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YORKTON'S BOILERS TAMPERED WITH

Examination Before Vessel's Departure for South Shovel Rivets Had Been Removed.

Vallejo, Calif., Feb. 15.—It became known to-day that a secret inquiry is being held at Mare Island navy yard in connection with the conditions of the boilers of the cruiser Yorkton.
The Yorkton had been ordered to Magdalena Bay to protect American interests in case of trouble in Central America, but just before starting it was found that her boilers were leaking badly and examination showed that eleven rivets had been removed, apparently deliberately.
Had the Yorkton been allowed to proceed, it is stated that the Pennington horror would have been duplicated. The flagship Chicago was dispatched south in place of the Yorkton.

ARE ACCUSED OF MANSLAUGHTER

Warrants Issued For Arrest of Canadian Pacific Railway Engineer and Fireman.

Brandon, Man., Feb. 15.—Warrants for the arrest of F. Burchmont and D. Purdy, C. P. R. engineer and fireman of the engine that caused the death of a section hand, Muirhead, at Douglas, two weeks ago, and a Provincial Constable Brownlee left for Winnipeg this afternoon to arrest the two men on a charge of manslaughter.
Muirhead met his death by being knocked down by a snowplow, being struck by the wing and almost instantly killed.
SINKING OF THE LARCHMONT.
New York, Feb. 15.—Stories of mistreatment and death of passengers on the ill-fated steamer Larchmont by officers and crew were vigorously denied by the officers of the steamer. The survivors were taken to Block Island to convey the survivors and the bodies recovered to Providence, and which arrived here to-day.
The Larchmont was the first to leave the Larchmont because the steamer had listed so badly that unless the boat had left at the time it did it would have been swamped.
Superintendent Noble, of the Joy line, issued a statement strongly defending Captain McVey, and expressing the firmest faith in the captain's ability and faithfulness.
Another Death.
Providence, R. I., Feb. 15.—James Van, of 215 Belleville, N. C., colored steward of the Larchmont, died tonight of pneumonia at the outside hospital, where he was taken with several other survivors who were on the steamer on Wednesday night. This leaves 17 whose lives were saved from the wreck, as Sam Lacombe, of Manchester, N. H., died last night.
The identification of the 78 bodies that have been recovered has so far progressed that at 10:15 o'clock to-night only eight remained unclaimed at the morgue in this city.
The United States authorities at New London have practically finished their investigation of the accident by taking the testimony of the captain and crew of the schooner Harry Knowlton, which rammed the ill-fated steamer and sent her to destruction. These men have been released and are now on their way to their homes. The inspectors have yet to hear Captain McVey's account of the disaster.

OVERHANGING CANOPY OF FOG

STEAMER CHARMER AT OUTER WHARF

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

(From Saturday's Daily.)
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.
Last evening the steamer Charmer moored at the outer wharf. Owing to

REALTY EXCHANGE TO BE ESTABLISHED

Meeting of the Registered Real Estate Agents for Organization Purposes Next Week.

(From Saturday's Daily.)
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.

EXTENDING FREE DELIVERY OF LETTERS

Statement by Postmaster-General—Proposed Exchange of Postal Notes With Britain.

Ottawa, Feb. 15.—When the House went into supply last evening the post office estimates were taken up. Hon. H. Lemieux announced that he would abandon the idea for the present of starting a rural mail delivery, the United States involved nearly sixteen million dollars deficit last year in this connection. This was out of the question. He intended to extend the free delivery to towns of 25,000, and with the revenue of \$200,000 that negotiations were proceeding for an exchange of postal notes between Britain and Canada.

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 \$5 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 exchange. The news that the man named Woods. The job began in the state of Kentucky, where Woods bought a draft for \$5 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 exchange there recovered and beyond the fact that he is in China the detectives have no clue to his whereabouts.

JEALOUSY CAUSE OF TORONTO TRAGEDY

Former Member of Mounted Police Killed Woman and Then Shot Himself.

Toronto, Feb. 15.—A murder and suicide occurred on Richmond street yesterday.
John J. Raymore, formerly a member of the Northwest Mounted Police, shot Mrs. Mary Charlton, a woman with whom he lived on Richmond street, and then shot himself through the head.
Raymore has a wife living here, and his victim was the widow of a former hotelkeeper.
One of the wood turners in Cameron's shop, across the road from the house, saw two shots fired at the woman's body. He telephoned for the ambulance when he saw her fall. The woman died on the way to the hospital. After the second shot Raymore returned to the house and killed himself.
Jealousy was the cause of the crime.

FRISCO SCHOOL QUESTION.

Test Cases Set for Monday Will Probably Be Dismissed by the Supreme Court.

TURKISH TROOPS KILLED.

Tangier, Feb. 15.—Troops of the Sultan stormed the village of Beadua yesterday and had fifteen men killed in the operations. The bandits, who had robbed the French mail and taken refuge in Beadua, Saturday,

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 swell 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 northeasterly 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.
Owing to the dense fog which set in over the waterfront shortly after the Mowera reached port she was held at the outer wharf during the night, and sailed for Vancouver at 7:45 a. m. on Saturday.

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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. "According to newspaper records from August 1st, 1906, to date, there have been forty-nine wrecks serious enough to cause injury or loss of life. They resulted in the loss of 351 lives and the injury of 474 persons. "The month with the greatest record was January, when twenty wrecks occurred."

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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 to-day 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. He had a long conference with Premier Clemenceau, Education Minister Briand, and other ministers of the cabinet, but the exact result is not known.

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. The bulk of the estate is set aside for the endowment, in or near Seattle, of the Carnegie library building, and those who hold the faith of the Society of Universal Religion, of which she herself was a member. The will provides that if sufficient money is remaining after the erection of this home that another home be built for the benefit of the aged and feeble poor of all creeds.

CRUSHED TO DEATH

Two Firemen Caught in Wreckage of Engines and Their Bodies Burned to a Crisp.

LIBERAL RETURNED

Result of Bye-Election in Banffshire to Select Successor to the Late W. A. Black.

SKULL FOUND

Cincinnati, Ohio, Feb. 18.—A skull, believed to be that of Pearl Bryan, who was murdered and her body decapitated on February 1st, 1891, by Jackson and Walling, medical students, who afterwards were hanged, was found along the river from here yesterday afternoon.

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 of peace between them. For a time it looked as if the trouble had reached a stage where Mr. Delmas, who had conducted the defence, was ready to withdraw from the case but it now appears that he will go on with the trial.

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Nanaimo, Feb. 18.—The steamer Portland, which struck on Entrance Island, about a mile from Gabriola Island, in a heavy fog on Saturday, was floated this morning, and proceeded to Seattle under her own steam.

CHINESE CELEBRATION NEARING A CLOSE

Feast of Lanterns on Friday Night Ends for Many--Drags Out Till Feb. 28.

The four chief days of the Chinese New Year celebration are over, but the making of a desultory nature will continue throughout the coming week. The longer the festivities and abstention from work are maintained, the luckier it is for the celebrant during the coming year.

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Official of the French Foreign Office Is Accused of Treasonable Practices.

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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DISORGANIZATION AND INCAPACITY KUROPATKIN TELLS OF THE LATE WAR

Charges Officers Who Held High Commands With Disobedience--Reasons for Failure.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 14.—General Kuropatkin's history of the Russo-Japanese war, which was confiscated by the Russian government, has at last become accessible, despite the most extreme precautions to prevent this galling official indictment from reaching the public.

Discussing the results of the fighting, Kuropatkin says: "Thus ended our first attempt to adopt the offensive. It cost about ten thousand men."

How Kuropatkin failed to stop General Nogi's victorious advance is related with much detail, and constitutes in itself a vivid recital of the blunders, incapacity and consequent disaster.

Accused of Failure... Kuropatkin's reasons for the failure of the war are based chiefly on the comparison of the warlike spirit of the Japanese, their preparedness and valor, which he says had never been seen in any previous war, and their ability to maintain the numerical superiority necessary to assume the offensive, with the disadvantages of Russia owing to the inadequacy of the single track railroad from Europe, in feeding her fighting strength, with commanding officers disobeying orders in a hopeless state of confusion and cross purposes.

with a low state of morale and confidence among the troops, and continuous news from home of internal troubles and of insults and reproaches against the army. The general closes his survey of the causes of the defeat of the Russians with the pathetic reflection that if Russia were united and ready to make sacrifices necessary to safeguard her dignity and integrity, the "valiant Russian army would have striven until the foe was subdued."

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 drawn into a general battle, 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." Kuropatkin goes on to show how his efforts to realize this programme were checked in numerous ways by the deficiencies of the Army and the lack of transport and artillery horses, dwelling upon the details given in order to show the utter inadequacy of the Manchurian army to cope with the situation. Indeed, after tracing the events down to the end of May, Kuropatkin admits that had Gen. Kuroki grasped a critical position on the Russian east front, "which, fortunately for us, he did not," he could have seized Liao Yang as early as the beginning of June.

The whole narrative is a dismal retrospect of unpreparedness and disorganization. Kuropatkin says of the famous Tenth corps, that little energy was shown by its commanders, and in case of certain regiments, especially among the reservists, rank and file, who, under various pretexts, went to the rear."

General Biderling's tactics at Liao Yang are severely criticized, his troops are declared to have been raw, inexperienced and untrustworthy, and they met with constant failure. Gen. Orlif's force of twelve thousand men simply bolted from the field in wild disorder, with the result that a splendid position was lost. What was lacking through the fighting at Liao Yang, Kuropatkin says, was "greater effort on the part of the troops and more capable handling on the part of the leaders."

The dangers and disadvantages of the retreat from Liao Yang to Mukden are pointed out. When the troops were among the hills they lost their heads and... Gave Way to Panic. The previous experience of the advance had not inspired them with confidence. For the indecisive results of the battle of the Shan River several reasons are given, the first of which is the lack of skill displayed by the chief of the eastern army in handling the large force entrusted to him.

After the fall of Port Arthur, Kuropatkin describes his plan for a great turning movement, and the blame for its failure is thrown upon Gen. Gripenberg. "It is regrettable," says Kuropatkin, "that a fortnight before the commencement of our advance the chances of success were overturned by certain orders of Gripenberg, which revealed to the enemy the nature of our intended movement."

Concerning the reverse at Sandepu, Kuropatkin says "the environs and fortifications of that village had not been studied, and no sketches of the ground had been prepared for the troops. The result was that the artillery fired for a whole day against Baltez instead of Sandepu, never touching Sandepu. The fourteenth division attacked the village of Baotzandze, west of Sandepu, and having occupied that village, the commander thought he was occupying Sandepu, and so reported to me."

Continuing his declaration and criticism of the operations, Kuropatkin complains of Gripenberg for falling to report and confer with him at the critical juncture, though he had telephoned to his command from a room in his headquarters adjoining the apartments from which he was directing operations, adding, however, "Personally Gripenberg could not talk to me on account of his deafness."

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IRELAND AND IRISH AFFAIRS OCCUPY PROMINENT PLACE IN PARLIAMENT

Council Will Be Established in Which the Elective Element Will Predominate.

London, Feb. 14.—Following closely upon his announcement yesterday of the intention of the government to introduce a measure to improve the government of Ireland, Augustine Birrell, chief secretary to Ireland, gave formal notice to-day that a bill "to establish an Irish council and for other purposes connected therewith," will be introduced. 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 prominent members are retained in order to placate the Liberals who are opposed to an entirely representative body.

It is understood also that this council will have extensive administrative powers, but its right to legislate will be limited. 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.

KENNEL CLUB SHOW. W. Rutherford's Smooth Fox Terrier Declared Best Dog on Exhibition in New York.

New York, Feb. 15.—Warren Remedy, W. Rutherford's smooth fox terrier bitch, was declared yesterday by the judges to be the best dog in the show of the Westminster Kennel Club at Madison Square Garden, of any breed, age or sex. It was a triumph for Mr. Rutherford, who bred the winner at his home in Allinham, N. J., as among those defeated were Equinox, Tilton, the unbeaten colts, for which Samuels, Untermyer paid over \$5,000; Dolly Gray, the champion old English sheep dog, and Deodora Prince, the English setter.

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. is a fairly in the breed, now in the winners' class for dogs for Dr. Molenschacker, of this city, while Lixi Yusupia Yan Kungshols, an imported dog with a name as long as her body, won the blue in the same class for bitches.

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TURKISH MUTINEERS SHOT OR DROWNED

TORONTO GIRL'S DEATH. Supposed to Have Been Poisoned By Angel Cake.

Toronto, Feb. 15.—Poisoned by angel cake is the alleged cause of the death, under pathetic circumstances, of 12-year-old Edna Shaw, daughter of Emanuel Shaw, 107 St. James street, yesterday. Edna, with her sister Eva, aged 18, died on Thursday night, after spending the evening at the rink, before going to bed to partake of some angel cake and tarts which were on the dining room table. Both were in good health. About ten minutes after seven Mrs. Shaw went to the girls' room on the second floor to call them for work. She was horrified to find both girls apparently dead. The elder girl was given treatment with success and consciousness returned about 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

ALARMING FIRE. 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.

JUDGE O'MEARA DEAD. Ottawa, Feb. 15.—Judge John Joseph O'Meara, junior judge of the County of Charlton, died this morning at the Russell. He was ill for a week from pneumonia. Deceased was 48 years old. He came to Ottawa from Pembroke to fill the judgeship, although he was born in this city. The funeral takes place to-morrow to Pembroke. He was unmarried.

SALTED SALMON. Ottawa, Feb. 15.—Canada's trade agent in Japan writes that 10,400 cases of salted salmon arrived from British Columbia last season in good condition. The salmon was of excellent quality.

TEACHERS ARE SAFE. Manila, Feb. 15.—W. K. Beacheider and W. J. Lee, two American teachers, who it was feared had been killed in an attack by Pulajanes in Occidental Negros, have been found unhurt.

ASSASSINATION AT TANGIER. Tangier, Feb. 14.—Ben Mansour, a former Italian lieutenant, was assassinated to-day opposite the Spanish legation.

WOMAN SUFFRAGISTS. Demonstration at Entrance to House of Commons--Sixty Arrests.

J. Bureau Sworn in as Solicitor-General--Labor Bill Again Before House.

Ottawa, Feb. 15.—A. W. Donly, Canada's commercial agent in Mexico, has telegraphed that the duty on wheat imported into Mexico has been reduced fifty per cent. from February 15th to June 30th. The present Mexican duty is three pieces silver for 100 kilos, or in Canadian currency about 45 cents per 100 pounds, which duty is reduced 50 per cent.

Solicitor-General. Jacques Bureau, M. P. The Rivers, was sworn in solicitor-general by Lord Grey, at government house, yesterday. Mr. Bureau was accompanied by Sir Wilfrid Laurier. The position of solicitor-general has been vacant since Hon. R. Lemieux was promoted from that office to be postmaster-general.

Labor Bill. In the House yesterday Hon. R. Lemieux moved the second reading of the labor bill. He made a full explanation and showed that the press and all parties, labor and otherwise, with few exceptions, gave the bill unqualified support.

THE LABOR DEPARTMENTS. Hon. R. Lemieux Refers to the Excellent Work Already Accomplished.

Ottawa, Feb. 15.—In the House yesterday Hon. R. Lemieux in moving the second reading of the bill for prevention and settlement of strikes and lockouts, referred to the good work it would accomplish, and in doing so he gave a brief review of the excellent record of the labor department. The service of the department had been accepted there would have been no bloody affair at Buckingham, but that matter was now in the courts. At Leithbridge the department met with success. In connection with the Bell Telephone Company strike the department succeeded in getting all parties back to work. The company declared at the beginning that they would not take some of the strikers back under any circumstances. A commission was now at work investigating this matter. The right of society was greater than the interests of two parties engaged in a strike or lockout. That was the great justification for a bill to prevent strikes and lockouts. The general features of the bill were accepted by employees.

Hon. Mr. Mulock paid a high compliment to Sir William Mulock for the valuable services he rendered to labor. Sir William had been a wage earner himself, and knew how to sympathize with the working classes. The settlement of the Leithbridge strike was one of the last testimonials to the conciliatory act of Sir W. Mulock. Hon. Mr. Lemieux read from President Roosevelt's message to Congress, which he regarded as a strong recommendation in favor of the proposed legislation.

THAW CASE ADJOURNED. Hearing Will Be Resumed on Monday--Jurors Given Liberty.

New York, Feb. 14.—Another tragic chapter in the history of the Thaw-White case was written to-day, when grim death came in to halt the famous trial in its fourth week. The wife of Juror No. 11, Mrs. Joseph E. Bolton, passed away this afternoon soon after her husband had reached her bedside. He had been summoned from the courtroom, where the trial had been in progress for less than fifteen minutes. The formal announcement of Mrs. Bolton's death was made in court shortly after 2 p.m., the hour set for the afternoon session, and Justice Fitzgerald immediately ordered an adjournment of the case until Monday. The court also ordered, with the consent of counsel, that this will give the jurors be given their liberty and no longer be held together. He admonished them to be guided by their honor and their oath, and not to read the newspapers or discuss the Thaw case with anybody.

NELSON NEWS. Trapper Lost His Life in Lower Arrow Lake--School Trustees Meet.

Nelson, Feb. 14.—Word reached here to-night of the drowning on Wednesday night in the Lower Arrow lake of Robt. Kyle, a trapper, living at Brooklyn. He was an Irishman forty-five years old, and leaves a wife and family. The wife is very ill. She has relatives either in Rossland or Nelson. The third annual convention of provincial school trustees came to a close this evening with a largely attended affair. The next place of meeting will be New Westminster. The convention unanimously and enthusiastically adopted a resolution requesting the government to make compulsory the flying of the Canadian flag over all schools in the province during school hours daily.

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

Province Now Enjoying Mild Weather--Scarcity of First Class Beef in Toronto.

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 winter clothing. The air is clear and balmy, and farmers are only waiting the drying up of the fields to be ready for the 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 circulation bank has given way and the west end of the town was surrounded by water. The town council doctored rubber boots to the company in draining 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. Dymunt 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 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.

ASHCROFT BRIDGE FATALITY. The Bodies of Two of the Victims Have Been Recovered. 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.

LEASING OF PARIS CHURCHES FORM OF CONTRACT NOT YET SETTLED

Catholic Prelate Says Agreement on Question Will Not Solve Religious Issue.

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; which 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.

The members of the household of the Archbishop of Paris, Cardinal Richard, take exception to the idea that an agreement relating to the churches will in any sense constitute a solution of the religious issue. In this connection, a prelate who is close to the archbishop said: "We wish primarily to see public worship from shipwreck, and upon that point we are succeeding, but beyond that the religious question was not advanced a foot."

ADMIRAL OPPOSES PLAN FOR REDISTRIBUTION OF NAVAL FORCES

Lord Charles Beresford Declines to Accept Command of the Channel Fleet.

London, Feb. 14.—Admiral Lord Charles Beresford, who is in the United States to settle the estate of his late brother, Lord Delaval Beresford, has thrown a bomb-shell on naval circles by placing himself in direct antagonism to the government's policy for the distribution of Great Britain's naval forces. A semi-official statement, "evidently inspired by Lord Beresford, and issued to-night," is to the effect that he declines to accept the command of the Channel fleet, which he was to have taken up on March 4th under the altered conditions.

BRIEF TELEGRAMS. Isaac H. Vanarsdale, of Flack & Vanarsdale, proprietors of the Cornwall pottery, died on Thursday. He was in business forty years. He is survived by his wife and one daughter, the widow of R. E. Fringale, M. P.

The United States house committee on public lands Thursday agreed upon a compromise coal land bill, which falls far short of President Roosevelt's programme for the withdrawal of all coal land from entry and the leasing of such land instead of selling it.

ICE HOCKEY. Rossland and Nelson Teams Will Meet in Final Game for Championship. Rossland, B. C., Feb. 15.—Rossland and Nelson met to-night in a hockey game in the open championship events, and after a hotly contested contest Rossland won by a score of six to three. This gives Rossland the opportunity of meeting Nelson in the final game of the open championship series, which takes place to-morrow evening. In the British Columbia hockey game Rossland defeated Nelson on Thursday night, and the struggle to-morrow promises to be the most exciting of the carnival. It is expected that there will be a train load of Nelson enthusiasts to witness the event.

VACANCIES IN COMMONS. Ottawa, Feb. 15.—Writs for the three vacant constituencies in Quebec were issued to-day. The writs for London, Ont., and Victoria, N. B., cannot be issued yet because the voters' lists are not ready.

BURNED TO DEATH. Winnipeg, Feb. 15.—Philomene Brogneau, a half-breed woman, was burned to death in a fire which destroyed her shack on the outskirts of the city.

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 appreciate 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 interests and the shortsightedness of the policy which

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 \$87,981, of which \$49,241 were paid in dividends, \$35,554 went to rest account, and \$28,965 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 service. 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 steamer Luceania 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 doubts 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.

The oldest piece of music still in use is the "Blessing of the Priests," which was originally used in the Temple at Jerusalem.

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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 question 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.

It is conceded that a decision on this point may have a direct bearing on the question of selecting cabinet representatives. The Premier's office is now a Vancouver Island minister will likely be sought by him.

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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(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.

NOT BOUGHT AT ALBERNI. No Lots Have Been Acquired by the C. P. R. There.

(From Monday's Daily.) A report was circulated in Vancouver that the C. P. R. had bought lots in Alberni, thus indicating that they had a scheme on foot to build there for a certainty. A special to the Times from Vancouver to-day denies this. The message says: "R. M. Marpole denied absolutely to-day that the C. P. R. were buying or even negotiating for any lands at Alberni. It is believed here that the C. P. R. will certainly go to Alberni, but no lands are being bought."

PRISONER REMANDED. Second Man Admits Assaulting W. W. Thompson Last Tuesday.

"I struck him because I thought he was the man who kicked my brother in Seattle," said Alex. Carney, who with James Swanson assaulted W. W. Thompson last Tuesday night. Carney was arrested in Seattle at the instance of Chief Langley. In court this morning Magistrate Hall decided to commit the prisoner for trial in the high court.

Local News

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

The body of the late Mrs. Sarah Ann Jones, who was killed by a train at Ladson, N. D., was shipped on the Victoria to Vancouver for shipment of the body.

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

A considerable den of thieves, according to a reliable source, is situated in a hundred square feet of church at Vermillion, N. D.

Considerable money was raised at the regular meeting of the sergeants' mess, held last night. The regular members, who had given by the mess in the past, were: W. E. Oliver, J. H. Watson, G. H. Arundell, Herriek McGregor.

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. E. Green, and one son, Mr. E. Green. Deceased aged 70.

Rev. W. Leslie Gray, funeral of Mrs. Sarah Ann Jones, which took place at her residence, Cadboro Bay, was largely attended. The service was held at 8 o'clock. The Rev. Mr. Gray was assisted by W. E. Oliver, J. H. Watson, G. H. Arundell, Herriek McGregor.

In the old Grand theatre, the late Wm. Green's widow, Mrs. E. Green, will deliver a series of lectures on the subject of "The Home of the Future." The lectures will be given on the 24th, 25th, and 26th inst. The lectures will be given at 8 o'clock.

The down town Grand is reaching a large measure. Last night a beautiful display of fireworks was given by the Grand. The fireworks were of the Irish variety, and the display was very brilliant. The fireworks were given by the Grand, and the display was very brilliant.

At to-night's meeting of the Church of Our Lady, K. of P., the annual conference of the rank of knights will be held. The social committee will make the celebration on the 24th of the grandest events in the Pythianism in this city. The dance will be distributed.

The new edition of Canada gives a deserved Victoria as a shipping port, as well as a beautiful port of call for outgoing ketches. The city is also a centre of traffic and business. It is the only port for Stika, Skeena, and Fraser. It is the only port for the coast of British Columbia. It is the only port for the coast of British Columbia.

On Monday next in the Church of Our Lady will give a lecture on "The Yosemite Valley." The lecture will be given by Mr. J. H. Watson, and will be a very interesting one. The lecture will be given at 8 o'clock.

The department of two bulletins issued by the mineral claims, during the month of January, and fall. The bulletins of Mr. Carmichael's are practically no comment on the mineral claims of Vancouver Island, and of Great Central lake. The mineral claims of Canada, both describe the mineral claims.

The Northern Pacific railway has put into effect a round-trip home from all points in the British Columbia, Oregon, Idaho and Montana. The round-trip fare is \$10.00. The round-trip fare is \$10.00. The round-trip fare is \$10.00.

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At the Jubilee hospice, the death occurred of a native of British Columbia was laid at rest only last

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NEW SETTLERS ARE ARRIVING

RUSH WILL BEGIN EARLY IN MARCH

Immigration Official Preparing for Busy Season--One Man Killed in Collision.

Winnipeg, Feb. 15.—From across the seas, and from the east and south, the big rush of immigrants will soon be in full swing, and the countless swarms of men, women and children of all nationalities who annually emigrate to find new homes in Western Canada will soon begin to arrive. The large staff of employees at the Dominion government immigration hall is now busy preparing for the usual spring arrivals. Already the newcomers are streaming in in great numbers from the south and east, and the depot is thronged with all nationalities at the time of the arrival and departure of trains. In about two weeks time, however, the great rush of the year will commence, as, according to Commissioner J. Obed Smith, the immigration by far arrive during March than in any other month. Mr. Smith also stated that the arrivals during January this year were a good deal in excess of those for the corresponding month last year. Considering the kind of weather which prevailed, these figures are surprising, but are only a forerunner of what is to come.

Leaves for South.

Winnipeg, Feb. 15.—Hon. Walter Scott, premier of Saskatchewan, left on evening train for Vancouver, where he will proceed to the Bermuda Islands, where he will spend some weeks recuperating from his recent illness.

Manitoba Elections.

Winnipeg, Feb. 15.—Hon. Robt. Rogers was nominated at Langton tonight by the Conservative convention. He announced that the general elections in Manitoba will be held early in March. Attorney-General Campbell was nominated in Morris.

Railway Wreck.

Newcastle, N. B., Feb. 15.—A special intercolonial freight train collided with a working train near Beaver Brook, killing one man and injuring over a score. The working train was backing when the special came around a curve and crashed into the rear cars, telescoping two in the van, which bore the brunt of the collision, were twenty-nine men, all of whom were hurt. The man killed was Doelthe-Thibodeau, who leaves a wife and two small children.

Ended Her Life.

Bowmanville, Ont., Feb. 15.—Mrs. Benjamin Worry, of Darlington township, near the northern limits, committed suicide by hanging herself in her own kitchen.

Inquiry Closed.

Belleville, Ont., Feb. 15.—The investigation into the affairs of the deaf and dumb institute has been closed indefinitely. The evidence produced has been mainly unimpressive, and the most serious disclosure was that tough meat had been served to the pupils. The charges of nolliv activity were not sustained.

Remaking Road.

Toronto, Feb. 15.—The Temiskaming & Northern Railway commission has awarded the contract for the construction of the new extension from the present terminus to connect with the G. T. P. railway to the firm of McRae, Chandler & McNeill, of Quebec. The firm's estimate is \$1,000,000.

Sensational Strike.

Port Arthur, Ont., Feb. 15.—Reports of a sensational strike in the Thunder Bay silver mine have been received here from officials of the company.

Swept by Flames.

Montreal, Feb. 15.—The village of Port Vias, six miles back of the city, was well swept out by a fire. Flames broke out in the carriages of J. Labelle, and spread quickly to his residence, continuing on until the entire town was nearly consumed. Loss, \$40,000.

Prof. Locke's Appointment.

Montreal, Feb. 15.—Prof. George H. Locke has been appointed by McGill University dean of the faculty of education in the Macdonald College, and professor of the history and principles of education.

Manufacturer Dead.

St. John, N. B., Feb. 15.—Thomas Rankine, aged 52, died suddenly here this afternoon. He was senior partner in the well known biscuit manufacturing firm of Thomas Rankine & Sons. Mr. Rankine was the father of Mrs. Fielding, wife of Hon. W. S. Fielding. He was a staunch Presbyterian and was an ex-president of St. Andrew's Society.

CARNIVAL AT ROSSLAND.

Rossland, Feb. 15.—The fourth day of the carnival was one of interest than any of the preceding days, the big crowd in attendance from outside cities continues to be augmented.

The three-mile championship snow-shoe race was won by W. Sherman, with J. McDonald second.

The intermediate championship hockey match was won by Rossland, which defeated Nelson in the final game played this afternoon, by a score of 2-1.

In the afternoon the Nelson seniors played the Phoenix seven in the open hockey championship series, and Nelson won by a score of 4-3, after a hard fought game.

The St. Andrew's Society will hold a social and dance in the Victoria hall on Tuesday, the 26th February. A pleasant evening is promised and all members are invited to be present.

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING.

Reports Received Shows Flourishing Condition of Presbyterian Church.

The annual meeting of the congregation of the First Presbyterian church was held on Thursday evening. Rev. Dr. Campbell presided, and Mr. George McCandless was secretary. The review of the session referred to the spiritual life of the congregation very encouragingly. There were only six removed from the communion roll during the year—four by letter and two by death—while twenty were received into membership, of whom twelve were on confession of faith and eight by letter. There were thirteen baptized, of whom twelve were infants and one adult.

The Women's Mission Society contributed to the schemes of the church nearly \$200; the Ladies' Aid Society reported \$383, with an expenditure of \$351, leaving a balance on hand of \$142; that of the Christian Endeavor of \$82, leaving a balance of \$30. The choir supplied its own music, and made a donation of over \$100 to the general revenue of the finance board. The Sunday school had a revenue of \$224, leaving a balance of \$7. The Sunday school supplies its own literature, library, papers and hymn books. The statement of the treasurer of the board of management showed receipts from all sources to the amount of \$3,429, with liabilities to the amount of \$267, for which steps were taken to meet, so that the board might have a clean sheet to start the new church year.

Messrs. Wilson, Morrison, McDonald and Forman were elected to the board of management, and Mr. F. Wood appointed auditor. After some discussion regarding the installing of electric light in the auditorium of the church, the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to all who assisted in any way during the year in church work.

STEAMER PORTLAND RUNS ASHORE.

Nanaimo, Feb. 15.—Steamer Portland was on the way down from the north ran ashore at Entrance Island, off Nanaimo, at 6.40 this morning.

The fore peak was damaged, and for some time the mounding she was run on the beach at Gabriola Island.

Word has been sent to Victoria to have the Salvor come and assist her in getting out. In the meantime she is resting easily, and it is anticipated that there will be no difficulty in getting her clear of the water, which is now above the engine room plates.

Mr. Pharo, manager for the Alaska Steamship Company, was on board the boat when she struck, also some 15 passengers and 200 tons of ore. The passengers will remain on board, and will be picked up by the Joan on the way to Vancouver on Monday morning.

LORD'S DAY ALLIANCE.

Western Secretary to Conduct Services in the City.

The Western secretary for the Western division of the Dominion Alliance, the Rev. W. M. Rochester, is in the city. The executive committee of the local branch has met, and arrangements have been made for a series of meetings in the interest of the alliance.

The new act comes into force on March 1st, and it behooves those interested in preserving the Lord's Day to be present at these meetings, and to make their influence felt. On Sunday, Mr. Rochester will speak at First Presbyterian church in the morning, and at the Metropolitan Methodist church in the evening. On Tuesday evening a public meeting will be held at which Mr. Rochester will speak and answer questions which may be put to him.

DEADLY LA GRIPPE

CANADA AGAIN BEING RAVISHED BY AN EPIDEMIC OF THIS DISEASE.

Winter after winter Canada is swept from ocean to ocean by an epidemic of la grippe, or influenza. It is one of the deadliest troubles known to man, and it starts with a cold and ends with a complication. It lays the strong man on his back; it tortures him with fever and chills; headaches and backaches. It leaves the sufferer an easy prey to pneumonia, bronchitis, consumption and other deadly diseases. You can avoid la grippe by fortifying your system with Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. You can cure its disastrous after effects with this same medicine. These pills protect you; they cure you; they up-build you; they banish all evil after effects. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills ward off all winter ailments. They cure all blood and nerve disorders. They are the greatest blood-builder and nerve tonic science has yet discovered. Ask your neighbors, no matter where you live, and you will learn of someone who has been cured by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills after other medicines have failed. It is on the unbiased evidence of your neighbors that we ask you to give these pills a fair trial if you are sick or ailing. Mrs. Emma Doucet, St. Eulalie, Que., says: "Words can hardly express my gratitude for what Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have done for me. I had an attack of la grippe which left me a sufferer from headaches and pain in the stomach. I used several medicines but found nothing to help me until I took Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. When I began them I was weak and very much run down. The pills have not only fully restored my health, but I regained in flesh while taking them. I recommended them to all sufferers."

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JAPANESE IN 'FRISCO SCHOOLS

AN AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED

Action Deferred Until Immigration Bill, Including Exclusion Clause, Is Passed

Washington, Feb. 15.—The San Francisco school controversy growing out of the segregation of the Japanese school children in that city has been settled.

The basis of the agreement reached at the White House conference to-day is that Mayor Schmitz and the members of the school board shall immediately after the passage of the immigration bill, as reported by the conference in congress, abolish the Oriental schools and again admit Japanese children into the white schools. President Roosevelt and Secretary of State Root gave the San Franciscans assurance that if the bill is passed at this session of the congress an extra session will be called immediately after the adjournment on March 4th.

The abolition of the Oriental schools which has been through trying to the Mediterranean I declined the command of the Channel fleet without certain modifications, and I accepted the command of the Channel fleet before leaving for America.

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WILL DEPORT FOUR HINDUS

Under sections twenty-eight and thirty-two of the Dominion Immigration Act, the Hindus who were committed for vagrancy will be deported. The section in question provides (a) that anyone coming into the country and becoming a public charge in less than two years after their arrival may be returned to the country from whence he came. (b) That the company bringing such aliens into the country is required to return them at its own expense to their native land.

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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. She will not be able to resume work for at least two months, and the estimated damage is \$30,000.

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 secured from the city council permission to purchase the lot adjoining the school grounds should be purchased. Chairman Jay and Supt. Eaton were appointed to wait on the council.

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. This arose in connection with a letter sent by the executive of the Toronto Navy League asking the board to support an enclosed resolution to be brought before the Dominion parliament by A. C. Macdonnell, urging the appointment of a royal commission to go into the subject of the best means to adopt in the way of encouraging ship building.

CALLING FOR TENDERS

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

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 city officials decide on the motive power to be used, whether electricity or steam. It is expected that the pump will cost about \$3,000. It will be installed at the mouth of the 12-inch main at Elk lake. The installation will, it is hoped, bring the pressure in the mains up to the required standard without the assistance of the pump proposed by the commission on water shortage, which was to draw the water from the shoals in the centre of Elk lake to the lake.

More Metres.

Tenders have been called to supply four hundred and two metres of various sizes to the city. In all probability these will be the last metres bought by the city, as it seems very likely that once the question of the water supply has been settled, a universal flat rate will be put into force and metres abolished.

HOSPITAL FOR VAN ANDA.

Rev. John Antle Has Offer of Building But Needs Equipment.

Rev. John Antle gave an interesting address on his work in the coast logging camps on Thursday night. His field extends from Alert Bay to Cape Mudge, and embraces a parish of 3,000 souls. To meet the needs of these men a hospital has been established at Rock Bay in the first six months this was in existence 1,240 cases were treated. A circulating library, donated by friends in Victoria and Vancouver, has been established and has proved very popular among the men. Mr. Antle now seeks the establishment of a hospital at Van Anda Island. A building has already been erected and the equipment alone is required.

Mr. Antle holds services as occasion requires.

Joseph P. Dudley died at Buffalo on Thursday. Mr. Dudley was a pioneer oilman in the Pennsylvania fields. The Empire Oil Company, of which he was the head, was merged with the Standard Oil Company in 1882, and from that time until 1904 Mr. Dudley represented the Standard in western New York. Mr. Dudley retired from active business in 1904.

BRADSTREET'S REPORT.

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. Seasonable weather through the winter makes for small stocks, and spring trade and collections should be the better for this. Wholesale trade has been good. There is still some complaint of labor scarcity and backward deliveries of materials. In Quebec dairy products are firm. Montreal reports carpet manufacturers sold up for spring delivery. Failures for the week number 29, as against 18 last week and 28 in this week a year ago. The following are the weekly bank clearings as compiled by Bradstreet's for the week ending February 14th, showing percentage of increase and decrease as compared with the corresponding week last year: Montreal, \$2,566,346, decrease 29.7. Toronto, \$2,138,376, increase 2.5. Winnipeg, \$8,866,664, increase 42.2. Ottawa, \$2,352,222, increase 13.5. Halifax, \$1,686,921, increase 15.3. Vancouver, \$2,847,411, increase 56.2. Quebec, \$1,855,264, decrease 1.2. St. John, N. B., \$1,181,955, increase 18.7. London, \$1,075,218, increase 48.8. Victoria, \$942,000, increase 10.5. Calgary, \$1,201,201. Edmonton, \$755,087.

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.

EVIDENCE HAS ALL BEEN HEARD

ARGUMENT REMAINS IN CHEHALIS CASE

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 today. The bulk of the evidence was taken in Vancouver.

BUENAUER REACHES PORT.

Without having sighted a vessel while at open sea the Allely liner, Buenaur, reached port on Friday afternoon. She came from Australia and New Zealand ports.

JEANIE AGAIN.

The tug Jeanie was nearly run down in Seymour Narrows a few days ago by the steamer Jeanie, of Seattle, says a Vancouver dispatch to Seattle. A heavy fog prevailed at the time and the master of the Erin states that, though he heard the Jeanie's whistles, her position could not be made out exactly, but there was no thought of danger till the steamer was close alongside on the right side of the Erin, and he saw the tug in the distance.

NEW STEAMSHIP LINES.

Enterprise is following fast in the wake of the Tehuantepec railway, the new line which runs across Mexico from the Atlantic to the Pacific. First came the Canadian-Mexican Steamship Company, which will shortly be in operation. Now comes the announcement from Sir Westman Pearson, the English engineer who achieved with British capital the triumph of the Tehuantepec railway, to the effect that two new steamship lines will shortly be established. He says: "We shall inaugurate a steamship connection in July. On the Atlantic side boats averaging ten thousand tons will run from our terminal port to New York and San Francisco. This is going to be one of the great trade routes of the world, and will divert some of the traffic which now comes by way of Cape Horn and the Suez canal."

ST. LAWRENCE WILL SAIL.

This afternoon the steam whaler St. Lawrence leaves port for Esperanza Inlet. She is going in connection with the new whaling station which is shortly to be established by the Pacific Whaling Company at that point. On board will be E. G. Taylor, the Dominion fisheries inspector, who is going up the coast in connection with the whaling industry.

THE MOWERS.

The Mowers, from Australia to Victoria and Vancouver, arrived at the quarantine station at 1.30 p.m. today.

GAZETTE NOTICES.

Companies Incorporated During the Past Week For Business in Province.

The Provincial Gazette this week contains notice of the following companies which have been incorporated in the province of British Columbia. The following companies have been incorporated during the past week: British America Lumber & Trading Company, capitalized at \$100,000. Burrard Realty & Investment Company, with \$25,000 capital, and Hill-Tout Lumber Company, with a capital stock of \$50,000. Investors Limited, capitalized at \$50,000. Northwest Lumber Company, with a capital stock of \$500,000. Pacific Coast Lumber mills, capitalized at \$600,000. Plimley Automobile Company, with a capital stock of \$100,000.

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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.

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TRUSTEES MEET IN NELSON

WANT CANADIAN FLAG TO FLY OVER B. C. SCHOOLS

Many Resolutions Passed at Convention—Entrance Examinations at Christmas.

(From Saturday's Daily.) The third annual convention of the school trustees of British Columbia has just closed in Nelson. Valuable work was done, and the trustees who attended carried away some valuable ideas, Victoria was most represented at the convention, a letter from Superintendent Eaton being read, in which on behalf of the local board he expressed his regret that owing to a pressure of work, Victoria could not be represented. The letter expressed the continued sympathy of the local board with the work of the association, and expressed the wish that the session the progress would be successful. The provincial superintendent of education was also unable to be present.

Perhaps the most important resolution passed unanimously was the following: "Resolved, that a provision should be inserted in the school act, making it compulsory to fly the Canadian flag on all school houses during school hours."

Christmas Entrance. A resolution introduced by the Nelson delegates proposing to do away with the Christmas entrance examinations to the High schools was lost largely through the opposition of the delegates from Vancouver, and its surrounding municipalities.

The chief objection taken to the motion was voiced by Supt. Argue, of Vancouver, who pointed out that the change would be a very serious one for the city he represented and Victoria, since it would interfere with the semi-annual grading in the schools, and necessary to make room in the lower divisions for the accommodation of new pupils entering twice a year. In the summer and at Christmas, D. F. Kane of Kaslo, also objected, pointing out that in the newer high schools, every opportunity to move a pupil forward from public to private, and vice versa, was of advantage in that it enabled the latter to keep its attendance somewhere near the required standard.

The Inspector's Views. Inspector Stewart said that, from a departmental point of view, it would be preferable to have but one examination a year. He saw, however, that new high schools, struggling to keep up their attendance, and to give their examination, while the big cities, at the other extreme, and on exactly opposite grounds, held the same view. But the prospect of a change in the city schools favored a single annual examination. There were evidently two sets of conditions so contradictory that they could not be easily harmonized.

Looking at the question from a purely academic point of view, he said he would do away with Christmas examinations at one school. He believed the association would give him a concise expression of opinion on the broad principle, not subject to local conditions, which he might take away with him.

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WILL VISIT VICTORIA. Japanese Envoy Will Return From London via Canada With Distinguished Suite.

The Hon. T. Nosse, consul-general for Japan at Ottawa, has received advice stating that His Imperial Highness the Prince Yasuhiro, special envoy of the Japanese Emperor to King Edward, is now en route for England via Asiatic route, accompanied by a distinguished suite, consisting of the following: Hon. S. Nagasaki, counselor of the imperial court; Hon. S. Baba, comptroller of the household; Major C. Higashi, personal attendant; Gen. S. Iwai, physician extraordinary; M. Tsuda, clerk to the household; S. Tokioka, clerk to the imperial household department; S. Kurocawa, clerk to board of ceremony.

Extraordinary members: Admiral Viscount Yamamoto, late minister of the navy; General Viscount Nishi, late military governor of Kwantung province; Colonel Y. Matzushima, chief staff Karakura Japanese navy; Commander H. Kato, Japanese navy, A. D. C. to Admiral Yamamoto; Capt. T. Uda, Japanese navy, A. D. C. to Gen. Nishi. The party will visit Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, Winnipeg, Victoria and Vancouver, on their return journey.

TROUBLE IN THE FRENCH CABINET

Discussions on Church Matters May Result in a Number of Changes.

Paris, Feb. 16.—There were persistent rumors to-day that a serious clash had occurred at this morning's cabinet meeting between Minister of Education, Briand, and Premier, Loubet, over the negotiations on the question of church contracts. Several ministers, it was said, supported the premier, and the cabinet was reported to have adjourned with an open breach imminent.

Later it was learned that M. Clemenceau was most opposed to Briand, and that he insisted on a prolongation of the negotiations which had caused such a state of nervousness in the chamber of deputies that the definite approval of the majority should be obtained before the government acted. Finally the premier announced that, in spite of his bad health, he would bring the matter up in the chamber on Monday, when the fate of the cabinet probably would be decided.

Subsequently it was learned that the Prefect Amitto and Mr. Thomas, the administrative point of view, it would be preferable to have but one examination a year. He saw, however, that new high schools, struggling to keep up their attendance, and to give their examination, while the big cities, at the other extreme, and on exactly opposite grounds, held the same view. But the prospect of a change in the city schools favored a single annual examination. There were evidently two sets of conditions so contradictory that they could not be easily harmonized.

TEACHERS HOLD A SUCCESSFUL MEETING

Interesting Paper on Early Italian Masters by Local Drawing Mistress.

(From Saturday's Daily.) A very well attended and successful meeting was held by the Teachers' Association of the city in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium yesterday. Mr. King presided.

The most interesting number on the programme was a paper on some of the old Masters, by Miss Mills, who has charge of art in the city schools. Miss Mills has lately been elected an associate of the Royal Drawing Society. In her paper yesterday, she dealt with the artistic treatment of the subject and her interpretation of the old Italian masters, she quite won her audience.

Miss Mills expressed her regret that there was no art gallery in Victoria. The address of J. A. Cunningham on the habits, haunts and history of the birds of the Pacific coast was interesting and instructive. J. G. Brown and Miss Sweet contributed the musical portion of the programme.

At the close of the meeting a vote of thanks was tendered those who had contributed to the success of the meeting.

HOURS OF TRAINMENT. Washington, Feb. 16.—The House committee on Interstate and foreign commerce decided to-day to make a favorable report on a bill limiting the time of consecutive employment of tarminen to sixteen hours. In addition to limiting the hours of labor for men actually engaged in moving trains, the bill also provides that operators shall not work more than nine consecutive hours in stations or towers which are kept open day and night, and that their employment in day stations is limited to thirteen hours.

BRIEF TELEGRAMS. After a three-days' trial, a special jury at the Supreme court sittings in Nelson on Friday awarded Henry Snow \$250 damages from the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company for the loss of his right arm while employed in one of the company's collieries at Coal Creek, near Fernie, on June 5th, 1906.

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THE JAPANESE ARE DISPLEASED

OBJECT TO RESTRICTION ON IMMIGRATION

The School Question Must Be Settled Apart From Admission of Laborers.

Tokio, Feb. 16.—The projected amendments to the American immigration law involving a restriction on Japanese labor immigration to the United States from the Hawaiian islands are naturally received here with great displeasure, but the well informed fall, under existing circumstances to find grounds for complaint at this action of the parliament. The council of elder statesmen and the cabinet ministers to-day showed no concern whatever over the diplomatic situation.

Public opinion, however, is decidedly opposed to a solution of the San Francisco school problem on the basis of a restriction on the admission of Japanese laborers into the United States. It is generally admitted that if a solution is effected on the basis mentioned, the Japanese government throughout the Japanese empire, the relations between the federal government and Washington and the government of the United States, will be strained.

Only the limited few who are well posted on the actual state of affairs are not excited, and even they do not see why the difficulty could not be solved outside the labor question. An appeal couched in strong words has been cabled here from the Japanese national support in asking for the San Francisco controversy apart from the question of restricting the admission of laborers. In view of the state of public feeling here it would not be surprising if the Japanese government did not agree to a settlement on the proposed basis of restriction.

Approved By Senate. Washington, Feb. 16.—The administration plan to settle the California Japanese situation was approved in the senate to-day by the adoption of the senate committee report on the immigration bill.

The report contains a provision which authorizes the president to exclude Japanese laborers from the United States at his discretion. The report will now go to the house for approval, which it has been stated is assured.

"Amicably Settled." Washington, Feb. 16.—Mayor Schmitz yesterday announced that he would make no statement until the House had passed on the exclusion amendment of the immigration bill. This probably will occur Monday.

Mayor Schmitz and the San Francisco school board expressed satisfaction at the senate committee report on the amendment. While admitting that the Oriental school will not be abolished, and that there will be no separate school, the mayor would only say: "The whole question has been amicably adjusted."

FRENCH WIRELESS STATIONS. Will Be Taken Over By the Military Authorities in Case of War. Paris, Feb. 16.—The cabinet to-day approved the recommendations of the committee of defence relative to the organization of wireless stations. The coast and interior stations for commercial purposes will include extra powerful plants at Guesnass, Martignes, and ordinary stations at Boulogne, Cherbourg, Brest, L'Orient, and Ajaccio. They will be placed under the administration of the minister of posts and telegraphs. Extra powerful stations will be erected at Toulon, Bizerta and Oran, and ordinary stations at Dunkirk, Cherbourg, Brest, L'Orient and Ajaccio. They will be placed under the administration of the minister of marine. Finally special military stations will be established under the war ministry in connection with the frontiers and in connection with the lighthouses. The installations of all the stations will be conducted under the ministry of public works. In the event of war the military authorities will take over the stations.

A NATIONAL LOSS. Giosue Carducci, the Italian Poet, Passed Away at Bologna. Bologna, Feb. 16.—Giosue Carducci, the Italian poet and critic, who had been ill here for some days past with influenza and pneumonia, died to-day. His death is regarded as an occasion for national mourning. He was considered by many to be the greatest of modern Italian poetic genius. Last year he was awarded the Nobel prize for literature. He was born in 1835.

A State Funeral. Rome, Feb. 16.—King Victor Emmanuel and the cabinet have telegraphed their condolences to the Carducci family at Bologna at the death yesterday evening of Henry Snow, \$250 damages from the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company for the loss of his right arm while employed in one of the company's collieries at Coal Creek, near Fernie, on June 5th, 1906.

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