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DESPOILING THE CAPITAL

No amazing facility is necessary to prove that the McBride government, if it has not actually been hostile to Victoria, has at least not been favorable to Victoria in any of the measures of importance it has passed.

In defending the course of the government in constituting a peripatetic court of appeal, something unknown in any other section of the British Empire, the Colonist says the Times never, as far as it knows, condemned the course of Mr. Joseph Martin in setting the precedent from which the government hesitates to depart.

Our contemptuous allusions to cast the blame of what has occurred upon the city of Vancouver. It says that "possibly, when the people of Vancouver have grown a little more cosmopolitan in their views they will see that the established usage throughout the Empire ought to prevail here."

A SIGNIFICANT RETURN.

We have to acknowledge receipt from the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery a return of bye-elections for the House of Commons held during the year 1907. The paper shows that fourteen elections were held.

THE AMERICAN FLEET.

The government of British Columbia has invited the president of the United States to include the coast cities of this province in the itinerary of Ad-

miral Evans's great flying squadron. We are pleased to hear this, and we shall be more than pleased if the Commander-in-Chief of the fleet, can spare the time for a frolic at this place, once the headquarters of a naval force of considerable importance.

ABOUT METERS.

Have you ever noticed any of the idiosyncrasies of the water meter? Meters of all varieties are subject to their "months of weakness."

We learn from an eastern newspaper that there is a system of municipal meter inspection in New York, and the results of such inspection grows how reliable the average meter is.

The financial institutions of Canada, on the whole, do not appear to be feeling in any marked degree the depression which has so seriously affected business in the United States, in Europe and even in Asia.

Talking about treatment of cities by street railway companies, read the following from the Toronto Globe as revealing the situation in the capital of Ontario.

We have just one word of warning for Admiral Fighting Bob Evans. He has been invited to take his ships to Vancouver. If he does this he will have to fight his way out of the inlet.

The City's Claims on The Water Question

W. J. Taylor K. C. Presented Victoria's Situation Before Government—Esquimalt Company's Case.

(From Monday's Daily.)

The provincial government this morning met the representatives of the city, the Esquimalt Waterworks Company and the B. C. Electric Railway Company.

W. J. Taylor, K. C., and J. P. Mann represented the city, while appearing for the companies were A. P. Luxton, K. C., for the Esquimalt Waterworks Company, E. V. Bodwell, K. C., for the B. C. Electric Railway Company.

The case for the city was opened by Mr. Taylor. He said the problems they were to discuss were very serious. A similar problem came up in 1891, at that time the city was authorized to take any land at any time within 20 miles of the city for waterworks purposes.

Mr. Taylor showed from Mr. Lubbe's own sworn evidence that up to 1892 there was simply a water supply and not a power company. The charter of the city of Victoria states that it shall be the duty of the water commission to provide for the city a supply of water of good quality.

When in 1892 the Esquimalt Waterworks Company was formed, it was given to Goldstream, the charter was subject to the Victoria Waterworks Act. There was a qualification covering this in the preamble to the bill.

Mr. Taylor read from the petition for the bill of 1892, showing that the original idea was only to supply water and not power.

Mr. Taylor thought, important to estimate and compare the rights granted. Victoria had the prior right to take water from any place within 20 miles. This was no limit whatever as to the amount of water. Both Sooke lake and Goldstream were well within the 20-mile limit.

When the company went to Goldstream there was a qualification that qualification was the right which had already been granted to the city of Victoria at the time it was passed.

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Fashion's Latest Dictates in Ladies' Spring Costumes Are Here

THE WORD SPRING strikes a responsive chord, beautiful, balmy Spring days seem to get nearer to us than other days of other seasons. It is a time when bright new wearables are as responsive to nature's call as the grass, and buds and flowers; and every few days brings fresh shipments of Spring fruits which add charms to shopping in this store.

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DROWNED IN SAANICH INLET

J. F. ANNETTE MET WITH AN ACCIDENT His Boat Capsized as He Was Attempting to Cross to Lime Works.

(From Monday's Daily.) News was brought to the city last evening by J. P. Elford, of the Victoria brick works, of the death by drowning in Saanich Inlet yesterday afternoon of J. F. Annette, foreman of the Malahat Lime Company.

At the time of starting a heavy sea was running and a strong south wind raged down the inlet. Mr. Elford, who became alarmed at the safety of the small boat and its passengers in the fierce wind and chopping water, journeyed against continuing the journey as far as the Malahat site.

Nothing daunted, however, at what he deemed to be unnecessary alarms on the part of the Chinaman and Mr. Elford, Annette wished to continue, wanting to change his clothes and come into Victoria.

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ISLAND COAL MINES HAVE NOT BEEN SOLD

Report Circulated to That Effect Has no Foundation in Fact. A report has been circulated in various cities on the coast to the effect that the Wellington Colliery Company's interests on Vancouver Island had been disposed of to Edgar Vincent, the representative of Dunsmuir who recently visited the city.

SLIPPED FROM LOGS TO WATERY GRAVE

Austrian Met With Sad Death While Amusing Himself at Horseshoe Bay. Chemanus, March 15.—Peter Sweetlick, an Austrian in the employ of the Victoria Lumber & Manufacturing Company, was drowned on the standard boom at the head of Horseshoe Bay yesterday afternoon about five o'clock.

TATSU MARU CRUX SETTLED AT LAST

China Climbs Down, and Will Concede All the Japanese Demand. Tokio, March 15.—A satisfactory settlement of the Tatsu Maru affair was announced this afternoon. China has agreed to purchase all the arms and ammunition on board the vessel at the time of the seizure.

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STEAMER SYLVIA POUNDING TO PIECES

Heavy Gale Tore Open Hull of Vessel Wrecked Off Massachusetts. Wood's Hole, Mass., March 15.—The southeast gale of yesterday afternoon and last night bore heavily upon the steamer Sylvia, which ran on to Sow and day reef on Saturday, and at dawn the upper deck, seemingly indicating that the greater portion of the bottom had been reduced to a minimum.

THE DOMINION CARBOL LTD.

The Dominion Carboll Ltd. with a capital of \$1,000,000, to acquire certain oil and gas rights in the district of the Province of Ontario, Canada, and G. W. Mitchell, The Cabello Cigar Co., Ltd., with a capital of \$50,000.

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LANDSLIDE IN KOOTENAY

Six Acres Suddenly Sank West Shore of Lake.

Revelstoke, B. C., March 15.—The most remarkable event taken place in the Arrow Lake region for many years, and one of the people in the vicinity all manner of causes, occurred days ago in the Arrow Lake region.

Fortunately no lives were lost. A team of horses belonging to a lumberer in the Arrow Lake region before the deluge passed. Over half a mile of the lumberer's wagon road, whatever the cause, has not been ascertained. It is likely one is that the water, the suction caused by the water, the suction caused by the water, the suction caused by the water.

Appointments Made by Companies Incorporating. This week's Provincial returns notice of the following appointments: Fran Manuel Stevens, and Thomas J. Hardy, of the justices of the peace.

Robert George Sim, of Vancouver, to be a commissioner for the purpose of acting as a member of the Provincial Electoral Districts Act, 1906.

Frederick Charles McClover, to be a Junior Clerk of the assessor for the Victoria District, from the 1st of April, 1907.

Rev. John Henry Keam, Melakata; William Max Simpson, M. A., of Port Simpson, to be officers of the Board of Directors of the Provincial Hospital, during the year 1908.

The following companies have been incorporated under the Companies Act: The Macdonald-Murray Supply Co., Ltd., with a capital of \$50,000.

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