

Searchlight on Waterworks

Secretary of Esquimalt Co. on Stand All Day Yesterday in Supreme Court.

Examined Closely by City's Counsel Respecting Status in Legal Fight.

Some Interesting Points Brought Out—Case to Be Continued Today.

(From Wednesday's Daily.) Yesterday's session of the hearing of the water works question in the supreme court, Theodore Lubbe, secretary of the Esquimalt Water Works Company, was examined by the city's counsel...

At this juncture Mr. Taylor took exception to the line of questioning and desired to have some explanation of what it was going to lead to.

His Lordship Mr. Justice Duff was not prepared to answer the question, but he did not think it would be right to shut out the examination at that stage.

Mr. Lubbe, continuing, stated that the company intended to build a reservoir on Waugh Creek, which is the only available one for the site.

Capacity of Watershed. Mr. Lubbe stated that there is at present 12,160 acres of watershed, according to Mr. Adams' report.

Mr. Taylor stated that the company can supply 40 per cent, and the 60 per cent would be supplied from the coast.

Two petitions had been presented, both desiring that the legislature should not allow the passage of the act.

Mr. Taylor stated that the company had expended \$180,000. He suggested that shares amounting to \$200,000 be taken by the city to pay the balance of the cost.

Question of Revenue. In answer to a question from his lordship the witness stated that on the basis of \$500,000 per day the city would receive \$15,000 and the Water Works Company \$20,400.

Mr. Taylor—Your method in collecting it is to allow it to run to waste. How do you preserve the water below the power house?

Witness—We do not preserve it. We allow it to run to waste. Mr. Taylor—What is the approximate cost of the improvements to the lake and to Goldstream?

Witness—The total cost is \$513,242.50. For Goldstream the cost is \$208,104. And the lake \$187,287. The total fixed assets amount to \$485,000 and the fixed and floating assets to \$513,242.

ST. PETERSBURG IS A RARE CASE

Garrison Has Now Been Reinforced by Forty Two Battalions of Infantry, Fifteen Squadrons of Cavalry and Twelve Batteries of Machine Guns—Complete Anarchy in Baltic Provinces.

BERLIN, Dec. 5.—The Post Prussische Zeitung of Koenigsberg says: "Upon information gained from Russian refugees, complete anarchy prevails in the Russian Baltic provinces. The government has wholly lost its power, and the military are beginning to fraternize with the revolutionists. One refugee says drunken soldiers parade the streets with rifles, waving red flags."

The Emperor returned yesterday the Shimvitz regiment at Narasoo-Selo. Grand Duke Vladimir and Grand Duke Nicholas Nicolaievitch were present. The Emperor drank to the health of the regiment. His Majesty appeared to be in good health.

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THE SHINGLE INDUSTRY.

Washington Operators Want British Columbia Mills to Take Action.

A special committee of the Shingle Mills Bureau of the state of Washington was in the city yesterday, conferring with local shingle-manufacturers regarding the closing down of the mills in Vancouver.

The shingle mills of Washington were closed down last Friday for 40 days, and it is to have the co-operation of the mills here that the committee came up.

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London Gossip

By the Cable

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Dominion News Notes

B. C. Ministers Complete Their Business at Ottawa and Take Leave.

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Tariff Commission Learns of Fruit Canning Combine in Canada.

OTTAWA, Dec. 5.—Hon. Messrs. McBride and Tatlow had a lengthy conference with Premier Laurier again today. It was a very friendly character and as a result of it Mr. McBride says that several departmental matters which have been pending between the federal and provincial governments for a long time are in a fair way to be settled.

The two provincial ministers were guests of the Premier at a luncheon at the Rideau Club today, at which a number of gentlemen, including Mr. Kemp, Mr. F., were present.

Messrs. McBride and Tatlow left for Montreal this afternoon. From there the Premier will proceed to Halifax to spend a day with his old friend, Dr. Weldon. Thence he proceeds to New York for a few days and will reach Toronto on the 14th in order to attend a banquet for Mr. Borden. On his way home Mr. McBride will spend a day in Winnipeg for a day to address a Conservative gathering there. Captain Tatlow returns to the Coast as soon as possible.

Premier Laurier Subpoenaed. Mr. He has been subpoenaed as a witness in the famous case of the Premier's parent against Senator and Chiquette for the sum of \$25,000. The charges are that Mr. Laurier, as Vice President of the Dominion Insurance Company, called to the life insurance committee by Mr. Ed. McEwen, a prominent business man, called to the life insurance committee by Mr. Ed. McEwen, a prominent business man, called to the life insurance committee by Mr. Ed. McEwen, a prominent business man.

Official Announcements. London, Dec. 5.—Official announcements: Sir John Lubbock, 1st Baron of Borlughes, has been appointed to the office of Lord Chamberlain of the Household. Sir John Lubbock, 1st Baron of Borlughes, has been appointed to the office of Lord Chamberlain of the Household.

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