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## NOVA SCOTIA LEGISLATURE

## IMPORTANT MEASURES TO BE INTRODUCED

Advance System of Technical Education, With Centre at Halifax, Is Proposed.

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 15.—The provincial legislature met today in the first session since the general elections in June, when the Murray government carried thirty-three of thirty-eight seats in the assembly.  
The speech from the throne will fore-shadow a new policy in line with the development and expansion of Nova Scotia industries.

Foremost in the government programme will be the establishment of a complete system of technical education which it is believed will be far in advance of any system in Canada. It is proposed to establish, probably at Halifax, a central school of technology of university grade with a complete equipment for instruction and experimental work in all branches of engineering on the lines of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. This is to be supplemented by a chain of subordinate schools in all important industrial centres and for accommodation of miners and mechanics, where if they desire they can pursue a higher course subsequently at the central institution.  
The province will also inaugurate a road policy and a measure will be introduced providing for the construction and maintenance of good roads of the province as permanent highways directly under the control of the provincial department of public works or a highway committee.

Active steps will also be taken to promote immigration to Nova Scotia, independent of the government's department of immigration, will be put in force to secure settlers from the farm lands in the British Isles and the United States to return home.  
Halifax and the Southwestern railway, in which the province has invested \$1,000,000, is proving a great success and ample security for the investment is certain. It is probable an agreement will be made whereby the province will

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## SALES RECORDED IN REALTY MARKET

MURDER IN FIRST DEGREE.  
Washington, Feb. 15.—Mrs. M. Bradley today was indicted for murder in the first degree for the shooting of former Senator Arthur M. Brown, of Utah.

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Three lots on Simcoe street, west of Michigan, brought \$3,600, and one acre corner of Moss street and Fairfield road, \$2,400.  
John Arbuthnot contradicted the rumor that he had sold "Robleda," the residence recently purchased by him on Rockland avenue. He will continue to reside here, and has never expressed any intention of leaving Victoria.

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## COMMITTED FOR ASSAULT. Swanson's Trial Will Be For Assault, Not Attempted Highway Robbery.

A charge of assault with intent to do bodily harm was that preferred against James Swanson this morning instead of the grave charge of intent to commit a highway robbery. The case for the prosecution was handled by Chief Langley. Mr. Moresby appeared for the defence. According to the evidence adduced, which was largely that given by the accused himself to members of the force, it appeared that the accused and another were walking along the E. & N. railway when they saw a man coming. They slipped in between a pair of box cars, and when he came along they assaulted him. The two had been drinking in Chinatown, and felt like "scrapping."

Mr. Thompson's evidence was but a repetition of that which has appeared in this paper. He was struck on the face and choked. In the melee hats were mixed, he securing both hats belonging to his assailants, and one of them—Swanson—the accused as it afterwards proved—securing his. All three hats were produced in court. Chief Langley's evidence related to the Wellington-Alberni route, there is also splendid opportunities for constructing a line from Duncan by way of Cowichan lake to a point nearer the mouth of the Alberni canal, about 170 miles. The latter affords splendid opportunities for trade, as it taps a territory unexcelled in point of timber resources and with great possibilities for agricultural lands.

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Explosion on German Steamship Vadivia While at Sea—One Woman Among the Victims.

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New York, Feb. 15.—Seven persons were killed and three were injured and considerable damage was sustained by the vessel by an explosion on the German steamer Vadivia at sea last Wednesday. The accident was reported when the steamer arrived today.  
The donkey engine exploded on Wednesday morning, throwing the steamer's funnel over and ripping up the upper deck. Seven persons were killed instantly.  
The escaping steam from the burst boiler enveloped the steamer, creating a scene of great confusion. The dead are six men and one woman.  
The chief officer on duty on the bridge was buried in the debris. He said that when the explosion occurred everything appeared to fall over the

bridge, on the foredeck and the upper structure about the smokestack, and the deck was torn. All of the lifeboats were damaged. The smokestack fell down to the deck but was secured. All of the inner structure aft of the bridge were completely torn out.  
When the explosion occurred the steamer was stopped and everybody rushed to the rescue of the survivors.  
The dead were so mangled that it was with difficulty that the bodies were secured.  
After some delay in clearing the wreckage, the funnel was secured and attached to the mainmast and the lifeboats were secured for repairs.  
Two weeks ago, an American steamer, the vessel came under her own steam as the general machinery was not affected, except that the loss of the smokestack interfered with the draught.

## OVERHANGING CANOPY OF FOG STEAMER CHARMER AT OUTER WHARF

Dense Atmospheric Conditions Over Straits—Gale Rages Off Tatooish To-day.

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The heaviest fog during the present winter spread along the Victorian waterfront last night. It hung over the Straits of Georgia and reached as far east as Vancouver and New Westminster. A remarkable feature of the anti-cyclonic conditions was that Puget Sound waters were comparatively clear.  
Although the sun was shining strongly, dense rolling banks of vapour began to gather shortly after 3 p. m. yesterday. As the afternoon advanced, these coming up from the sea, invested the waterfront and spread over the city. With the setting of the sun the density increased in volume, and although at times lifted and wafted aside by light breezes, it quickly settled again, and lay like a heavy pall throughout the night.  
Without cessation the fog horns at Trial Island and Brothie Ledge gave their mournful warning to mariners to tell them where the land lay. The dull monotonous booming of the danger signals disturbed Victorians during the night by their monitory notes.  
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Meeting of the Registered Real Estate Agents for Organization Purposes Next Week.

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The duly registered real estate agents in Victoria will hold a meeting next week for the purpose of establishing a real estate exchange. It will also put upon a firm basis the stability of values in the city.

For some time past the registered firms in the city have been discussing this matter, and the meeting which will be held—probably at the board of trade rooms—fore-shadows definite action being taken immediately. The inauguration of an exchange, such as exists in Winnipeg, of a protective nature, will do away to a great extent with the system of working on commission, which has been a prominent feature of the present activity.

The older established firms in the city have entered with enthusiasm into the present scheme. They are unanimous as to the necessity for such action, and all that remains at the forthcoming meeting is to arrange the details of working the exchange, which it is thought will be based upon the lines of the existing one in Winnipeg.  
An interesting feature of the new exchange, when it is in working order, will be that when a property is listed with one of the incorporated firms it may be sold by any of the concerns incorporated in the new body, but cannot pass through the market outside of the exchange. The news that a fifty of values which will not vary

with the fluctuations of the market will be established should prove of supreme interest to Victorians and holders of property in the neighborhood.  
H. P. Simpson, of the Hugo Ross Realty Company, and one of the charter members of the Winnipeg Real Estate Exchange, defines the province of such a concern as follows: "It is formed with the idea of protecting the legitimate real estate agent from the kerbstone broker. It assures to owners and purchasers of property every kind of protection against dishonest dealing. Each member is under bond to the Exchange, and if any owner or purchaser of property objects to the method of doing business, he can bring the matter before the council of the Exchange, and it is passed upon. If it is found that anything is wrong, the member involved is liable to expulsion."  
"In Winnipeg" he added, "the standard of value is raised per foot, and the value in Victoria it is by the lot. This will mean that the proposed Exchange here will have a difficult task to establish a fifty of value."

## RAISED A DRAFT.

San Francisco, Feb. 15.—A private detective agency and the police department of Oakland and San Francisco are endeavoring to locate in China or America Whoo Ang, a Chinaman, who recently raised a draft from \$8 to \$800, secured a bill of exchange for the latter sum from an Oakland bank, sailed across the Pacific, and cashed the draft in Hongkong. The police there state the Chinese worked with the draft in Hongkong. The man named Woods. The job began in the state of Kentucky, where Woods bought a draft for \$8 on the National Bank of New York. The draft was transferred to Whoo Ang, from all appearances, but whether Woods or the Chinese raised the draft is not known. But Whoo Ang cashed the bill of exchange in Hongkong and the draft was recovered and he was the fact that he is in China the detectives have no clue to his whereabouts.

## MOWERA REACHES OUTER WHARF

VARIABLE WINDS ARE ENCOUNTERED

Runs Into Heavy Fog off Cape Flattery—Brings Japanese For Prince Rupert.

Coming from the Antipodes the R. M. S. Mowera, Captain F. A. Hemming, reached the outer wharf on Friday afternoon. She was a day behind the scheduled time, having been delayed by fog off Cape Flattery.  
The Mowera sailed from Sydney on the 21st of January. Between that port and Brisbane she experienced light southerly breezes with moderate sea. She reached Brisbane on the 23rd of January, and left at midnight on the same date. The wind now ceased in the southeast and blew fresh and strong, at times rising to a gale. She ran through heavy choppy seas as far as Walpole Island, when the wind changed to the north-west. From here to Suva the weather continued fine, although there was a moderate breeze on the waters. Suva was reached on the 29th of January, and the following day the vessel sailed. As far as Hull Island light to moderate east northerly winds and fine weather were encountered. On the 2nd of February in longitude 170 degrees west, she crossed the equator, and from thence to Honolulu experienced moderate to fresh northeasterly winds with fine weather, arriving at Honolulu on the 7th inst. She left the same day and ran into moderate and light variable winds as far as Cape Flattery, where she encountered a dense heavy fog. It was 10 o'clock on Thursday night when she reached the Straits, and she would have reached Victoria at 6 a. m. yesterday, only she had to proceed with great caution owing to the atmospheric conditions.  
There were 195 passengers on board the Canadian-Australian liner, and these included 32 Japanese, who were bound for different points in the United States, and some for Prince Rupert. Sixty mechanics from New South Wales, attracted by the stories of the large wages earned in the reconstruction of San Francisco, also reached port en route to the Golden Gate.  
The Mowera landed 106 bags of mail at the outer wharf, 97 of which were for the United States and 9 for Victoria. Some 200 cases of Australian butter were also landed here from a total cargo of 2,600 tons of general merchandise.  
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Casualties in Six Months Railway Accidents in States--The Latest Catastrophe on New York Central.

New York, Feb. 18.—The Tribune today says: The record of railroad accidents and deaths and injuries resulting from them in this country for the last six months is astounding.

At Woodlawn the four tracks run through a rough, rocky cut and take a sharp curve. When the train reached the curve it was going at a speed estimated at eighty miles an hour.

Both motors and the smoking car swung safely around the curve but the three cars left the rails and plunged over the sides with a terrific crash, tearing up the track for a hundred yards before they collapsed.

Many were mangled beyond recognition. Those most seriously injured were hurried to the hospital while the others took charge of the dead as fast as the bodies were recovered.

Fire started in the overturned cars, but the flames were quickly extinguished and firemen lent their aid to the injured.

Special trains carried many of the injured to White Plains and Mount Vernon, while others were brought to hospitals in the Bronx.

The express, a six-car electric train, jumped the track at a curve near Woodlawn road, in the Bronx.

The train left the Grand Central station at 8:15 o'clock, drawn by two heavy electric motors and loaded with a massive crowd and commuters on their way home from business in the city.

Electric Train Wrecked. New York, Feb. 17.—Sixteen passengers were killed outright, four others died of their injuries up to Saturday midnight, and at least fifty more were more or less injured in the wreck of the White Plains & Brewster express, on the Harlem division of the New York Central & Hudson railroad, near Woodlawn road, in the Bronx borough of Greater New York yesterday.

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If the skin or bowels are unhealthy, they won't throw off enough urea. This urea is changed into uric acid—carried by the blood to the nerves—and causes Rheumatism.

because they act directly on bowels, kidneys and skin—and so strengthen and invigorate these organs that there is no uric acid retained in the system to irritate the nerves and bring Rheumatism, Sciatica and Neuralgia.

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age at the time of her death, and leaves no near relatives.

THE PRESIDENT INTERVENES M. FALLIERES TRYING TO AVERT DISRUPTION

Report That Agreement Has Been Reached Between French Premier and M. Briand.

Paris, Feb. 18.—President Fallieres today personally intervened in the ministerial situation in the hope of smoothing over the differences in the cabinet, and avoiding a disruption of the government to-morrow.

There are some reports, however, to the effect that an agreement has been reached on a draft formula for contracts for the lease of the churches, satisfactory to both M. Clemenceau and M. Briand, but the prevailing impression is that if M. Clemenceau does not fall from power, a re-organization of the ministry is practically certain.

Physicians and Counsel on that occasion. "That ended the note taking," said the witness. "I may omit details, but I will have to depend entirely on my memory."

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DELMAS WILL CONTINUE FIGHT

TROUBLE AMONG COUNSEL ADJUSTED

Mother of Harry Thaw Succeeded in Patching up Quarrel--The Hearing Resumed.

New York, Feb. 18.—A serious difference among the lawyers engaged in the defence of Harry K. Thaw was patched up last evening and it is probable that for the remainder of the trial there will be at least an assurance from the case but it now appears that he will go on the trial.

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On receipt of the news of the stranding of the steamer Salvor, of the E. C. Salvage Company, at once sailed for the scene of the disaster. She carried pumps and wrecking appliances.

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Paris, Feb. 18.—Persistent rumors are in circulation of the discovery of treasonable practices carried on by an important official of the foreign office who is alleged to have communicated to the Vatican the contents of diplomatic documents emanating from French ambassadors to foreign countries.

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AN INSTALMENT OF HOME RULE

WILLIAM O'BRIEN ON REVOLUTION BILL

Power of Irish Council Will Be Provisional and May Be Enlarged Later.

London, Feb. 18.—In response to a request of the Associated Press, Mr. William O'Brien, member of parliament from Cork city, has outlined the impending Irish measure by which the government proposes to meet the growing demands for Irish Home Rule.

OVER A MILLION FOR CHARITY

The Late Mrs. Galland of Seattle, Ends Rome for Aged and Feeble.

Seattle, Feb. 17.—By the terms of the last will and testament of Mrs. Caroline Kline Galland, who died last Wednesday, an estate valued at more than \$1,200,000 is bequeathed to numerous charities.

BARQUE AHOYE. Grounded During Heavy Snow Storm—Two of the Crew Lost Their Lives.

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The Mukden volume opens with a sketch of the early events of the war, showing that there were divided counsels from the outset over the defenses of Port Arthur. In February, 1904, Kuropatkin presented two memoranda to the Emperor concerning the plan of operations. In the first he wrote: "During the earlier period of the campaign our chief task must be, not to permit our troops to be beaten in detail, but gradually strengthen them and prepare ourselves for an advance. We must not be driven to the defensive, and not until we have all the necessities for an uninterrupted advance during a comparatively long time.

On the margin of this memorandum the Emperor wrote the laconic comment, "Just so."

The bill, although all the details have not yet been made public, will provide for a council, in which the elective element will predominate. A number of nominating members are retained in order to placate the Liberals who are opposed to an entirely representative body.

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Evicted Tenants. Speaking in the House this evening, Mr. Birrell said the question of the restoration of evicted tenants to their homes was one of primary importance, and that it brooked of no delay. He pledged the government to take effective measures to obtain the reinstatement of evicted tenants.

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The bull terriers made a brave showing in the ring, and while there were some numbers of promising newcomers, none approached Haymarket Blazer in the special class for the best bull terrier in the show.

The pichaid, daschund, Hurdy M. a fairly in the breed, won in the winners' class for dogs for Dr. Molschbacher, of this city, while Liexi Yusopia Yan Kungsho, an imported dog with a name as long as her body, won the blue in the same class for bitches.

NOT ALLOWED TO ENTER LIFEBOAT

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Another Charge Against Officers of Larchmont--More Bodies Have Been Recovered.

Block Island, R. I., Feb. 14.—One more grim harvest of twenty-three victims of the disaster to the ill-fated steamer Larchmont, which the intrepid Block Island fishermen gathered yesterday in nearby waters, was sent to the mainland to-day, and as the deadhead boat left this afternoon for Providence, the corpse of another victim was brought in by the schooner Theresa, making in all fifty-four bodies that have been recovered.

The steamer Kentucky carried away forty-nine bodies yesterday, as well as eighteen survivors. The tugboat Roger Williams, which came down this afternoon from Providence, steamed back with 23 right forms on her deck. The body of Harry Eckles, a resident of this island, will be buried here, while that of an unknown negro waterer which was brought in just before dark will probably be sent to the mainland by the steamer to-morrow.

One survivor, Miss Sadie Colub, of Boston, still remains on the island, she is being cared for at the home of George Milliken.

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There was also a discussion on railway rates and other matters.

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Mild Weather. Macleod, Alta., Feb. 14.—Everybody in Alberta rejoices in the magnificent weather which has prevailed for over eight days. At time of sending this dispatch football and baseball games are in progress on the town square. The fair sex, clad in light spring clothing, turned out in force to attend the games, and to applaud the victors. The officers in Moncton to have them go through their paces. The air is clear and balmy, and farmers are only waiting the drying up of the fields to be entered for spring work. Men are employed on five large public buildings in town, and the sounds made by the hammers and saws are heard in all directions.

Townsite Flooded. Lethbridge, Alta., Feb. 14.—Some of the points west and south are reported to be having trouble with water. Strling is reported to be fearing a wash-out owing to the melting of the snow which accumulated in the irrigation canal. The townsite of Coaldale is floating. At Raymond the city water works have given way and the west end of the town was surrounded by water. The town council do not intend to drain the water off.

Beef Shortage. Toronto, Feb. 14.—It will not be possible to get first class beef here within a month, said a well known restaurateur to-day. It appears the stormy weather in the West is causing the loss of thousands of cattle and has seriously affected the supply of livestock, and buyers have been forced to scour Ontario for supplies. The result is seriously affecting the higher class of hotels and restaurants, where there is a demand for choice cuts.

Valued at \$2,000,000. Barrie, Ont., Feb. 14.—The will of the late N. Dymott will be filed in a few days. The estate is valued at three millions. With the exception of a few charitable bequests, the property goes to the immediate family. To the widow, who he married four years ago, he leaves \$100,000.

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PREMIER'S STATEMENT. Regarding the Charges Against the Late Commissioner of the Yukon.

Ottawa, Feb. 15.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier in the House yesterday said that certain charges purporting to come from the Yukon Territorial Liberal Association operators should be relieved. Dr. McInnes, and an investigative was demanded, but later a resolution was reworded stating that no such charges were made by the association, and that the books of the association contained no such records.

TOO EXHAUSTED TO FIGHT. Johnny Morrison Defeated By Ben Younger at Hot Springs, Ark.

Hot Springs, Ark., Feb. 15.—Ben Younger, of Chicago, got the decision over Johnny Morrison, of Banton Harbor, Mich., in the seventh round of what was to have been a twenty-round fight here last night. Morrison was beaten so badly that he was bleeding at the mouth, nose and both eyes were closed. In the seventh round Morrison stepped to the centre of the ring, but was so exhausted that he was unable to raise his arms, and realizing he was whipped walked to his corner.

JOCKEY KILLED. His Neck Broken By Being Thrown From a Horse.

San Francisco, Feb. 15.—The first fatality of the racing season occurred at Emeryville yesterday, when Fred Ross, a crack jockey in the early eighties, was thrown from the horse instructor in a runaway and broke his neck. Ross was 60 years of age.

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Ashcroft, B. C., Feb. 15.—The body of E. A. Etheridge, another victim of the recent bridge accident, was found late yesterday afternoon a few yards from where the body of Leonard McMillan was recovered on Wednesday.

PARIS CHURCHES

FORM OF CONTRACT NOT YET SETTLED

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Paris, Feb. 15.—The agreement between Educator Minister Briand and the church authorities regarding the form of contract for the lease of the churches of Paris to the parish priests will, if reached, only become legally binding on the prefects of the various departments. While it is certain that the mayors and municipal councils will accept the parish form of contract they cannot legally be constrained by the federal government and the municipal council of the department of the Charente-Inférieure, of which ex-Premier Combes is president; but, already decided to abide by the rules of the law on February 2nd, 1907, which places the Catholic churches at the disposition of the Catholic clergy without the parish priests.

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Cape Charles, Va., Feb. 15.—Fire which broke out in the early stable of B. W. Couibourne early this morning destroyed the stable and three houses adjoining before it was finally gotten under control. For a time it was thought the whole town would be destroyed, and assistance was asked from other cities. The loss will only amount to about \$15,000.

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THE BRITISH PREFERENCE. Ottawa, Feb. 15.—There was a government caucus this forenoon to consider Mr. Logan's resolution concerning British preference to goods imported through Canadian ports. It was decided to pass the resolution, but to leave the time in which it will take effect to the government. A good many are of the opinion that this will open the completion of the Grand Trunk Pacific. The government will, in all probability, decide that it should come into force as soon as there are harbor, shipping and railway facilities to handle the traffic.

There was also a discussion on railway rates and other matters.

GOVERNMENT OWNED TELEPHONES

SYSTEM WILL BE INSTALLED IN ALBERTA

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Edmonton, Feb. 14.—The minister of public works, on behalf of the government of Alberta, announced to-day that a complete telephone system, owned and operated by the government, and covering the entire province, with rural exchanges wherever desired, will be installed at once.

Mild Weather. Macleod, Alta., Feb. 14.—Everybody in Alberta rejoices in the magnificent weather which has prevailed for over eight days. At time of sending this dispatch football and baseball games are in progress on the town square. The fair sex, clad in light spring clothing, turned out in force to attend the games, and to applaud the victors. The officers in Moncton to have them go through their paces. The air is clear and balmy, and farmers are only waiting the drying up of the fields to be entered for spring work. Men are employed on five large public buildings in town, and the sounds made by the hammers and saws are heard in all directions.

Townsite Flooded. Lethbridge, Alta., Feb. 14.—Some of the points west and south are reported to be having trouble with water. Strling is reported to be fearing a wash-out owing to the melting of the snow which accumulated in the irrigation canal. The townsite of Coaldale is floating. At Raymond the city water works have given way and the west end of the town was surrounded by water. The town council do not intend to drain the water off.

Beef Shortage. Toronto, Feb. 14.—It will not be possible to get first class beef here within a month, said a well known restaurateur to-day. It appears the stormy weather in the West is causing the loss of thousands of cattle and has seriously affected the supply of livestock, and buyers have been forced to scour Ontario for supplies. The result is seriously affecting the higher class of hotels and restaurants, where there is a demand for choice cuts.

Valued at \$2,000,000. Barrie, Ont., Feb. 14.—The will of the late N. Dymott will be filed in a few days. The estate is valued at three millions. With the exception of a few charitable bequests, the property goes to the immediate family. To the widow, who he married four years ago, he leaves \$100,000.

Church Destroyed. St. Hyacinthe, Que., Feb. 14.—The parish church in the village of St. Anne, Richelieu county, was burned to the ground. Loss, \$75,000.

Forty-Nine Years' Service. Windsor, Ont., Feb. 14.—Police Magistrate Bartlett has completed forty-nine years in the civil service. He started as city clerk 48 years ago.

Hours of Telephone Girls. Toronto, Feb. 14.—Medical experts at the telephone commission, testified that eight hours per day was too long a stretch, and even on a five-hours' day operators should be relieved. Dr. Sheard thought five hours per day was long enough, and \$10 was reasonable salary.

PREMIER'S STATEMENT. Regarding the Charges Against the Late Commissioner of the Yukon.

Ottawa, Feb. 15.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier in the House yesterday said that certain charges purporting to come from the Yukon Territorial Liberal Association operators should be relieved. Dr. McInnes, and an investigative was demanded, but later a resolution was reworded stating that no such charges were made by the

THE PROSPECTS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Private advices from parties in Great Britain who are in positions to speak with authority confirm the impression conveyed by a perusal of Old Country newspapers that a great awakening has taken place in regard to the future of Canada, and especially of British Columbia, as the land that is full of the most brilliant prospects for energetic immigrants of all classes who are ambitious to improve their condition in life. At the same time our correspondents inform us that in proportion as Canada grows in favor the efforts of the agents of sister colonies to promote immigration to their own special fields increase. It is astonishing, for example, to learn that passenger rates are quoted by steamship lines doing business between Great Britain and Australia just about half as low again as the rates over C. P. R. steamship and railway lines from Liverpool to any part of British Columbia. That is the handicap under which we have been working for years—a condition that, it is pleasing to learn, will be completely upset when the new immigration rates to this coast go into effect, as the result of a special arrangement with the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, with the opening of navigation on Canadian inland waterways. Under the new order there is no reason why British Columbia should not get her fair share of the immigration which is doing so much to promote the extraordinary prosperity that is a pronounced feature of the business situation of the new provinces and of nearly all the older provinces of Canada. Once the tide sets in this direction, we are convinced that the rivalries of other communities more extensively advertised in the most effective advertising form—prosperous settlers writing to their friends at home and telling them of the improvements in their fortunes—will be unable to overcome it.

Another feature of the situation in Great Britain that is of special interest is the fact that persons who speak from knowledge gained by experience create the idea of opening British Columbia ports to Asiatic immigrants. They hold that while the industrial representative of Asia is all very well in his place, whether he be of light or dark complexion, he is out of place in a white man's country, provided the white man be desirous of making the most of the inheritance into which he has fallen.

On the whole it may be said that the situation, as far as British Columbia is concerned, is most encouraging at the present time. We are very hopeful that before the end of the present year there will be ample proof that the policy advocated by practically all the newspapers of this province, endorsed in the attitude of the federal government, and buttressed by all provincial administrations of late years, will be vindicated, which is that the future of British Columbia is not dependent upon our Pacific coast gates being thrown open to a flood of Oriental immigrants, who in the very nature of things can never become a fixed or permanent feature of the community.

SCHOOL BOARD MATTERS.

The two resolutions which Trustee Huggett recently presented to the School Board seem to be deserving of no serious consideration than the members of the Board have thus far given them. The first of these resolutions requires the city superintendent of schools to file reports showing the particulars of his visits to the various schools of the city, with such other information as would enable the members of the board to judge of the work being done in each room and the efficiency of each teacher. Such reports would seem to be doubly valuable; they would show to the members of the board, and through them to the taxpayers, just where and how the superintendent himself spends his own time during the school hours of each day, and they would give to the members of the board something definite and tangible to rely upon when promotions are to be made in the teaching staff or advances made in salaries. Information of this kind seems to be so necessary, and is calculated to prove so useful to the members of the board, that it is difficult to understand why so much opposition has been shown to it, and why Trustee Jay has taken the strange stand he has in regard to it.

For instance, at the last meeting of the board Trustee Jay contended that the city superintendent of schools already presents monthly reports containing the information called for by Mr. Huggett's resolution. Now we retrace to have to say that in taking that ground Trustee Jay was neither frank nor candid, or he must misunderstand entirely the purport of Trustee Huggett's resolution. The reports which the city superintendent now presents contain tabulated statistics showing the attendance of the pupils only. They give no information whatever concerning the superintendent's own visits to the different schools, and it is this latter that the resolution calls for.

Is there anything wrong in asking the city superintendent to account to the board for his time during the hours of each school day? We think not. Inspectors of schools have to do that. They have to mail to the education department daily reports of their work. That is methodical; it is business-like. Most business houses require their travellers and agents to

do the same, daily or weekly, and this is required, not because these representatives are distrusted and have to be watched and stimulated to greater exertion, but because that is the proper and business-like way of doing in all such cases.

The city superintendent of schools receives a fairly liberal salary for such an official in a city of this size. It is now, we understand, \$2,000 a year. Counting 200 days in the school year and five hours in each school day—and that is all of the superintendent's time the board has any control over—the salary amounts to \$2 an hour, and it would appear at first glance that the man who is in receipt of that amount of remuneration ought not to be unwilling to render to the people who pay it any information they may wish as to what he gives them in return for their money. In this instance Trustee Huggett represents the people, and as such he has asked for that information. It should have been forthcoming without hesitating or cavilling, and if the city superintendent's friends are well advised they will see to it that it is furnished at once. Surely there is nothing to conceal about the matter.

Regarding Trustee Huggett's other resolution we shall have something to say at another time.

HOME RULE.

Mr. William O'Brien, the Irish Nationalist, has given to readers of newspapers on this side of the Atlantic his opinions of the Home Rule Bill contemplated by Mr. Birrell, who has succeeded Mr. Bryce as Secretary for Ireland in the government of Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman. It remains to be seen whether the question of Home Rule at this stage of British political history will completely overshadow that other great matter of Imperial controversy, the education question. The raising of the Home Rule issue has introduced a new and serious complication, with the temper of the people and the attitude of the House of Lords constituting the uncertain factors. If Mr. O'Brien's synopsis be anything like approximately correct, the Home Rule measure will be a very complicated instrument. It will take the form of an experiment that will work by a process of evolution into something for which the people of Ireland have been aspiring for many years. It will not give the people such complete control of their internal affairs as Canada and Australia have, and as South Africa will have if the far-reaching experiment of the present Imperial government proves successful. That is something the British people in their present temper will not tolerate. If they become imbued with an idea analogous to that of Mr. O'Brien, that the proposed measure of Home Rule is simply a step in the direction of ultimate separation, even in the limited form exemplified in the relations of the great colonies with the Mother Country, there is but little doubt that the Lords would veto the bill, and that the House would sustain such a veto. A dissolution and an appeal to the electorate under such circumstances would undoubtedly be productive of the bitterest political conflict since the days of the tremendous agitation over Mr. Gladstone's Home Rule measure, with a strong probability of a complete reconciliation and rehabilitation of the Unionist-Conservative forces and a set-back for an indefinite period of the army of reform which has been in the ascendant for such a short time. We may be mistaken, but we think it will be agreed that a great political crisis is impending in Great Britain.

FRUITS OF MONOPOLY.

The question of the public ownership of public utilities is becoming a very live topic in Canada. The manner in which street railways, telephone companies and gas and electric light companies are being operated by the monopolies that have obtained control of them is forcing the public to seriously consider what can be done to remedy admitted abuses. In the very nature of things such concerns are freed from the competition which in the ordinary course of events compels reforms and services in accordance with the advanced spirit of the times. In the far west it is true we have not felt the grip of the monster monopoly to an alarming extent, largely because our territory with its comparatively sparse population does not provide such an inviting field for the exploitation of the frenzied financiers who are doing business in the crowded centres of the east. Doubtless also we have something to be thankful for in British Columbia that our street railway systems are managed by men who have some regard for their responsibilities and due respect for the weight and influence of public opinion. In Victoria and Vancouver, while the charges for light may be somewhat extreme, there is a general consensus of opinion that we are well served by our street railway company—that the service on the whole will compare favorably with the services in any cities of a similar size on any portion of the continent—indeed that it is superior to anything with which a fair comparison can be made. But our neighbors in the east are not so fortunate. An exceedingly bitter cry is continually going up in the press against the rapacity of corporate utilities, and the business houses require their travellers and agents to

resulted in the handing over to private concerns for a long period of control of the streets and the right to operate electric cars thereon. Especially is this the case in Toronto, although the corporation collects from its street railway company close upon half a million dollars a year for the privileges it enjoys. The case of the Toronto street railway company illustrates the manner in which persons who have the accumulated to secure privileges by charter contrive to make themselves rich despite well-intentioned efforts to tie them down to conditions which appeared upon paper to guarantee citizens immunity from naturally selfish propensities. According to information obtainable from the press, the people of Toronto do not complain because the street railway company is earning huge dividends for its shareholders. The burden of their grievance is that a sufficient number of cars is not provided to meet the requirements of the travelling public. The consequence is that the cars are crowded to the point of "positive indecency," according to general testimony. Not one-third of the persons travelling can find seats at any time, with the result that the civic authorities have attempted to deal with the situation without effecting tangible improvement and finally that the provincial and Dominion authorities have been obliged to take action to bring the company to a sense of its responsibilities. The cause of all this turmoil is set forth in plain terms in the Toronto Star: "One piece of authentic evidence is the annual report of the company, just published. This report shows a net profit of \$87,681, of which \$49,241 were paid in dividends, \$35,554 went to rest account, and \$8,965 is put down to pavement charges. If the pavement charges are left out of account, the net profits are \$316,095, or more than ten per cent on the common stock of eight millions. But of this eight millions it is known that only three millions represent actual investment, the remaining five millions being water. The Board of Railway Commissioners could check these figures and ascertain the exact proportions of water and of legitimate investment.

"Meanwhile, on the basis of the figures we have given, there is a profit of \$316,095, after all deductions, on an investment of \$2,000,000, or twenty-seven per cent. Here is the obvious cause of overcrowding. The company is 'putting too much money into the pockets of the shareholders and too little into the street. It has not enough cars or enough miles of track to carry the people in comfort.'"

THE LABOR PROBLEM.

The Victoria Board of Trade is unanimously of the opinion that there is an embarrassing shortage of certain classes of labor in British Columbia, and that the progress of industry is seriously handicapped thereby. On the other hand, the laboring man on the street is just as firmly of opinion that there is an adequate supply of labor to meet all demands provided the remuneration offered be in accordance with the cost of living within the province. Here we are confronted with an apparently irreconcilable conflict of opinion, and the question is, how is the truth, the kernel of the situation, going to be uncovered, and, if a remedy is desirable, in what way is it to be applied? A minority of the Board of Trade is in favor of a relaxation of the tax upon Chinese as affording the readiest means of relief; a majority is just as firmly of the opinion that a reversion to the old order would be a mistake even if it were practicable, which it does not appear to be.

Notwithstanding the assertions of the man whose capital is represented by the work his hands may find to do that there is a plentiful supply of labor to meet all demands provided the remuneration be in accordance with the standards of living prevailing in the province, there can be no question that in certain lines of industry there is a dearth of hands. The agriculturist can demonstrate that point to a nicety by the convincing proofs of experience. He can show that there is a point beyond which wages cannot go without consuming all the profits that can be extracted from his business. It is not necessary to set up any elaborate thesis in order to demonstrate that any condition that is detrimental to the advancement of agriculture must be inimical to the welfare of the community generally. That is a proposition that will be accepted without question. And that which applies to agriculture must apply, although possibly in a lesser degree, to every basic industry in British Columbia. Consequently if there is a shortage of labor every legitimate means should be adopted in order to discover a suitable remedy. It will be maintained by some that this duty should devolve upon the Dominion government. At the same time it is not the position of the federal authorities, a position that has been maintained by all federal administrations, that primarily its business is to promote the immigration of agricultural classes only in order that the waste places of the country may be filled up and the fertile areas brought under cultivation, leaving the natural law of supply and demand to solve the problem which is now engaging the attention of the Victoria and of other Boards of Trade of Canada? As we understand the matter, there is no discrimination against or in favor of any section of

Canada in pursuance of this established policy. During the debate at the meeting of the Board of Trade Mr. Paterson mentioned one fact that is worthy of serious consideration. He said it was unquestionably true that for brief periods in times past there had been plenty of labor available in British Columbia, but the curious feature of the situation was that it had been proved that it was impossible to hold such labor. It drifted away, doubtless to points where the demands for its services were more continuous. The question is, notwithstanding the insistency of the demand for labor at the present time, are these intermittent conditions going to be a permanent feature of the situation here? And if means shall be devised of inducing labor to come in, will we be able to hold that labor after we have acquired it?

These are the features of the situation which combine to make the question of labor supply in British Columbia somewhat perplexing, and, in proportion as they are perplexing, difficult of solution. It is apparent that while high rates of remuneration are considered of importance by the laboring classes, steadiness or continuity of employment are considered still more important. We understand that our provincial authorities have entered into an arrangement with the Canadian Pacific Railway Company under which immigrants will be granted a rate of transportation from Liverpool to the Pacific Coast of forty dollars. Such an arrangement ought to remove the greatest of the obstacles to immigration from the British Isles and contiguous countries to British Columbia. It should dispose finally of the demand for Chinese cheap labor, assuming that under reasonable economic conditions the employers of labor in the province prefer to employ white men in their business if such are available. The only matter to be determined is whether we can retain the white immigrants after they arrive here. The result of the experiment will be watched with intense interest by all whose chief desire is to do the best possible for British Columbia and make it a desirable place of residence for our own people rather than a labor preserve, even in a limited sense, for Mongolians.

The Imperial government has decided to go ahead with its Home Rule Bill. And there is joy in the House of Lords. Here is something that will distract public attention from the Education Bill. Possibly also there is some serpentine gulf in the decision of Premier Campbell-Bannerman to make home rule a conjunctive issue with state control of education. If the lords reject home rule, as they are almost certain to do, then two burning questions will become issues in the event of dissolution, and it is evidently a question whether the educational issue will not completely overshadow the question of a grant of limited home rule for Ireland. It is evident that one of the fiercest political campaigns of modern times is pending in Great Britain.

The Canada premier Lacombe is a much faster vessel (on paper) than the Canadian Pacific steamer Empress of Britain; yet the C. P. R. boat has made the trip across the Atlantic, not from land to land, but from port to port, in half a day less than the swift Cunarder. Does not this indicate that when greyhounds are placed upon the track to race, they will be before the lapse of many years, it will be the popular route and will draw the business? This will be another important factor in the making of Canada.

It is quite apparent that under the enlightened timber policy of the McBride government every acre of the most valuable of our natural resources will soon have passed into the hands of private parties at the nominal annual rental of twenty-five cents per acre. If anyone has any plans upon the matter, let him consult the advertising columns of the government organs. When it is too late the public will realize what it has cost them to keep the present administration in power.

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MANY MATTERS COMING UP AT TO-NIGHT'S SESSION OF CITY COUNCIL

Street Widening Plans,--Increased Wages for Other Employees-- Sale of Civic Property.

(From Monday's Daily.) This evening's meeting of the city council promises to be an interesting one, as there are several motions to come up upon which there are different opinions held by the aldermen.

The question of the widening of Fort street is one of these. Ald. Hanna will move for the recon sideration of the plan. He advises that the council leave Fort street alone and devote its attention to Cadboro Bay road and Oak Bay avenue. He will move that the council take no steps for the widening of Fort street below its junction with Yates, but that Cadboro road be widened up to the junction with Oak Bay. He will support the widening of Oak Bay avenue to Rockland avenue, as already proposed.

A popular motion will be that of Ald. Hall, who will move that the council attempt to have the fare to Esquimalt reduced to five cents, making the round trip ten cents instead of twenty. His notice of motion is that a committee of three be appointed to meet the company and consider the advisability of making the fare uniform over the company's system. Ald. Hall points out that the company has virtually bought at the general offices of the company, good over this route, are sold at the reduced rate.

Ald. Fell will also move that the council make application to the provincial executive for a special bill, to be passed at the coming session of the legislature, for the lifting of the trust on the Belleville street lots which are held for "esplanade purposes." The lots are 549, 550 and 551A, 552, 554 and 554A and 555A. They are situated on the waterfront across the street from Colonel Gregory's residence. The property was granted the city by the Hon. Mr. Dewdney, and later by the government to be held in trust for the city.

Ald. Vincent will introduce a by-law to be known as the Real Property Tax Sale By-law, 1907.

Another matter which will come up before the council to-night is the application of those civic employees who were not included in the general raise for an increase in salary. The applicants include the road superintendent, the caretaker of the isolation hospital and several others. This will probably be finally dealt with by the council at the same time as the application of the policemen. The latter comes from the police commissioners next Wednesday.

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PREMIER HAS NOT FILLED UP CABINET. Hon. Mr. McBride Hesitates About Deciding Upon What Constituency to Represent.

(From Monday's Daily.) The provincial government met to-day in executive session, all the members being present. F. Carter-Cotton, president of the council, came down from Vancouver to attend the meeting.

Premier McBride does not expect to be able to make any definite announcement as to the reconstruction of his cabinet and the related question of the seat he will represent for a day or two yet. He says that he has been too much occupied catching up with ordinary business to attend to the others yet, and the excuse is regarded as a fairly good one. No one who knows the Premier, however, hesitates to say that he is doing a lot of heavy thinking on the side, over the questions of cabinet representation and the selection of a seat for which he will sit.

It is generally supposed that the Premier will prefer to represent Dewdney if the way can be cleared with respect to Victoria, so that no trouble will arise in the Conservative ranks in deciding upon a successor. Negotiations are now in progress between the Premier and the Conservatives of Dewdney looking to the settlement of the question, and the Premier will soon be able to decide what course he will take.

GAME PRESERVATION. Proposal Made to Set Apart Area in Rockies For That Purpose.

F. W. Kermodie, curator of the museum, backed up by a number of sportsmen and scientists attempting to interest the government in the question of establishing two game preserves in the province, one on the mainland and the other on Vancouver Island.

A site for the reservation on the mainland has been suggested. It is proposed to locate it between Elk and Bull rivers in the Rockies, extending about 30 miles in length and averaging about 15 miles in width. W. T. Hornaday, director of the New York Zoological Park, has taken a very prominent part in the movement, and has suggested that site.

Writing to Mr. Kermodie, he says: "Dear Mr. Kermodie:—I have for some time been intending to write you about my move for the creation of a game preserve in the country between the Elk and Bull rivers. In this matter, the idea needs all the active support which it is possible to secure. There is no opposition, but the people of British Columbia are so busy making money that it is not an easy matter to induce a sufficient number to stop to think about turning a bit of wild country into a permanent game preserve. The country is so grand, and also so well fitted with game, it would be a thousand pities to have it 'shot to pieces.' If the reservation is made now, it will constitute a game refuge so thoroughly stocked with fine game that British Columbia will be proud of it for two centuries."

There is so much game in that area now that I really do not dare to state

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Publicly how much there is. If this reservation is formed it will quickly become famous. The provincial game warden is heartily in favor of it; so is the Canadian Pacific railway; and Mr. Warburton Pike is doing all that he can to further the idea; but it needs pushing by someone on the spot, like yourself. W. T. HORNADAY, Director.

Local News

A concert in aid of the Victoria Hospital will be given on the 24th of the evening at the Victoria Hotel. A good attendance is expected.

The body of the late Mrs. J. H. Brown, who was killed by a train on the Victoria and Nanaimo Railway at Junction, N. D., on the 12th inst., will be shipped to her home at Langdon, N. D., on the 20th inst. The funeral will be held on the 21st inst. at her home.

Captain Travis, in guarding the Steamer "Victoria" from the officers for the band of the local commission. The programme was rendered, well attended.

A considerable den of thieves, according to the police, is situated in a building of about two hundred square feet of space at Vermillion, B. C.

Considerable money was raised at the regular meeting of the regular of the sergeants' mess, held last night. The regulars, who had the given by the mess in the hall, an address which was most successful.

Mrs. Elizabeth Green, the late Wm. Green's widow, died Friday evening at her son-in-law, Capt. N. Street. She leaves one daughter, Mrs. W. E. Oliver, J. H. Watson, G. H. Arundell, Herriek McGregor.

In the old Grand theatre, K. of P. of the city will deliver a lecture on the subject of "Theosophy" on Friday evening. The lecture will be given by Archdeacon Winnipeg. Mrs. D. C. Stoll.

The down town Grand is reaching a large measure. Last night a beautiful display of the Irish revival was given at the Grand. The song service will be given on the 24th inst.

At to-night's meeting, K. of P. of the city will confer the rank of knights on the candidates. The social committee will make the celebration on the 24th inst. of the grandest evening in the city. Pythianism in this city, the dance will be distributed.

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The body of the late Mrs. Agar, which has been lying in the undertaking parlors for the last two weeks, was yesterday shipped on route to her former home at Leamington. The transportation of the railroads prevented an earlier shipment of the body.

Captain Travis, local officer commanding the Salvation Army, recommended the officers for Victoria last night. The band of the local corps was also re-commissioned. Thereafter a special programme was rendered. The meeting was well attended.

A considerable demand for stained glass has, according to Mr. Fox, of this city, arisen. He yesterday shipped five hundred square feet for the English church at Vernon, Sask.

Considerable routine business was disposed of at the regular monthly meeting of the sergeants' mess, held at the hall last night. The reports of the committees, given by the mess in charge, were satisfactory. From a financial standpoint the affair was most successful.

Mrs. Elizabeth Greasby, widow of the late Wm. Greasby, passed away late Friday evening at the home of her son-in-law, Capt. Newby, 25 Ribbet street. She leaves one daughter to mourn her loss. Deceased was 55 years of age.

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At to-night's meeting of Far West lodge, K. of P., the amplified team will confer the rank of knight on four candidates. The social committee is sparing no pains to make the 4th anniversary celebration on the 22nd February one of the grandest events in the history of Pythianism in this city. Instead of the dance will be substituted at to-night's meeting.

The new edition of Baedacker's Canada gives a deserved prominence to Victoria as a shipping center and port as well as a base for the general department of call for outgoing steamers. It is named as the proper place for embarkation. The city is also named as the center of traffic for the "Islands of the Pacific," says Baedacker, "start from this point for Sitka, Skagway, etc. The boats from Seattle, Tacoma, etc., call here. It is the best base for all the steamers from San Francisco."

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The survey party of the British Columbia Electric railway started on Saturday for Koksilah. Asked as to the purpose of the expedition, T. T. Goward, local manager of the company, stated that they would make a general survey of the district. Wynne Meredith, late of Cincinnati, has charge of the party. With him go H. M. Burnett, of the firm of Herman & Burnett, engineers, Vancouver, and Conductors Kinney, Bellamy, Richie and Cameron. The party will be absent at least a month. A full supply of instruments in engineering instruments is being carried.

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THE SIMPLE LIFE.

To the Editor:—There can be no doubt that some of our German friends have taken the idea of the "simple life" seriously. I read an account of the disciples of the sect taking a walk through the snow-covered streets of Berlin, bareheaded and barefooted. While I fail to see the advantage of such extreme measures for hardening the body, I do think that a rational resort to some simple and natural means of living would do much to add to the welfare of the race.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the Matter of the Estate of James Miller, Late of Galiano Island and Strawberry Vale, Lake District, Vancouver Island, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that all persons having any claims or demands against the late James Miller, who died on or about the 20th day of November, 1906, at Galiano Island, in the Province of British Columbia, and who was last seen, prepared, or to deliver to the undersigned, Solicitor herefor for Margaret Ann Miller, under the will of the said James Miller, their names and addresses and full particulars in writing of their claims, and statements of their accounts as in the terms of the securities aforesaid, held by them, are hereby notified that after the last day of April, 1907, the said Margaret Ann Miller will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased among the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims which shall then have been notified, and that the said Margaret Ann Miller will not be bound to receive any claim or any part thereof to any persons of whose claim she shall not then have received notice.

A JAPANESE PROTEST.

To the Editor:—Kindly spare me a little space in your valuable paper for making protest against the C. P. R. in treating Japanese passengers very unfairly on the wharf last night. When the steamer Mowera tied on the outer wharf yesterday, she had a little over fifty Japanese passengers, among whom was a woman, in transit to the United States, on board. They had to come ashore and take a round boat from here. It is arranged between the Canadian and the United States immigration officers that they should go on to the other side without further examination here if they take a round boat immediately. It is entirely the C. P. R. Company's privilege that they put



SPOKANE VERY BADLY DAMAGED

WILL NOT RESUME FOR TWO MONTHS

Long List of Injuries Received in Striking Duncan Reef Near Tatoosh.

The steamer Spokane, of the Pacific Steamship Company, which ran on Duncan reef near Tatoosh on Sunday afternoon, has, upon investigation, been found to have sustained great damage.

The following is a list of the injuries which were received: Hull of frame bent to port three feet; stern frame broken below shaft; one propeller blade bent; two keel plates broken and bent; one starboard and port shell plate broken and bent, and two frames broken.

DISCUSSION ON SHIPBUILDING

QUESTION CAME UP IN BOARD OF TRADE

Resolution Favoring Provincial Members of Parliament Voting for Royal Commission.

At the meeting of the board of trade yesterday afternoon, with a fairly representative gathering present, the subject of encouragement to ship building was taken up and discussed slightly.

It was decided at last night's council meeting to ask for tenders for a new centrifugal pump to be installed at Elk lake. Tenders will be called for as soon as the chief officials decide on the motive power to be used, whether electricity or steam.

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BRADSTREET'S REPORT.

Victoria Shows Big Percentage of Increase in Amount of Clearings. Bradstreet's report today says: In Canada the severe cold weather checked retail business early in the week, but it improved later with the milder temperature.

JAMES BAY SCHOOL GROUNDS EXTENDED

Trustees Granted Permission by City Council--Prompt Action Was Necessary.

Pupils of the James Bay school are to have enlarged grounds. The trustees of the school have asked the city council to grant them permission to extend the grounds.

The board were very lucky in securing an option on the lot in question. The recent movement in real estate, however, has made it necessary for them to act quickly in the matter if they would secure the lot in question.

CALLING FOR TENDERS.

City Council Want New Pump and Water Metres--Numbing Streets.

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SHIPPING ORE FROM THE NORTH

COPPER FROM SULZER FOR THE SMELTER

Norwegian Steamer Holds to Bring First Consignment to Ladysmith.

Shipments of copper will immediately commence from the copper mines of the Alaska Industrial Company at Sulzer, Prince of Wales Island, Alaska, to the Tvee smelter at Ladysmith.

The Norwegian steamer Haldis left Vancouver yesterday for Sulzer to bring south the first consignment of ore. Charles A. Sulzer, general manager of the Alaska Industrial Company, who has been making arrangements with Mackenzie Bros. for the use of the steamer, went north on that vessel.

The Haldis will bring south between 2,500 and 2,800 tons of ore, said Mr. Sulzer prior to his departure on the steamer. "and for the next few months the Alaska Industrial Company will ship to the Ladysmith smelter about a thousand tons monthly. We are now equipping the mine with power drills and making preparations for more extensive development than has been carried on in the past. Within a very few months the mines will be producing three thousand tons per month. All this ore will be treated at the Ladysmith smelter."

The Alaska Industrial Company's properties are situated on the west coast of Prince of Wales Island. On the east side are the Brown-Alaska mines and smelter at Hadley. Mr. Sulzer declares that the entire island is highly mineralized with comparatively low-grade ores, which require the investment of a large amount of capital before they can be handled on a profitable basis. He declares that the island is destined to become a great producer of copper ores within the next few years.

EVIDENCE HAS ALL BEEN HEARD

ARGUMENT REMAINS IN CHEHALIS CASE

Witness From Goldfields Was Examined Here To-day in Connection With Civil Action.

The evidence in the civil action to recover damages as a result of the loss of life in the sinking of the Chehalis at the entrance to Vancouver harbor was concluded to-day. The bulk of the evidence was taken in Vancouver.

This morning the court resumed here to hear the evidence of H. B. Lind, Mr. Justice Martin, assisted by two assessors, Capt. Warren and Walbran, sat.

Henry B. Lind, of Goldfields, Nevada, who was a passenger on the Princess Victoria on the day of the accident, being called for by the court. He testified that the Chehalis was struck on the right side of the observation room as the Princess Victoria proceeded out of the harbor. He was watching the Chehalis coming from the north shore.

His attention had been attracted to a gasoline launch for a few seconds, but he did not think much of it until he saw the Chehalis being hoisted over quickly to that side to see the launch, which threatened to be collided with.

The Princess shifted its course slightly, and the launch was avoided. The Chehalis was then proceeding along the same course as the Victoria, about 200 feet to the rear. The Princess whistled. The man at the wheel of the Chehalis started to turn the wheel to the left. The man at the wheel put his head out of the window. He drew in again, and immediately turned the wheel to throw the boat the other way.

The collision occurred very quickly afterwards. Cross-examined by Fred. Peters, K. C., witness explained that he had attended other investigations because he was so occupied with other business that he could not attend here. He had told Capt. Griffin before he left the steamer at Victoria, knowing that the captain was in trouble, that he would be prepared to give evidence any time he was wanted. He did this because he felt that the captain was not to be blamed.

The evidence of witness taken in commission at Goldfields, was referred to wherein witness had said that he saw the Chehalis wheelman turn the wheel to starboard, throwing the boat to port. After that he threw the wheel to port, bringing the Chehalis to starboard. Witness said in explanation that the attorneys before whom this was taken were not nautical men. It had been agreed that the throwing of the wheel one way would bring the vessel in the opposite direction. On that basis he gave the evidence. He was simply acquainted with what the effect was on the vessel in such a case.

GAZETTE NOTICES.

Companies Incorporated During the Past Week For Business in Province.

The Provincial Gazette this week contains notice of the following companies incorporated during the past week for business in the province of British Columbia. The following companies have been incorporated: British America Lumber & Trading Company, capitalized at \$100,000.

The following companies have been incorporated during the past week for business in the province of British Columbia: Burrard Realty & Investment Company, with \$25,000 capital, incorporated in British Columbia, with a capital stock of \$50,000.

The following companies have been incorporated during the past week for business in the province of British Columbia: Columbia Valley Land Company, of Winnipeg, with R. W. Hannington, of Nelson, attorney for the province.

The following companies have been incorporated during the past week for business in the province of British Columbia: In the match between the Y. M. C. A. and Victoria West at Oak Bay to-day, in the intermediate series for the championship of Vancouver Island, the following will represent the Y. M. C. A.: Nute, W. McQuinn, Wilson, Cook, Pettigrew, Morrison, McKrick, Baylis, J. Peeden and F. Crompton.

LABOR PROBLEM IN PROVINCE

WILL BE LOOKED INTO BY COMMITTEE

Board of Trade Discuss Subject and Decide to Get Further Information.

The labor question in the province was made the principle subject of discussion at the board of trade meeting yesterday afternoon. The vice-president, F. A. Pauline, presided. During the discussion of the question, there was introduced a petition received by the council of the board of trade from the Montreal body. This read as follows:

To His Excellency the Right Honorable Earl Grey, Governor General of the Dominion of Canada, in Council: The Board of Trade humbly sheweth: That the scarcity of skilled and unskilled labor is sorely felt in many parts of the Dominion and that such scarcity is retarding the development of our country.

That labor is generally needed on the Pacific Coast, for the fruit orchards of British Columbia and in the Northwest during the harvest season. That men are most urgently required for the construction of the Grand Pacific railway, also for the extension of the Canadian Pacific and the Great Northern railways.

That much of the work to be performed is of a class for which it is most difficult, if not impossible, to secure white men, and your petitioners believe that the Government should permit a restricted importation of Chinese labor, which has in the past been largely and so successfully used, especially in the construction of other trans-continental railways.

Your Excellency in council may be pleased to consider the desirability of temporarily removing under certain restrictions the head tax now imposed upon Chinese immigrants, or the adoption of such other measures as you should deem advisable to meet the situation. And your petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

Signed on behalf of the council of the Montreal Board of Trade: F. H. MATHEWSON, President. GEO. HADRILL, Secretary. Montreal, 25th January, 1907.

J. A. Sayward said there was a shortage of labor. There must be more labor got from outside the province. It was a question of what was to be done, whether white labor was to come in or some other class. Vice-President Pauline said that the council of the board of trade had taken no action on the petition. The Montreal Board of Trade, British Columbia was entitled to consideration from the Dominion authorities. He did not know that the board was called for to express itself in favor of any particular class of labor. He thought the board might urge the Dominion government to give assistance in getting something done in the question of where it came from.

W. J. Pendray said he preferred white labor. He found it difficult to get labor in London devoted to the coming spring for increased trade, he could not see what would be done. He could not get sufficient help at the present time. H. Bullen said that every industry was suffering from the lack of labor. Some unions had taken advantage of the shortage of labor in London devoted to getting labor in the Dominion. He thought a committee should be appointed to go into the subject and report upon the situation. He thought that the bringing of general immigrants to British Columbia meant the payment of considerable money by the government or individual employers. He thought that the Dominion government should have unrestricted immigration of Chinese.

WILL ERECT BIG WARE-ROOMS

HUGGITT AND COMPANY BUILD ON LANGLEY ST.

Three Story Building of Pressed Brick and Stone--To Rush Construction.

A three story building eighty by twenty-five feet will be erected by Huggitt & Co. on Langley street immediately adjoining the offices of the B. C. Electric Railway Company. The new edifice will be of a similar style to the latter. It will be of pressed brick and stone and in addition to the three stories, there will be a basement extending over the entire lot.

The business of the company as craftsmen, interior decorators and importers has so grown since its virtual inception six months ago, that the erection of the new offices and ware-rooms have been justified. Upon the ground floor will be sample rooms, to which a mezzanine floor or gallery will also be devoted. The second floor will consist of a series of show rooms, which will be fitted up in different color schemes and styles of decoration. The third floor will consist of work rooms and storage halls.

As the building will be constructed in a style to suit the company's business, it is certain to exemplify unique advantages in the way of light. Situated off Government street and yet contiguous to that thoroughfare, the new building has clear light on four sides of it. Hot water heating will be installed throughout.

S. MacClure, the architect prepared the plans and will commence work upon the building about the 1st of March. The lot was purchased over a month ago from Charles Hayward through the B. C. Land & Investment Co.

RAISE PAY OF CIVIC OFFICIALS

Case of the Policemen Not Yet Considered--Referred to Police Commissioners.

The case of the policemen was not considered by the city council last night. Their case will be specially considered by the board of police commissioners, which consists of Mayor Morley and two others yet to be appointed. Nothing could be learned as to the probable rate of an application, save that it will be considered on its merits.

The members of the force expect to get the raise asked. "The others have received theirs and we should have ours," said one. "We were lowered at the same time as the rest and have had no raise since. Living expenses have increased, and well, we expect to get what we asked for."

In accordance with the request of the Victoria Laborers' Protective Association, the wages of the fire fighters in the city's employ have been raised twenty-five cents per day, in the case of those getting less than three dollars per day. The increase, however, is bona fide residents of the city.

The increases recommended by Chief Watson on behalf of the fire fighters has been granted. The chief will get hereafter \$12 per month. The increase on the rest of the brigade ranges from \$2.50 to \$5 per month, the total increases amounting to some \$18 in all. The electric light staff received a raise of \$5 a month. A new girl stenographer at \$20 per month is to be engaged and an additional bookkeeper for the treasurer's department whose salary is to be \$20 per month. The engineers at the North Dairy pumping station get a raise of \$5 per month.

The detailed list of increases at the city hall per month is as follows: Treasurer, raised ..... \$ 5 00 Assistant treasurer, raised ..... 5 00 Auditor, raised ..... 5 00 City clerk, raised ..... 5 00 Assistant clerk, raised ..... 15 00 Assessor, raised ..... 5 00 Chief of police, raised ..... 5 00 Waterworks foreman, raised ..... 5 00 Waterworks collector, raised ..... 5 00 Waterworks clerk, raised ..... 5 00 Engineer and draftsman, raised ..... 5 00 Clerk, raised ..... 10 00 Sanitary inspector, raised ..... 10 00 Plumbing inspector, raised ..... 5 00 Pound keeper (factory), raised ..... 7 50 Cemetery caretaker and assistant, raised ..... 5 00 Janitor, city hall, raised ..... 2 50

TO ENTERTAIN BOOTH.

Newly Organized Canadian Club Will Endeavor to Secure Address.

A meeting of the programme committee of the Canadian Club was held yesterday afternoon at which arrangements were made for a number of gatherings of the new organization if proper arrangements can be made for speakers. In advance of obtaining the consent of the different gentlemen who will be asked to become its guests the names are not given, but it is known that telegraphic communication has been opened with General Booth with a view to securing an address from him before the club here about Easter, at which date he will be on this coast.

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