

# BIG RAILWAY SUBSIDIES FOR VANCOUVER ISLAND

## British Columbia Receives One-Sixth of Appropriation for Entire Dominion—\$4,456,000 Granted to Province.

Ottawa, July 14.—Resolutions authorizing the granting of railway subsidies were submitted to parliament today. In all there are about seventy subsidies, totalling 3,877 miles, of which 65 miles are in British Columbia, the province thus receiving a subsidy for one mile of railway to every five miles subsidised in all the rest of the Dominion.

From this it is evident that representatives from that province and especially the minister, Hon. Mr. Templeman, are not unmindful of the needs of British Columbia. The subsidies for British Columbia are as follows: Vancouver Island & Eastern Railway Company, from Campbell River on the proposed extension of the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway toward Port George on the line of the G. T. P., 100 miles. Vancouver, Westminister and Yukon Railway Company, from Vancouver toward Port George, on the G. T. P. railway, 100 miles. Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company, from French Creek to

Campbell River, 117 miles. A line of railways around Death Rapids, Columbia river, 46 miles. A line of railway from Nicola to Pentiction, 100 miles. A line of railway from Carmi to Pentiction, 50 miles. Vancouver & Lulu Island railway from Eburne to New Westminister, 9.4 miles. Kettle River Valley Railway Company, from near Grand Forks, up the North Fork Kettle river, 50 miles. Vancouver, Westminister & Yukon Railway Company, toward the construction of a bridge across Burrard Inlet, \$200,000.

The subsidies voted are at \$4,200 a mile where the cost of construction is \$25,000 a mile, where the road costs over \$15,000 a mile, one-half of the additional cost is paid up to a cost of construction of \$21,400 a mile, which makes the subsidy \$6,400 a mile. An extra vote in British Columbia will cost over \$21,400 a mile the amount voted for that province will, therefore, be for 665 miles, \$4,256,000 to which add \$200,000 for the bridge at Second Narrows, and the total amount for the railway aid will be found to aggregate \$4,456,000.

### FIRE 12 MILES LONG.

San Bernardino, July 14.—The great San Bernardino mountain forest fire is under control, this morning, after burning twelve miles long and three miles wide.

### SAYS CROPS ARE THREE WEEKS AHEAD

## Big Settlement of Territory to West of Saskatoon.

Saskatoon, July 14.—Hughes Aird, local manager of the Massey-Harris company, has just returned from a six hundred-mile auto trip throughout the territory to the west of Saskatoon. Mr. Aird says that he has never seen anything like the splendid conditions of this season. He is of the opinion that the crops generally are from three to four weeks ahead of last year. In the course of an interview with one of his agents located on the shore of the Tramping lake he was informed that throughout this agent's territory, some sixty miles square, the settlement has been so great within the past two years that there were now ten people for every one included in the census of 1900.

### CHESTER TRACTION STRIKE.

Two Trolley Cars Wrecked. But One Seriously Injured. Chester, Pa., July 14.—Two trolley cars of the Chester Traction Company, against which company a strike was inaugurated three months ago, were wrecked last night, but no one was seriously injured. One car was wrecked at Norwood some distance from here, presumably by a stick of dynamite. The other car was wrecked within the city limits, and the motor-man was knocked from the platform but he sustained no injuries. The employees of the Traction company struck because their wages had been cut.

### SUICIDE PACT ENDS LOVE'S YOUNG DREAM

## Sweethearts From Childhood, They Agree to Die Together.

New York, July 14.—Sweethearts from childhood, Veronica Meehan, 18 years old, and William Wild, aged 22, lie dying to-day in Bellevue hospital as the result of a suicide pact. The girl, who is a pretty stenographer, was shot twice in the head by Wild, who then turned the revolver on himself. He fell unconscious ten feet from his dying sweetheart. Struggling to feel the girl reached Wild's side and with her handkerchief began to wipe the blood from his forehead, when she fell unconscious. A policeman, attracted by the shots, summoned an ambulance, in which the dying lovers were hurried to Bellevue hospital, where they remained unconscious to-day.

### BOMBARDMENT IN TABRIZ.

Troops Attack Revolutionists in Umrathis Quarter—Result of Engagement Unknown.

St. Petersburg, July 14.—A telegram received here from Tabriz declares that the bombardment, with two guns of the Umrathis quarter of the city, began yesterday morning. The revolutionists replied with a heavy rifle fire. The result of the engagement has not yet been reported.

### THROTTLED BY HIGHWAYMEN.

Montreal, July 14.—Mrs. D. R. Stamp, of London, England, was throttled by highwaymen on Mount Royal and robbed of her purse and other valuables. She was picking flowers.

### WELL TRAGEDY.

Battleford, Sask., July 14.—Frank Merrett, a contractor for well boring, was suffocated by gas while working in a shaft on the farm of A. Muir yesterday. He was 28 years of age and unmarried.

### QUEBEC FOREST FIRES.

Sir Henri Joly de Lotbiniere is Heavy Loser. Montreal, July 14.—Forest lands belonging to Sir Henri Joly de Lotbiniere, formerly lieutenant governor of British Columbia, are said to have suffered severely from forest fires along the Intercolonial railway between De Lotbiniere and Carmel Hill. A large portion of these were preserved in their primitive wilderness, Sir Henri never allowing anyone to cut a stick there on any pretext. Latest reports are that the fires are lessening in all districts adjoining, while in many places they have been extinguished altogether.

### ON PROSPECTING TOUR.

Party Leaves Saskatoon for District Lying North of Saskatchewan River. Saskatoon, July 14.—C. De Lacheroy and John Magrath, two experienced surveyors and prospectors, left here this afternoon on an expedition to the country which lies between Cedar lake and the Hudson Bay. These parties are provisioned for five months, and it is said are financed by a local syndicate who have an eye to securing the mineral deposits known to lie north of the Saskatchewan river. Good timber berths will also come in for consideration. These parties have been given a free hand. Neither time nor money is any object so long as the desired end is well achieved.

### LONDON TIMES.

Lord Rothschild One of New Proprietors of Famous Journal. London, July 14.—The Chronicle asserts that the new proprietors of the Times newspaper include Lord Rothschild, Lord Cromer and Lord Northcliffe, the last named having a controlling interest.

### ELKS IN CONVENTION.

Dallas, Texas, July 14.—The annual convention of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks began last evening at the Fair Grounds Auditorium.

### EVEN MONEY ON PEARY REACHING POLE

## In Fact Explorer Thinks His Chances Are Better, and Says So.

St. John, N. B., July 14.—Commander Robert Peary, on his way to search for the North Pole, passed through St. John bound to Sydney to join his ship the Roosevelt. Mrs. Peary accompanied her husband and will say good-bye at Sydney.

Peary said he leaves Sydney within twenty-four hours if the Roosevelt is ready. In February he will take to the ice and dash for the pole. If he fails then he will try again in the following winter. If the conditions are favorable and the ice is not too rough he says the chances are more than even he will reach the pole.

### WILL OPERATE SALMON CANNERY

## Alaska-Yukon Exposition to Demonstrate How Fish is Prepared.

Seattle, July 13.—A cannery in full operation at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition in 1909 will demonstrate that the salmon is the best prepared and most acceptable food product produced in this country. There is no more interesting or remunerative commercial industry on the Pacific coast than the fish business, and there is hardly any other industry that is less understood or about which there is more prejudice among consumers than the salmon cannery. It is for the purpose of educating the people and giving them more confidence in this industry that the management of the exposition is arranging to have a complete salmon cannery as one of the live exhibits in the fisheries building.

Within view of the visitors, a canning plant, equipped with the most modern machinery and operating to its capacity, will be shown. A person will be able to see how the machinery cuts off the fish, tail and head, takes out the entrails and passes the fish along to the tins without a hand being touched to them. There will also be shown the manner in which the cans are filled, rolled and soldered.

### SLANDER SUIT.

Buckingham Mayor Takes Action Against Ottawa Citizen. Ottawa, July 14.—Mayor Kelly, of Buckingham, has given notice of a writ for ten thousand dollars against the Ottawa Citizen for an alleged slander contained in an article in which Mayor Kelly was alleged to have excited credulity and racial feeling over the Orange celebration in Buckingham.

### BATTLEFIELDS' FUND.

Quebec, July 14.—J. M. Courtney, hon. treasurer of the National Battlefields Commission, yesterday received a cheque from H. T. Machin, assistant provincial treasurer, for the sum of \$100,000, being the amount voted by the Quebec legislature towards the battlefields fund. This brings the total to-day to \$350,000, with many subscriptions yet to be received.

### BRYAN'S CAMPAIGN.

Lincoln, Neb., July 14.—It practically has been decided that the question of a chairman for the national Democratic committee shall be left to a sub-committee of nine. It is said to be the desire of Mr. Bryan that this sub-committee shall make the selection inside of two weeks.

### FARMER'S FEARFUL DEATH.

Brantford, Ont., July 14.—Wm. Prouse, a middle aged farmer, subject to fits, sat down on the G. T. R. track at Chalmerville yesterday and was struck by a train and cut to pieces. He leaves a widow and family.

# OLYMPIC GAMES IN FULL SWING

## ATHLETES ENTERTAINED BY LORD MAYOR OF LONDON

## United Kingdom and America Make Good Showing in Opening Events.

London, July 14.—The opening day of the Olympic contests concluded last evening with a brilliant civic reception by the Lord Mayor and Mayoress. The first heat of the three mile team race was won easily by the United Kingdom. Time, 15 minutes, 5 3-4 seconds.

The second heat was won by the United States, France was second. Time, 14 minutes, 53 seconds. The American team which won this heat was composed of George V. Bonhag, H. A. Dull, J. L. Eisele, H. L. Trube and Harry W. Cohn. Canada did not compete in this heat. The other teams taking part were France and Sweden.

Fancy Diving. In the first heat of the fancy diving George W. Galitzky (America) got first with 83 points. Second place was won by Freyschmidt (Germany) with 78 points. Zurner (Germany) was first in the second heat, with 83 points, and Clarke (United Kingdom) second with 73 points.

### SOVEREIGN BANK AFFAIRS.

Toronto, July 14.—Official notification by the directors that there seems no likelihood of a double call on shareholders was a cheerful feature of the Sovereign Bank annual meeting to-day.

### LORD "BOBS" WILL BE GIVEN BANQUET

## England's Premier Peer to Be Honored—Atlantic Fleet Arrives to-morrow.

Quebec, July 14.—Lord Roberts, who will be one of the central figures during the Tercentenary, will arrive by the Empress of Ireland on Thursday evening or Friday morning. With him will come the Duke of Norfolk. A banquet in honor of each will be given at the Garrison Club.

### FRUIT GOING OUT IN BEST OF FORM

## A Cut in Logan Berries Increased Jam Factory's Supply.

The strawberry season may now be said to be over. There is still some of this variety finding its way upon the market, but it is limited to small consignments, and the wholesalers and shippers are devoting their attention to other lines.

Victoria's importance as a fruit-growing centre has been established this season as never before. There have been more strawberries shipped out of the city this season than ever before, and the quantity has been by far in excess of that from any other portion of the province. In addition to the immense quantities of this fruit used in the city itself, the Victoria Fruit Growers' Association has shipped on an average two carloads a day. This has gone for the most part to the prairie sections. There have been seven carloads laid down in Winnipeg, and these have given eminent satisfaction.

The principal place of strawberries in the shipments to the prairies is being taken by loganberries, currants, cherries and raspberries. The logans are shipping well, and it is expected that there will be a large number go forward. Raspberries are being handled successfully, also white cherries and currants are being shipped in excellent shape.

F. Sere has sent forward from P. R. Stewart a quantity of Anne cherries packed in the most up-to-date fashion in small substantial crates holding about four pounds. These are being sent on to Winnipeg and should give Victoria a good name in that market for cherries.

With respect to the loganberries a little rivalry between the independent growers and those in the association resulted yesterday in a cut. They went down as low as six cents wholesale, which resulted in a large quantity of the best of fruit going to the jam factory rather than ruin the future market.

Apples, per box ..... \$2.75  
Apples, per lb. .... \$2.10  
Apricots, per lb. .... \$2.10  
Bananas, per doz. .... \$2.10  
Cherries, per lb. .... \$2.10  
Currants (red), per lb. .... \$2.10  
Currants (black), per lb. .... \$2.10  
Gooseberries, per lb. .... \$2.10  
Lemons, per doz. .... \$2.10  
Loganberries, per lb. .... \$2.10  
Oranges (navel), per doz. .... \$2.10  
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Peaches, per lb. .... \$2.10  
Plums, per lb. .... \$2.10  
Raspberries, per lb. .... \$2.10  
Tomatoes, per lb. .... \$2.10

cycle race was won by Meredith (United Kingdom), in 33 minutes 21 seconds. C. B. Kingsbury (United Kingdom), won the second heat in 32 minutes 33 seconds.

The third heat was won by Weitz (America); time, 32 minutes 39 seconds. Young (Canada) was second. The fourth heat was won by Jones (United Kingdom); time, 32 minutes 39 seconds. Cameron (America) was second.

The fifth heat was won by Hanson (Sweden); time, 34 minutes 53 2-5 seconds. The sixth heat was won by Denny (United Kingdom), in 33 minutes 4 3-5 seconds.

The final was won by C. B. Kingsbury (United Kingdom). His time was 34 minutes 12 2-5 seconds. Jones (United Kingdom) was second, and Werbroeck (Belgium) was third.

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# SKEENA RIVER IS AGAIN OPEN

## PORT SIMPSON HAS PASSED THE CANYON

## Through Service Will Be Maintained Between Prince Rupert and Hazelton.

(From Tuesday's Daily.) J. Thomson, of the Hudson's Bay Company, who is in control of the steambot service of that corporation, has received word from the north that the Skeena river is again open to navigation throughout its course to Hazelton. The steamer Port Simpson passed through Kitselas canyon last evening at 7 o'clock, and is proceeding right on to Hazelton. The important point will be reached probably to-night or more likely to-morrow morning.

The steamer Hazelton, which is at Hazelton, will not make the trip to the mouth of the river this time, as there is a quantity of freight awaiting her at the canyon. She will accordingly come down only to the canyon on this trip, and make a quick return to Hazelton.

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# LABOR WILL SUPPORT BRYAN

## WAS ACKNOWLEDGED IN DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM

## President Gompers May Take the Stump—Interview With Nominee.

Fairview, Lincoln, July 14.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, will support W. J. Bryan in the coming presidential campaign. In political circles yesterday the announcement overshadowed all others, even the arrival of John W. Kern, the vice-presidential nominee.

While Mr. Gompers' support was promised the ticket, he specifically denied any intention to take the stump in the coming campaign. Reports gained currency that the labor leader would speak for Mr. Bryan, but he made no such announcement. He left Fairview after 15 minutes' interview with Mr. Bryan.

At present it is believed there will be no need for Mr. Gompers' service in any oratorical sense, and Mr. Gompers does not expect to be called on to speak publicly in the campaign. The Republicans, Mr. Gompers asserts, ignored the demands of labor, while the Democrats acknowledged them in their platform.

His course, he says, is clear, and he will do what is demanded of him in the interests of labor as best expressed in the platform adopted at Denver. As the situation is at present, Mr. Gompers' efforts can be better expended elsewhere than on the rostrum.

In his interview with Mr. Bryan, Mr. Gompers was attended by Frank Morrison, secretary of the Federation of Labor, and Jas. Duncan, also a labor leader.

### RELIGIOUS FEUD LEADS TO BLOODSHED

## Utah Miners at Loggerheads Over Church Differences—Three Men Killed.

Salt Lake City, July 14.—"Pete" Galbach, an Australian miner, was shot from ambush and probably fatally wounded as he was returning from his work at the Frisco mine, near Bingham, Utah.

Within four days two men have been killed as a result of religious war between adherents of the Catholic church and adherents of Free Church among the Austrian miners working in Bingham mines, and a state of terror exists in the settlement of "Austria town," two miles from Bingham, where most of the miners live.

Steve Miers, who shot and killed Luke Povish on Friday, was arrested yesterday by deputies, who also took into custody a number of others.

### MISSING BERLIN BANKER

## Friedberg Turns Up in New York After Many Months.

Berlin, July 14.—Siegmund Friedberg, formerly a private banker and owner of a financial newspaper, who disappeared from Berlin early last February, leaving liabilities of \$1,000,000 and assets of only \$750, has been located in New York. It appears that Friedberg cannot be extradited for the offences of deception and fraud which are charged against him, but various journals here publish the report that the banker has agreed to return to Berlin and assist in the investigation of his tangled affairs, under guarantee that he will not be detained against his will.

### BADLY INJURED WHILE SKYLARKING

## Intercolonial Employee Removed to Halifax Hospital in Dying Condition.

Halifax, N. S., July 14.—Francis Burke, of the Commissary Department of the Intercolonial railway, was taken to the Victoria general hospital in a dying condition shortly before midnight last night as a result of skylarking in a car with Wm. Perrin, an employee in the same department.

The two men were wrestling when Burke lost his balance and fell against some sharp instrument, receiving a severe wound in his head from which the blood flowed freely. The injured man lapsed into a state of unconsciousness and was removed to the hospital, where an operation was performed, but the chances of recovery are very slight. Perrin is under arrest.

### FIGHTING IN PHILIPPINES.

Constabulary Attack Outlaw's Stronghold—Two Guns Captured.

Manila, July 14.—Lieut. Burr, commanding a detachment of the constabulary, attacked and stormed Cota, on the island of Mindanao, which was occupied by the outlaws. Lieut. Burr and eight of the outlaws were killed and two guns captured. Lieut. Burr was slightly wounded, and one private was seriously wounded.

### SASKATOON GROWING.

Saskatoon, Sask., July 14.—H. B. Shaw, general manager of Western Canada Union bank, stated here on Saturday that his bank would shortly build in this city. The Union bank is already here with two branches. The present main premises are inadequate to the growing business.