the excuse for refusal given by the company was that Connaught street is an unmade street. Mr. Simpson, who owns the property proposed to be cut into town lots, informed the executive that there is a trouble between the Esquimalt Waterworks Company and the Hudson's Bay Company, and that individual owners were being held up to pay the piper on that account.

The premier, having heard the complaints of the deputation, informed Mr. Lubbe that the matter would have to be righted within one month, otherwise the government would take steps to amend the charter of the water company.

R. T. Elliott, K. C., solicitor for the applicants, and A. P. Luxton, K. C., solicitor for the waterworks company, have agreed to get together for the purpose of reaching a settlement agreeable to all parties within the month time limit.

The petition presented to the govern- ment above alleged being substantiated by evidence your Honor will, in council, be pleased to order and direct that proceedings in quo warranta at the relation of your petitioner be had and taken to invalidate and set aside the charter of the said Esquimalt Waterworks Company upon the ground of wicked, oppressive, coercive and fraudulent use of that company, of the charter conferred upon the company by the Esquimalt Waterworks Act, 1885, and amending acts; and

"3. For such further and other relief in the premises as your Honor may deem meet."

AGREEMENT REACHED.

No Danger of Trouble on Canadian Pacific Railway.

Montreal, July 22.—As the result of repeated conferences extending over some weeks, a definite agreement was reached last evening between the Canadian Pacific Railway Company and its conductors and trainmen, and all the points in dispute, in large technical, but the general meaning is that the standard rate of pay for the territory covered by the agreement is increased about 90 per cent. of their demands under the agreement. The new rates of wages for the different classes of employment in the train and yard service are specified, but the agreement is liable to change under 60 days' notice from either side. The new schedule will be operative to-day, and in this way the men will benefit pretty well. It is accepted by both sides as a definite closing of the dispute which has been in progress since the beginning of the year.

OPEN SWITCH CAUSES WRECK.

Chicago, July 22.—One man was killed and another seriously injured when a switch engine crashed into a Nickel Plate passenger train at Forty-third street. A number of passengers were bruised, but none were seriously hurt. The engineer of the switch engine was killed and the fireman hurt. The accident was caused by an open switch.

NEW PRESIDENT.

Montreal, July 22.—At a meeting to- day of directors of the Bank of Montreal, R. B. Angus was elected president in place of the late Sir George Drummond. Vincent Meredith, of Montreal, was elected director.



RAIN ASSISTS FIRE FIGHTERS

DAMAGE, HOWEVER, IS NOT YET OVER

Report That People Are Leaving Sandon, Which is Threatened By Flames

(Times Leased Wire.) Portland, Ore., July 22.—While many forest conflagrations are still raging, rain fell last night and to-day in many parts of the Pacific northwest which will check the flames. The greatest relief is felt in the Idaho Pan-handle and northwest Washington, according to reports reaching here to-day. In British Columbia, in the Kootenay district the fires are burning furiously, despite the rain and dogged fight put up by the hundreds of tired fire fighters.

According to reports early to-day, the town of Sandon, B. C., was again threatened by the flames and the people were fleeing. This report has not been verified.

In Idaho and northeastern Washington rain fell for five hours during the night and early to-day indications were that more rain would fall.

Reports from Lewiston, Idaho, stated that many of the small fires in the white pine belt near Pierce City were extinguished and it was expected that those along the Clearwater river, which have been doing extensive damage, would be brought under control. The Pine Creek fire likewise has subsided materially. The fire which is causing the greatest concern at present is raging near St. Joe, in north central Idaho. A large number of rangers are battling against the blaze there. From Missouri, it is reported that the fire in the Cabinet forest reserve have burned over a large acreage and are spreading. More fire fighters are being rushed into the district.

Fires at Horn and Thompson, Montana, are burning also.

According to reports from British Columbia the fire situation is practically the same although some improvement has been noticed.

In Oregon fires are reported from every forest district west of the Cascades. The North Santiam river fire, near Albany, has swept over three square miles and is still working into the green timber. One hundred and fifty men are battling against its advance.

The Oregon fires, however, are not as extensive as those in Idaho, Wash- ington and British Columbia.

Mill Burned. Golden, B. C., July 22.—The Colum- bia River Lumber Company's mill was totally destroyed by a big fire yester- day morning. The loss is \$175,000, or \$200,000, fully covered by insurance.

Village Destroyed. Wausau, Wis., July 22.—According to messages received here, fully 700 resi- dents of villages northeast of Merrill are in peril from forest fires that are sweeping the surrounding districts.

The town of Glasgow, north of Bloom- ington, has been cut off from communi- cation for several hours. The village of Heinenmann has been destroyed and the residents rescued by a St. Paul train which ran back and forth from the village, carrying the residents to safety.

UP AGAINST IT.

TO ARBITRATE G. T. STRIKE (Times Leased Wire.) Montreal, Q. July 22.—Grand Trunk trainmen accepted arbitra- tion at 5 o'clock this after- noon.

The railroad also agreed to accept arbitration. The announcement of the men was made through Vice-presi- dent Murdoch of the trainmen. The offer was made by the Min- ister of Labor. The Government will appoint the arbitration commission to settle the dispute.

INCREASE OF CIVIL LIST

LABOR MEMBER ATTACKS PROPOSAL

George Barnes Declares Royal Family is Extravagant—Com- mons Rejects Amendments

(Times Leased Wire.) London, July 22.—George Barnes, La- borite, speaking in the House of Commons this evening, attacked what he called the "extravagances of the royal family." Barnes opposed the pro- posed increase in the civil list unless the King and the Prince of Wales should surrender to the House of Commons treasury the revenues from the Duchies of Lancaster and Cornwall.

"The royal income is excessive," said Barnes. "The expenses of the royal household are enormous, the manage- ment is honeycombed with abuses and the system conceals a nest of parasites fattening upon the nation under the shadow of the throne."

The civil list asked for a total of £3,100,000. The revenues of Lancaster and Cornwall in 1908 amounted to £723,000 and last year probably reached £1,000,000.

In reply former Premier Balfour said that the root of Barnes's objection seemed to be that royalty was over ex- pensive. "It is not over-expensive, it is over- immoral," cried a Laborite from the floor.

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CHICAGO MYSTERY REMAINS UNSOLVED

Coroner Receives Letter Stating That Rawn Was Murdered by a Negro

Chicago, July 22.—Coroner Hoffman announced this afternoon that he had received a confidential letter stating that Ira G. Rawn, president of the Monon rail- road, whose mysterious death was mur- dered by a negro. The motive, the letter says, was robbery.

The writer does not divulge the name of the murderer. Coroner Hoffman told about receiving the letter following a con- ference with acting chief of Police Schuetter and Foreman Hatley, of the coroner's jury.

An arrest is expected by the police this afternoon. It is understood the authori- ties have found a definite clue. The sus- pect, the police intimate, is a former em- ployee of Rawn who was discharged, who is alleged to have threatened the railroad president.

The family of the dead railroad president this afternoon offered a reward of \$5,000 for the conviction of his slayer.

Accident insurance companies holding policies amounting to \$36,000 on the life of Ira G. Rawn to-day demanded another coroner's jury, alleging that Foreman Hatley, of the jury chosen to serve Mon- day, is disqualified because of his friend- ship for the Rawn family. The life in- surance companies announced that they would pay \$40,000 insurance to Rawn's beneficiaries, no matter what may be the verdict of the jury.

The funeral of the railway president will be held this afternoon.

FARMERS DECIDE TO BUILD FLOUR MILLS

Will Endeavor to Break Grip of the So-Called Milling Trust

Pendleton, Ore., July 22.—To break the grip of the "milling trust," over \$400,000 has been subscribed by wealthy farmers of Umatilla county and the Walla Walla valley toward the construction of two flour mills, according to H. H. McLean, president of the local Farmers' Union. McLean says the new "farmer combine" will likewise cause to be constructed a power plant to supply electricity to operate the mills.

The movement was started by the farmers to break the grip of the so-called milling trust in the Northwest.

According to the plans as outlined by McLean, one mill will be built at Adams, Ore., the other at Walla Walla. Each mill is to have a daily capacity of 1,000 barrels and will be so con- structed that they may be enlarged at nominal cost. McLean declared that the farmers will not bleach their flour.

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THE SUTTON CASE.

Mother of Dead Officer May Run for Congress in Order to Continue Fight.

Los Angeles, Cal., July 20.—Deter- mined upon another effort to clear the mystery surrounding the death of her son, Lieutenant J. N. Sutton, on the campus of the United States naval academy at Annapolis two years ago, Mrs. Rose B. Sutton has started for her home in Portland.

Mrs. Sutton probably will be a candi- date for the House of Representa- tion from her district. She declared that her decision would be made as soon as she reached Portland, and that she is willing to make the fight if her candidacy is favored by the people she would represent.

FOR FIRE SUFFERERS.

Quebec, July 22.—The provincial govern- ment has donated \$5,000 to the fund for the relief of the Campbellton fire suffer- ers.

EMIGRATION FROM BRITAIN.

London, July 22.—The number of British passengers to Canada during the last six months was 86,907, compared with 48,900 for the same period last year.

ASK ESQUIMALT CO. TO NAME GOLDSTREAM PRICE

Water Committee is Still Gathering Data—Sub-Committee to Ascertain Terms on Which Company Would Sell.

(From Friday's Daily.) Following a couple of hours of dis- cussion in which the Sooke Lake scheme was severely criticized, the citizens' water committee last night appointed J. J. Shallcross, Ald. Banner- man and C. F. Todd a committee to ascertain the price at which the Esquimalt Waterworks Company will sell its undertaking to the city and gather other information concerning the revenue and working of the com- pany. A sort of "provisional" committee gathered by ex-Aldermen Anton Hen- derson, Gleason and Maston, was ap- pointed to inquire further into Sooke lake, the members named being Ald. Fullerton, Anton Henderson, John Meaton. The meeting ended, as did its two predecessors, with requests from the committee for "more infor- mation."

As no quorum of the city council was present the committee alone met. The report of H. M. Burwell, C. E., upon the maximum amount of power which can be developed from Sooke; cost of this development; the value of the horse-power so developed; the cost of the necessary five-mile tunnel from Sooke to Goldstream and the time re- quired for the work, was before the committee.

The main features of the report are estimates of cost, which makes the de- velopment of power unprofitable. Mr. Burwell comments upon the lack of data placed at his disposal and states that the estimated daily supply of 23- 000,000 gallons from Sooke is appar- ently purely guesswork. He states that the amount of power that can be ob- tained from the development of the Sooke watershed is impossible of esti- mation from the limited data at his disposal. The cost of delivering water to a generating station on Saanich Inlet sufficient to develop 3,000 h. p. is given as \$1,600,000. The revenue from 3,000 h. p. is estimated at \$50,000 which, at 6 per cent, would justify a cost of a tunnel from Sooke to Gold- stream is estimated at \$30 a foot, this figure being given as the lowest at which work could be safely started. The time occupied in constructing this tunnel is estimated at 1,208 working days, or four years.

Cost of Project. J. J. Shallcross, speaking to the re- port, pointed out that the mayor's let- ter of instruction to Mr. Burwell did not cover all the ground taken in the committee's resolution regarding the Sooke scheme. The engineer had been asked to make a report on Sooke as a power proposition and not as a water supply, it having evidently been con- sidered by the city council that the report of A. L. Adams on the latter phase of the subject, Mr. Bur- well hardly did justice to the possi- bilities of Sooke, because he estimated two-thirds of the total cost of develop- ment for power when much of this cost could be applied to the development of a water supply.

Taking Mr. Burwell's figures on power production Mr. Shallcross es- timated the cost of diverting the waters of Sooke for power as \$225,000 in addi- tion to the cost of developing the water supply. At 6 per cent this amount would cost \$13,000. The revenues of Lancaster and Cornwall in 1908 amounted to \$723,000 and last year probably reached \$1,000,000.

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Commander of Fortress Reports on Explosion by Which 11 Were Killed

Norfolk, Va., July 22.—The great rifles of Fortress Monroe that sent their charges hurling across Hampton Roads yesterday are silent to-day. The national standard files over the fortifications at half mast.

The eleven dead soldiers, victims of the back fire of gun number 1 of the De Russey battery yesterday, await burial, and an investigation is under way to ascertain the cause of the fatal acci- dent.

Colonel Townley, commandant of the fort, to-day notified "the families of the men that the government would attend to the details and bear the ex- pense of burial. The commandant, in a report to the war department, gives his reason for the accident and speaks in high praise of the bravery of the men who survived the explosion and although wounded, risked their lives to prevent further disaster.

The report follows: "The accident was due to a prema- ture discharge of number 1, De Rus- sey battery. The breech lock was blown rearward, the discharge occur- ing before rotation began.

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