

SETTLERS PLANS FOR THE SEASON

Government Will Send Out a Much Larger Number of Parties This Year Owing to Increased Vote

In order that the fullest and most dependable information as to available public lands may be placed in the hands of intending settlers in British Columbia, arrangements are being rapidly completed by the Department of Lands, under the supervision of Surveyor-General E. B. McCarty, for a busy season ahead by the corps of surveyors employed by the Provincial Government. Many of these have already left to execute their important duties in the various outlying districts of the Province; others are at present making up packing and forwarding to their several bases of operation in their respective districts for the season, while others still are awaiting their marching orders, expecting to start upon their journey as the ever-receding frontier line is known to them—some time early in the month of May.

WELSHES OVERTAKES PULLET'S PURSUIT

Choked Bird Revived by Police Station Air Comes to Life to Rebuke its Assailant in This City

When Policeman Turner, of the Victoria force, showed up at the police station on Friday morning, he was met by a flock of pullets which were being held by the police. The chickens were being held because they had been found in the possession of a gentleman who had been charged with stealing a pullet. The gentleman, however, was able to prove that the pullet was his own, and the chickens were released.

WANT HOME FOR YOUTHFUL WAIVES

Deputation Representing Children's Aid Society Waited on Minister of Education Yesterday

To endeavor to induce the provincial government to establish a Detention Home for Vancouver Island's youthful waifs and strays in Victoria a deputation representative of the local Children's Aid Society waited on Hon. Dr. Young, provincial secretary, yesterday afternoon.

HARSH TREATMENT OF IMMIGRANTS

Senators Instance Cases in Which Arrivals in Canada Had Hard Experience—New Bill to Make Reforms

OTTAWA, April 14.—The bill authorizing the issue of \$4,000,000 for the Montreal harbor commission was given its second reading in the senate yesterday. In the committee on immigration Senator Gibson called attention to the case of an Englishman who came out after spending several years in Hamilton through his industry gained enough money to make a home in all that he had been able to do. He had a wife and children, and he had a good job in the city. He was able to get a passport and a ticket for his family, and he was able to get a job in the city. He was able to get a passport and a ticket for his family, and he was able to get a job in the city.

YOUNG LADY'S NARROW ESCAPE

Rock From Blast Falls Before Her and Flicks Off Eye Glasses Without Inflicting Injury

A young Seattle lady, while visiting Victoria, experienced a hairbreadth escape today as a rock fell from a building and struck her. The rock was about the size of a large watermelon and fell from a building which was being demolished. The lady was standing in the street at the time, and the rock fell just above her head. It struck her eye glasses, which were flying through the air, but it did not injure her.

CAN HEAR ANY CASES APPEAL

VANCOUVER, April 14.—British Columbia's Court of Appeal, with forty appeals before it, today wrestled with the points of procedure for two hours before it was able to reach the first appeal.

MEANWHILE IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR THE WELFARE OF THE IMMIGRANTS

FRENCHMAN ESCAPES RESTAURANT BILLS BY PUTTING SPIDERS IN HIS CHEESE

PARIS, April 16.—Andre Laturbe, a young Parisian, who thought he had solved the problem of living in other people's expense, was arrested today for a most ingenious fraud. His method was to go to a fashionable restaurant and dine well. When he got to the cheese stage he produced from his pocket a little tin box full of spiders. To execute a couple of spiders on the plate from which he was eating his cheese was the work of an instant. He called the waiter and protested loudly against the dishonest act of supplying food with spiders in it.

WILL TAKE COMMAND OF THE CAMOSUN

Capt. Barney Johnson Will Relieve Capt. Batchelor on the Union Steamship Co.'s Steamer

Capt. Barney Johnson, for some time in command of the steamer St. Denis, which commanded the route to England to bring out the steamer Roman for the B. C. Packers' Association, has been appointed to the command of the steamer Camosun to relieve Capt. Batchelor, who has been transferred to a pilot in the Vancouver authority.

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GREAT GROWTH OF PORTLAND CEMENT IN NORTHERN CITY

Stewart, the Mining Centre on Portland Canal Is Rapidly Forging Ahead—Auction of Lots

In connection with the rapid growth and future prospects of Stewart, the new city on the Portland Canal, the government's holdings of land are being offered at auction on the 31st proximo. It is interesting to note that whereas two years ago the city was a simple village, it is now a city of several thousands, with well laid out streets, sewerage and electric light systems in prospect, a chamber of mines and the possibilities of an important industrial centre.

REPORTS RECEIVED THAT GROUSE, PHEASANTS AND QUAIL ARE DOING SPLENDIDLY—HUNGARIAN PARTRIDGES FLOURISH

While Vancouver Island sportsmen are agitating for a close season on the grouse that feathered and other game should be given an opportunity to increase in numbers, those who reside in the districts adjoining Victoria are plentiful as at the present time. The reports received from the sportsmen have resulted in a number of all local and imported varieties of game, there isn't the slightest doubt that the strongest grouse season is about to open, which is the case for years.

DOVER TO CALAIS

Train Ferry Will Soon Be Plying, According to Sir Charles Rivers—Wilson

LONDON, April 15.—Sir Charles Rivers, ex-president of the Grand Trunk railway, announced today that he had secured the necessary authority for the Dover and Calais, and that a similar service would be established between Folkestone and Calais. The service would be operated by the Dover and Calais Railway, which is a joint venture between the Grand Trunk railway and the Dover and Calais Railway.

DISAPPROVE HISSING

Woman Suffrage Convention Apologizes to President—Congressman's Action

WASHINGTON, April 15.—The National American Woman Suffrage Association, which met in session at the Hotel Hamilton, today apologized to President Taft for the hissing which greeted his arrival in the city. The hissing was the result of the action of a few individuals who were opposed to the woman's suffrage.

HANGED AFTER LONG DELAY

ATLANTA, Ga., April 15.—Geo. W. Burge was hanged today for the murder of a woman. The execution took place at the State Prison in Atlanta.

SUSPECTED OF MURDER

WINNIPEG, April 15.—John Rechart, a butcher, is suspected of the murder of a woman. The woman was found dead in a room in a hotel in Winnipeg.

PAROLE ON PROBATION

WINNIPEG, April 15.—R. J. Cooper was granted parole on probation for a term of one year. He was convicted of a crime in Winnipeg.

EDUCATION

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