

## PROVISION FOR APPEAL COURT

### BILL BROUGHT DOWN TO CONSTITUTE ONE

#### Will Be on Perambulating System and Hold Sittings in Victoria and Vancouver.

The bill of which notice has from time to time been given by the attorney-general and in turn been withdrawn from the order paper, has been brought down to the House. This is the provision for an appellate court in the province.

The bill is framed on the Manitoba Act creating a similar court in that province and is to come into effect by order of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council.

According to the bill as introduced the new court will consist of a chief justice and three other judges, to be called justices of appeal. As long as the present chief justice continues in office, he is to be styled chief justice of B. C., and the chief justice of the new court shall be styled chief justice of the court of appeal.

As soon as Chief Justice ceases to continue in the present office, the chief justice of the appellate court is to become known as the chief justice of B. C., and the head of the Supreme court will then be designated as the chief justice of the Supreme court. The latter shall, in the order of precedence, then rank next to the chief justice of B. C., and the justices of appeal shall rank next in order of seniority.

In one respect, the new court, according to the bill, differs from that of Manitoba as the similar court in the other provinces. It is proposed to continue the perambulating system with the highest court as has been the practice with the Supreme court sitting as a court of appeal. It has been hoped by legal men and others concerned that when the new court was provided for, the justices of appeal would sit alternately in Victoria, the capital, and in Vancouver would be done away with and that judges and all concerned would not be subjected to the great inconvenience which the present system entails. The transferring of records, etc., has been a most annoying process, and the bill, with courts saw in the creation of an appellate division an opportunity to do away with the system.

But the government, dominated as it is by the Vancouver interests and Victoria by practically no representation in the House, has been unable to continue a practice which is anything but convenient or rational, and so the sittings are arranged to be held alternately in the cities of Victoria and Vancouver.

## RUSSIAN POLICE CAPTURE TERRORISTS

Minsk, Russia, April 16.—In consequence of the plot to assassinate the governor of Minsk, which was discovered by the police who captured two terrorists, who were hiding opposite the governor's palace, the local authorities have arrested all the members of the Terrorist organization here.

Arrests in Capital.

St. Petersburg, April 16.—Twenty-five members of the organization of Social Revolutionists were arrested here yesterday among them being seven women. The police attach the greatest importance to the captures, which are regarded as nipping in the bud plans for a new series of assassinations.

All the prisoners have been confined in the fortress.

SCHEDULE ARRANGED.

Agreement Between Alaska Salmon Packers and Behring Sea Fishermen Regarding Prices.

San Francisco, April 16.—After considerable negotiations, the difference in the views of the Alaska Salmon packers and the Behring Sea fishermen have been reconciled. A schedule of prices was agreed on that is satisfactory to both sides. The price of King salmon remains as formerly, 10 cents each. The general advance as agreed upon is estimated by the packers as adding to the cost of Behring prices somewhat in excess of 10 per cent. On red salmon the price has been raised from 2½ to 3 cents. Run money, which last year was \$50, will be \$75 per man, an advance of 50 per cent.

ALLEGED FRAUDS.

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Ottawa, April 15.—In the House today J. E. Armstrong (Lambton) said that goods from Germany and other European points were coming into Canada through England and enjoying the British preference. Hon. W. S. Fielding, in reply to Mr. Armstrong, wanted to know if the latter was in favor of the tariff or against it. His speech was divided into two parts, one in favor and one against. The finance minister said that the government was doing its best to prevent any frauds affecting the British preference.

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## THE FAMINE IN CHINA.

Half a Million People Are Being Provided For by the Relief Committee.

Shanghai, April 16.—Investigation shows that the famine in the famine relief committee are admirable. There has been no leakage of the funds administered by foreigners. A house to house inspection has resulted in 9,000 families, totalling 500,000 famished sufferers, being enrolled by the committee, which is attempting to provide for them until the harvest. Additions to the list of families will be made only when the funds available justify it.

Three kinds of relief tickets are issued. First, free food, which are not issued unless the family has absolutely no money, food or pawnable articles and its members are too weak to work. Second, where they are able, each member of a family is given work to pay for food. Third, the Chinese government is paying for some families one and one half cents per day.

These tickets are given to the families entitling them to purchase food, fuel, and other necessities at the relief sub-centres at stated intervals. Often the thatched roofs and timbers of houses are sold and families, because they had a left, have been refused relief, and are discouraged they have committed suicide.

## CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY HOTELS

### PRESENCE NUMBER WILL NOT BE INCREASED

#### New Empress Here Will Be Last Built for Some Years to Come.

Montreal, April 16.—It is authoritatively stated that the Canadian Pacific railway will not for a number of years to come invest any more money in the construction of hotels, and that especially this policy will be followed on the western lines of the company. The railway has not gone into the business of managing hotels as a regular occupation, irrespective of their passenger business, and it is stated that when the new Empress in Victoria has been completed, officials will feel satisfied that everything necessary has been done in this line which is required for the proper development of the passenger business.

Considerable pressure has been brought to bear on the company to erect a hotel at Hazel Springs, B. C., but no action has been taken by officials in the direction. It is stated definitely that no hotel is to be built to take the place of the one recently sold at Fort William.

Stuart Gordon, now in charge of Royal Alexandra Hotel, is expected to be the new manager of the Empress in Victoria.

ABE RUEF'S TRIAL.

Jury Not Yet Complete—Sheriff and Coroner Dismissed.

San Francisco, April 15.—For the second time since the trial of Abraham Ruef for extortion was begun, Superior Judge Dunne today formally disqualified the jury. The jury was composed of twelve men, but one of them was disqualified for prejudice and personal interest to perform any of the functions of the jury. The court then ordered a new jury to be summoned for the trial, and for the second time appointed another. He administered the oath to William Bigg as clerk. Bigg is now charged not only with the custody of Ruef, who he keeps under heavy guard in a Fillmore street house, but also the summoning of the jury when it shall have to be selected and sworn.

In the course of to-day's proceedings both the defence and prosecution scored important rulings by Judge Dunne. The prosecution submitted motions for the disqualification of Sheriff Sheraton and Coroner Walsh as officials prejudiced in favor of Ruef, for the issue of a special venire, and for the summoning of a jury of twelve men. Against the motions the defence objected with much spirit, and it was sustained by Judge Dunne.

Judge Dunne refused at this time to order a special venire, holding that there would be no good reason why a venire should not be summoned from the jury list, in which 45 names remained. The police attach the greatest importance to the captures, which are regarded as nipping in the bud plans for a new series of assassinations.

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## RECEIVED MAYOR AND DELEGATION

### GOVERNMENT WILL CONSIDER REQUEST

#### Hon. Dr. Young Feared They Could Not Create Normal School Here.

The Mayor, Ald. Hanna and a delegation, consisting of H. B. Thompson, L. A. F. Davey, M.L.A., ex-Mayor Redfern, Herbert Cuthbert, Messrs. Bone, McKewen, Drury, and Mr. John Nelson and a number of others went upon the members of the cabinet on Tuesday and presented the resolution adopted last evening at the session of the city council, calling for the creation of a normal school here.

The meeting took place in the office of the finance minister. The Mayor briefly and succinctly put the case for the city, and in so doing he somewhat aroused the ire of the Hon. Carter Cotton by a reference to the appropriations for Vancouver.

The Mayor pointed out that there was ample need for a normal school in Victoria, the capital of the province, and the second largest city in the province. Naturally a large proportion of the teachers are drawn from Victoria and the Island generally, and for them it was a hardship to be compelled to go to Vancouver and to pay their board for the necessary year of tuition.

Vancouver was receiving large appropriations, and he argued from that that the government had money to spend, so that he thought in justice to Victoria they should devote a sum to this. He acknowledged the lateness of the hour, but stated that some action could be taken.

Carter Cotton asked the Mayor to what expenditure in Vancouver he referred.

His Worship stated that he had referred to the \$235,000 odd which the government was expending upon that city at the present time.

Mr. Cotton explained that \$100,000 of this was for the new debt house, for which there was a possibility of its being recouped by the sale of the former site.

Mr. McKewen was the second speaker. He endorsed the remarks of the Mayor, and was in turned followed by Mr. Nelson.

The latter, in addition to endorsing the statements of His Worship, pointed out the hardship entailed upon parents who were compelled to send their children to Vancouver for their education, and that it was a different thing to send young girls to other strangers. He trusted that the government would take some action to build a school in Victoria.

Herbert Cuthbert followed. He pointed out the advantages which it would be to the capital of the province to have a normal school in this city. There was urgent need for it, and he thought the project should be carried out. He referred to several instances in the Island where schools were located in much smaller places than Victoria.

Dr. Young, minister of education, followed. He declared that while he sympathized with the position of the deputation he feared that there was not such a school being set aside for the government erecting a second normal school. The government had found that the scarcity of teachers arose not from a scarcity of training facilities, but from a scarcity of material. He thought that the population of the Island was not sufficient to warrant a school being set aside for it alone. Vancouver would be the natural centre for pupils from the Mainland, and the government could not devote \$25,000 or \$40,000 to a second school this year.

Mr. Redfern followed in reply. He pointed out that a school in Victoria would draw from the 25,000 people in the city alone which would aid the government in filling the scarcity of teachers.

M. B. Thompson, M. L. A., assured the deputation of the sympathy and co-operation of the Victoria members. He said that the government would consider the matter with the greatest consideration, and that the representation of the delegation would receive their attention.

His Worship then thanked the ministers for their attention.

LYNCHED IN CROWDED STREET.

Had Shot Woman and Four Men in Paris Hotel.

A sensational shooting affair occurred at the Hotel Pigalle, in Montmartre, says a Paris dispatch.

The hotel is opposite the well known restaurant, the "Dead Rat." A man who has given the name of Jollybols entered the hotel with a woman named Ropignon, and he suddenly produced a six-chambered revolver and shot the woman. The Jollybols then rushed toward Jollybols, who thereupon shot him the arm. Jollybols then fired at the policeman, killing him. A policeman then rushed into the hotel from the street and shot the murderer, and he was shot through the head.

A lieutenant in full uniform who rushed into the hotel from the street at the sound of the firing rushed toward the murderer, and he was shot through the head.

The murderer ran away, but was captured by the crowd, and almost torn limb from limb.

Mrs. Finley—"Nora, I just read that a celebrated German doctor says a broom is full of bacteria, so hereafter you'll have to give your broom an antiseptic bath each day." The Maid—"I'll do now that the kind 'I'll likely get worse soon, as I'm thin ravine, alkies, the mass, massage thirteenth, hippodermic injections, an' hot-water bottles at night, an' I'll have ye understandin' now that I'm no thrashed nurse!"—Puck.

LEAVE FOR NEW YORK.

Ottawa, April 16.—Lord Grey, governor-general of Canada, left last night for New York. He will speak at the public conference on Wednesday.

The total number of stars exceeding the seventh magnitude is 5,000. Therefore, if the stars are uniformly distributed, one spot of the earth's surface more than 3,000 stars.

## PREMIER IN WINNIPEG.

Sets Fashion For Prairie Dwellers, Giving a Hint of British Columbia's Superior Climate.

(Special to the Times.) Winnipeg, Man., April 15.—Premier McBride, a British Columbia, left here for England to-day. The Premier appeared in the rotunda of the Royal Alexandra in a white federal suit, the summer clothing, and stated to friends who happened to meet him here that while Winnipeg was ahead of the society commercially it was not kept up to date in the matter of springlike weather.

ELECTROCUTED.

Five Shocks Were Required Before Murderer Was Pronounced Dead.

Auburn, N. Y., April 15.—Edward Sexton, who was convicted three years ago for the murder of Thos. Mahoney, was executed by electrocution to-day. Five distinct convulsions were required before he was declared dead. Sexton went to the chair composedly.

Five other men in the condemned row, who were to be executed, were taken to the gallows. One of the men was taken to the gallows, and the other four were taken to the gallows.

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(From Tuesday's Daily.)

E. O. S. Scholefield, the popular provincial librarian, left last evening for New Westminster, where his marriage will take place to-morrow. Mr. Scholefield, before he left, was waited upon by the members of the legislature and good wishes extended to him. At the same time presentations were made to him by the members on both sides of the House. The presentation on behalf of the Liberal opposition was made yesterday afternoon immediately after the House rose.

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## TRANSACTION MUCH BUSINESS

### COUNCIL ATTENDED TO MANY MATTERS

#### Little Bickering at Session—Refused Grant to Agricultural Grounds.

There was scarce a ripple last night during the council meeting. Silence brooded over the chamber and even the discussion was conducted in a subdued tone. Some of the matters which at one time would have caused endless discussion, were hurried over, without so much as an "I told you so." Perhaps it was because Ald. Fell was absent.

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