

PROPOSE TO TAX ALL FOODSTUFF

TARIFF REFORM LEADERS MAKE POSITION CLEAR

John Burns Breaks Silence and Vigorously Denounces Proposal.

Toronto, Dec. 20.—A cablegram from London says: "Leaders of the tariff reform propaganda in their speeches are now announcing that they intend, if the election results in the defeat of the present government, to tax all foodstuffs and all manufactures, colonial or foreign. They have been forced into this explanation of their position owing to insistent demands of an unequivocal statement as to the 'negative side' of their proposal. Now, they are frankly stating their views, but they are making appeals for the support of workmen on the strength of them, particularly those having relation to taxes on manufactures."

"In brief, they propose a tax of two and a half per cent. on all colonial foodstuffs and a tax of five per cent. on foreign foodstuffs. All colonial manufactures, it is proposed, shall be taxed five per cent., and all foreign manufactures ten per cent."

"John Burns, president of the local government board, at a mass meeting in Battersea, denounced the proposals with vigor. He said there was one factory in Battersea employing men working foreign goods into more finished products. That factory, he declared, would be compelled to close within a few weeks after the adoption of such a tariff. This did not apply to one constituency alone. Similar conditions extended all over the United Kingdom."

"Mr. Burns also took advanced ground on the liquor question. His language was strong and incapable of any misunderstanding. Not only did he express his own personal views, but he plainly pledged the government to do everything possible to lessen the evil of intemperance, and to curb power of the liquor interests."

Lloyd George Speaks. Chancellor of the Exchequer Lloyd George, speaking at a Walworth meeting, said: "Neither the colonies nor foreigners would buy our goods except for two reasons; either their quality is better or the price is cheaper for the same quality. They are not buying them because they love us. You go to the colonies with any article, wherever it comes from French, Russian, German or American, and if it is a better article for a cheaper price they are not going to buy a British article which is inferior at a bigger price. They would be fools if they did it. That is not the way to do business. Our goods are beating them all. Why we are able to put them in every market in the world more cheaply than any other country."

Unionists Confident. Montreal, Dec. 20.—A London cablegram says: "There are signs that the feverish rush of Lloyd George and Churchill is spending itself. This is inevitable, human nature being what it is. It has been a week of stupendous speech-making. Apart from thousands of smaller meetings in all parts of the kingdom, there have been thirty-one big speeches from peers, who certainly proved amid excited heckling that they are not fools, leopards or cowards, thirteen from Unionist cabinet ministers, twenty-four from Radical cabinet ministers, winding up with great flashes from Lloyd George and John Burns. If reform fireworks are counted, the ministers must win easily."

"Nobody on the Unionist side compares with Lloyd George, Churchill or Burns in mad oratory, but it is significant to note that the shrewdest Unionist election workers, remembering that the result after all lies with a residuum of, say, 20 per cent. of the quiet kind of middle-class and working men, still express confidence in a Unionist victory. Mr. Chamberlain himself adheres to his prediction, made some weeks ago, that the Unionists will have a hundred majority. The secretary of the tariff reform league expects a majority of 30 to 30. A leading member of the political committee of the Constitutional Club, who is also proprietor of a leading Unionist popular weekly journal, gives the estimate of a Unionist majority as 30 to 40."

"After consulting Radical experts, I should say that if the election were next week the Radical whirlwind would probably sweep enough of the usually excited residuum into the Radical camp to secure a small Radical majority, but the interval of nearly a month before polling will likely reverse the sway of tariff reform, with the electorate, which has been continuous since the general election four years and persisting even in the bye-elections, such as Bermondsey, since the budget was introduced. The result of this interval will likely also strengthen the uneasiness caused by the continued disclosure of Germany's unprecedented naval preparation and the gradual ministers' disinclination to make a strong counter naval programme."

RUSSIAN OFFICERS ARRESTED. St. Petersburg, Dec. 20.—Colonels Zinovitt and Svitozol, of the quarter-master's department, have been arrested as a result of the recent investigation of the department, when irregularities involving more than a million dollars were discovered.

REPORT MAY BE NON-COMMITTAL

NO DECISION YET ON DR. COOK'S CLAIMS

Explorer is Now Believed to Be Visiting Friend in Norway.

Copenhagen, Dec. 20.—That the committee of scientists which is investigating the polar data of Dr. Frederik Cook will return a report neither favorable or adverse to the claims of the explorer, was the prediction to-day of a member of faculty of the university of Copenhagen, who is cognizant of the deliberations of the committee.

The general impression prevails that Dr. Cook's paper as submitted do not constitute proof that he discovered the north pole. Dr. Cooke's close friends declare that the doctor, previous to dispatching his polar data to the university of Copenhagen, had written in private to Rector Torp informing him that in the event of an adverse decision, he, Dr. Cook, would not appeal from the finding of the committee. His instruments and three documents, important to the case, Dr. Cook pointed out in his letter, are still at Etah.

Believed to Be in Norway. New York, Dec. 20.—Intimate friends of Dr. Cook, who are on pins and needles pending a decision on the data at Copenhagen, said to-day that in their belief, Dr. Cook is at the home of a friend in Christiansana, Norway, with in easy call of Copenhagen. They thought that Dr. Cook left this country on the steamer United States on Thanksgiving Day. Walter Lonsdale, the explorer's secretary, is known to have sailed on the vessel.

Travelling on Carmania. Naples, Dec. 20.—A rumor spread here to-day that Dr. Cook was aboard the steamer Carmania and a crowd formed at the dock to greet him. The captain said he had been notified that Dr. Cook had intended upon a state funeral, but asked the company to transfer his ticket to the Carmania.

TWENTY-SEVEN DROWN IN RIVER IN RUSSIA

Fall Among Blocks of Ice When Wooden Bridge Collapses.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 20.—Twenty-seven persons were drowned by the collapse of a wooden bridge across the Priyet river, Minsk province, according to reports received to-day.

The victims fell into the river, which was filled with great blocks of ice and rescue was impossible.

STORMS ON ATLANTIC

Liners Eastward Bound Are Delayed by Hurricanes.

London, Dec. 20.—Incoming Transatlantic liners report having encountered terrific weather. The Carmania, New York and America, arriving at Queens-town and Plymouth respectively to-day, were all greatly delayed. Four days out the liners met hurricanes from the eastward, with mountainous seas, which continued until Saturday night.

FLIGHTS IN BI-PLANE

Aviator Covers Approximately Eleven Miles in Twelve Minutes.

St. Joseph, Dec. 20.—Charles J. Hamilton, who has just concluded a series of flights in his Curtiss bi-plane here, to-day made a flight of 12 minutes in which he circled Lake Conroy eight times and covered approximately 11 miles.

ROADS HAVE TROUBLE TO MAKE ENDS MEET

James J. Hill Declares the Cost of All Materials Has Advanced.

Portland, Dec. 20.—In discussing the general railroad conditions of the country Mr. James J. Hill, of the Great Northern, contended that with the advance in cost of all materials required for the construction and maintenance of railroads, the large railroad systems of the country are having trouble to make ends meet. "Engineers' sad treatment," said Mr. Hill, when asked concerning the agitation in the East for a general strike among railroad employees, "are among the best paid laborers in the country, and their wages have been increased more in the last few years than those of any other class of workmen. The recent strike by the switchmen employed on the Northwestern railroads was more the effect of rivalry between the two organizations of these employees than of any other cause. It required only three days to place this strike where it failed to prove troublesome to the railroads. As a result, the strike exists in name only."



TAKING THE RISKS. Pilot, "I won't. Full speed ahead." Ex-Pilot Rosebery, "Looks a bit thick, doesn't it? Speed ahead!" Pilot Lansdowne (cheerfully), "Can't help that—full."

THREE DROWN AFTER SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT

Teacher and Two Girls Perish While on Their Way Home.

Bedford, Ind., Dec. 20.—Laura Curran, who had just received the prize for the prettiest girl in the school district, and Alma Uterback and W. A. Johnson, the girls' teacher, were drowned last night as they were trying to reach their homes from a school "social."

RUSSIAN GRAND DUKE DEAD

Cannes, France, Dec. 20.—Grand Duke Michael, Nicholavitch, grand uncle of the Emperor Nicholas, died here on Saturday.

Grand Duke Michael was the oldest representative of the Imperial house, having been born in 1832, the fourth son of Emperor Nicholas I. He repeatedly distinguished himself during his long military career. He entered active service at the age of fourteen as a lieutenant, and at twenty had attained the rank of general in nominal command of the ordnance department of the empire.

FROZEN TO DEATH

Chatham, Ont., Dec. 20.—Thos. Ryan, a bachelor, has been found frozen to death near a strawstack on the Graham farm in Raleigh. He is thought to have fallen asleep and died from exposure.

TWO CRUISERS TO BE BUILT ON THAMES

Contract for Dreadnought Has Not Yet Been Awarded.

London, Dec. 20.—It is understood that the admiralty has decided to give orders to the Thames Iron Works for the construction of two cruisers of this year's programme. The question of allotting the company the orders for one of the new Dreadnoughts, a matter in which the Liberal East End members have greatly interested themselves during the last few months, has not been settled.

MAY SUCCUMB TO WOUND

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 20.—Jos. Russo was shot yesterday and may die. He declared he had been doomed by members of a secret society in Italy and gave the name of an Italian who had followed him.

STATE FUNERAL FOR LEOPOLD

KING TO BE BURIED WITH SOLEMN CEREMONY

Late Monarch's Will Leaves Sixty Millions to Baroness Vaughn.

Brussels, Dec. 20.—Although King Leopold requested that the funeral services be characterized by the utmost simplicity and attended by none but members of the royal family, it was announced to-day that the authorities have decided upon a state funeral, to be conducted with the usual pomp and ceremony.

This decision is said to have been reached after an application by Brussels merchants, who undoubtedly will profit largely by the crowd attracted by the obsequies. It was stated authoritatively that Baroness Vaughn will not attend the funeral. Many rumors concerning her whereabouts are being circulated. Many of her acquaintances declare that she adhered to her announced purpose and has gone to Paris. Others believe her still to be at her villa here.

Following the lawyer's inventory of the late King's property, it is estimated that \$60,000,000 was left the Baroness by his will. Leopold's daughters will sue to recover this bequest.

THREE CHILDREN BURNED TO DEATH

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 20.—Lary, six years old, Charles four, and James two children of John Paromta, were burned to death in their home to-day while a little girl was attempting to get breakfast for her parents.

TRAIN ROBBERS SENTENCED

Marnett Is Given Seven Years, While Rowe Gets Three.

Winnipeg, Dec. 20.—Police Magistrate Daly on Saturday sentenced the two self-confessed mail robbers, Barnett getting seven years and Rowe three years. Barnett broke down on Friday and confessed he was the author of the plot, and that Rowe was only an accomplice.

E. L. Howell, for the crown, asked for a severe sentence on Barnett, who was a post office employee and a shorter term for Rowe who was not in the post office service, having been discharged after one month. It was on his homestead in the Springdale district near Yorkton that some of the money was hidden.

WANT AMENDMENTS TO THE SCHOOL ACT

Deputation of Trustees is Waiting on Ministers To-day.

(From Monday's Daily.) A deputation representing the B. C. School Trustees' Association is waiting upon the members of the government this afternoon to present a series of resolutions passed at the recent convention in Chilliwack. In the deputation are J. C. Robertson, Chilliwack, president; Captain McIntosh, Victoria; C. E. Hope, Vancouver; E. Peebles, New Westminster; W. E. Flumerfelt, Vancouver, and J. J. Dougan, secretary.

The members of the deputation met this morning and discussed the matters which are to be presented. Several amendments to the School Act are asked for by the association, which they believe will conduce to its better working.

MORGAN'S LATEST MOVE

Secures Control of Six Additional Telephone Companies in Indiana and Ohio.

Toledo, O., Dec. 20.—It is officially announced that J. P. Morgan & Co. have purchased the controlling interest in the six additional independent telephone companies of Indiana and Ohio. The system thus acquired includes 101,500 telephones and 49,000 miles of long-distance lines, covering Ohio, Indiana and Michigan.

DIVIDING INDIAN COAST DISTRICT

Three Agencies Have Been Created to Facilitate Work.

In order to improve the administration of the Indian department in British Columbia, what is known as the Coast District, has been divided into three agencies, an agent having been appointed for each. Formerly, this large district was attended to by one man, Mr. Lorenz, whose headquarters were at Metlakatla.

Owing to ill-health Mr. Lorenz resigned, and his place was filled by the appointment of John McIntosh, of Fort Essington. Queen Charlotte Islands has been converted into a separate district, with Charles Perry, of Port Simpson, agent, and Iver Fougner, of Bella Coola, has been appointed agent of the southern portion of the Coast District. The new agents, therefore, are Messrs. John McIntosh, Charles Perry and Iver Fougner.

BOARD OF TRADE WANT LOW RATES

TO MEET CITY MEMBERS REGARDING THE C. N. R.

Points Which They Think Should Be Covered by Contract.

(From Monday's Daily.) Several matters affecting the proposed Canadian Northern Railway extensions, and legislation generally, will be laid before Premier McBride and his colleagues in the representation of Victoria—Messrs. Davey, Behnson and Thomson—by the council of the board of trade to-morrow morning.

The points which the council will place before the members include the following: That in view of the promise made by Mr. Mann to the railway committee of the board of trade that he believes that a five-tenths grade can be secured on the proposed railway, and that freight and passenger rates will be reduced accordingly, the board urges that the contract provide for the lowest possible grades and for freight and passenger rates based on the low grade contemplated.

That complete transcontinental trains be made up at Victoria and conveyed by express ferry to the mainland. That Victoria be the company's headquarters for British Columbia.

That the car shops, etc., for the Vancouver Island system be located at Victoria. In regard to connection with the mainland C. H. Lugin has been asked to furnish the board with any information he may have in respect to car-ferryes existing elsewhere.

While the city members and the council are together, it is likely that some general matters of legislation will be taken up.

EX-PREMIER SEMLIN VISITING THE CAPITAL

Pioneer Legislator, Hale and Hearty, Here on Holiday Visit.

(From Monday's Daily.) C. E. Semlin, of Cache Creek, Cariboo, one of the pioneer legislators of the province, and who was premier about ten years ago, is in the city, a guest at the Empress hotel. Despite his three score years and ten, Mr. Semlin is in vigorous health, and can look forward to a long term of life yet.

Chatting with a Times man this morning, Mr. Semlin said he saw many signs of improvement in Victoria, and predicts a great future for the city, of which he has long been an admirer. Mr. Semlin is no stranger to Victoria, having spent, as he says himself, many pleasant years here in attendance on his legislative duties. Mr. Semlin recalled that it was in 1871, in the first legislature after British Columbia joined the Confederation, that he entered political life in this province.

Mr. Semlin said that conditions in his section of the province were most satisfactory. Last season, from an agricultural standpoint, was somewhat disappointing, but he believes there is hope for next year. The people of Cariboo, he says, are looking forward to the advent of the Canadian Northern railway to do much towards the development of a section of the province which has long been in need of transportation facilities. Very little snow has fallen so far at Cache Creek, and the settlers there are looking forward to an open winter.

SMELTER POSSIBLE ON IKEDA PROPERTY

Prince Rupert Would Benefit Greatly by This if it Starts.

Prince Rupert, Dec. 17.—"I wouldn't be surprised to see a smelter established at Ikeda Bay," said E. M. Sandilands, gold commissioner and mining recorder of the Queen Charlotte Islands. "The mining property at Ikeda," said Mr. Sandilands, "has been taken over by the Trail smelter people, a concern that ranks among the largest mining operators of the country. If a smelter were built there, it would mean development in other directions, and indirectly benefit would accrue to Prince Rupert."

Mr. Sandilands mentioned that development also promises in the Swede Group, near Ikeda, and that litigation having been settled in connection with the McMillan property, activity can also be looked for in that direction. "In a general sense, big expansion and work, from the mining point of view, may be looked forward to on the islands," were Mr. Sandilands' concluding words.

INJUNCTION REFUSED

Montreal Property Owners Will Vote on Proposed New Electric Light Plant.

UNION OF B.C. MUNICIPALITIES

MAYOR HALL RETURNS FROM NORTH VANCOUVER

Some Important Resolutions Placed in Hands of Executive Committee.

(From Monday's Daily.) Mayor Hall and Ald. Henderson, who were delegates from the Victoria city council to the annual meeting of the Union of Municipalities, held at North Vancouver, returned home on Sunday evening. Much good work was done in the interests of the municipalities throughout the province. It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Salmon Arm.

The various recommendations submitted by the legislative committee of the Victoria city council received consideration and were placed in the hands of the executive committee who will see that the necessary recommendations are made to the legislature. The necessary changes in respect to the act for the creation of a board of control were laid before the executive committee. No suggestion was made respecting the system of recall, as it was felt that such provision will require an amendment to the B. N. A. act.

Mayor Bell, of Enderby, was elected president; Ald. Pianta, of Nanaimo, vice-president, and Reeve Rose, of Surrey, secretary-treasurer. The following were chosen as the executive committee: Mayor Robinson (Kamloops), Reeve Byrne (Burnaby), Reeve Evans (Salmon Arm), Reeve Kitchish (Chilliwack), Reeve McNaught (North Vancouver), and Reeve Quick (Sanich).

W. McKay, secretary of the Union of Municipalities of Ontario, wrote suggesting that the Union of Canadian Municipalities should be dissolved and an association of provincial municipalities formed instead. This aroused a spirited discussion and Mayor Hall, of Victoria, moved that the secretary reply that the British Columbia Union could not concur in his views, but would support the Canadian Union of Municipalities. This was seconded by Ald. MacMillan, of Vancouver, and carried.

Other resolutions which were passed were as follows: That a committee be appointed to secure all the necessary data dealing with the cement merger question. That the Municipal act be amended so that householders may vote on rental.

That the legislation be amended to compel owners in subdividing properties to leave lanes for public use. That local improvement by-laws be simplified.

That the Dominion government be asked to contribute to roads and bridges in the railway belt, where they draw a revenue from timber lands and water powers.

That the government be asked to appoint a committee of three men familiar with municipal legislation to assist the government in its efforts to simplify and codify the municipal laws of the province.

That the Municipal Clauses act be amended to allow any municipality to provide a telephone system within its boundaries and to connect with adjoining municipalities.

That cities and municipalities should be dealt with in separate acts referring to each.

That the government in its agreement with the Canadian Northern railway company should provide that the railway should run through the city of Kamloops instead of to a point near the town as at present proposed.

That the convention urge on the provincial government the necessity for establishing on the lower mainland a home for aged and indigent persons.

A motion was introduced asking the minister of justice to amend the Indian act, so that any white man put under the "stowaway" act should be punished just the same as if he were an Indian.

Mayor Bell, of Enderby, said that a white man "stowaway" at present could get drunk the next day and was punished for ordinary drunkenness, where an Indian got the limit. He thought both should be treated alike.

Mayor Hall, of Victoria, said it would go further. A year was not long enough to keep a man "stowaway." He thought also that the photograph of such a man should be placed in all the bar-rooms of the district.

Mr. A. E. Kealy said he recognized the difficulties of enforcing the act. He thought the suggestion of Mayor Hall about photographing was a very sensible one. The executive should thresh it out thoroughly, and bring it before the minister of justice.

Ald. MacMillan opposed the motion. He did not think it right to stigmatize an unfortunate victim of the drink habit in this manner. He characterized it as "sumptuary law." The question could not be settled by half-measures. Complete prohibition alone would be effective.

The motion was referred to the executive.

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RESIGNATION OF CITY ENGINEER

ACCEPTANCE BY COUNCIL FRIDAY NIGHT

Mr. Topp Complains That Position Proved a Very Thankless One.

As was forecasted in a brief announcement in Friday's Times, C. H. Topp, city engineer, has handed his resignation to the City Council, the same to take effect on January 1st, 1910. It has been accepted, and a recommendation will go from the streets, sewers and bridges committee, who had the matter before them Friday evening, that James Bryson, assistant city engineer, be made acting city engineer until such time as a successor to Mr. Topp shall have been duly appointed.

On City Clerk Dowler reading Mr. Topp's letter of resignation, which was very brief and to the effect that he had accepted another position which would prove more remunerative, Aid. McKeown moved that the same be accepted.

Aid. McKeown said he was sure every member of the board was sorry that the city was about to lose the services of Mr. Topp, but it was pleasant to know that he was going to better himself. He felt that the board ought not to stand in the way of any official bettering himself.

Aid. Bishop seconded the motion that the resignation be accepted, and in doing so said he wished Mr. Topp every success in his new position.

Aid. Turner, chairman of the streets, sewers and bridges committee, said that Mr. Topp had always done his very best in the interests of the city. There had of course been a great deal of criticism directed against the city engineer's department, but Mr. Topp had been working at a disadvantage which was not generally understood. He was personally very sorry that the city was going to lose the services of a painstaking official, but he did not know how to do better himself.

Aid. Mable also regretted that Mr. Topp was resigning. The position of city engineer was a thankless job. A man in that position had to do three or four men's work.

Aid. Stewart agreed that the position of city engineer was a thankless one. He (Aid. Stewart) had been on the board at the time Mr. Topp had been appointed to the position. A man to fill the place had to be ready to have a great deal of patience. (Hear, hear.) If anything went wrong the city engineer got all the blame. Then again he was frequently working under a handicap, not having enough men to have his work done. He was pleased that Mr. Topp was going to have a better position.

The motion that the resignation be accepted was then put and carried unanimously.

Mr. Topp, replying to a question, said he would be glad to give the new man who might take up his duties every assistance for the next couple of months. He then proceeded to make a few remarks as the reasons which had actuated him in deciding to resign. Although many of the members of the board had treated him most kindly he was certain that they did not really know the great difficulties under which he had been forced to work under the present system, and certainly the public does not appreciate them in the slightest. It is an impossibility under the present system of running the business of the city to secure any satisfactory method. As he had frequently pointed out, the work should be properly mapped out at the beginning, taking first the main thoroughfares in order according to traffic. Instead of this by-laws are passed without any uniformity in carrying out the work and certain alterations insisted on, the work being started, perhaps, in Spring Ridge, James Bay or elsewhere. Consequently the workmen are forced to move back and forth between any single job finished, all of which is in the eyes of the public, is lack of system, and the blame, of course, always falls upon the shoulders of the engineer. At other times work is passed, if funds are not available, by voting an insufficient amount to properly complete the job.

"We all know the streets are in bad condition," said Mr. Topp, "but how could they be otherwise where there are no sufficient funds to even keep the crossings clean, to say nothing of paying for material and the cost of keeping a gang of men constantly at work maintaining the streets in all parts of the city. Notwithstanding this, the press, the public and some of the aldermen conclude that the entire blame must be placed upon the engineer."

"Gentlemen, I tell you candidly that after working almost without a holiday for eleven years, and getting little but complaint and abuse for troubles, for which attractive residential areas to be found in the whole of America."

Aid. Stewart remarked that he would not take the position for anything. The city engineer was being jumped on all the time.

Aid. McKeown said he had been in Victoria for 25 years and he never knew any man in the position of city

engineer who had not been talked about and pronounced no good.

Aid. Stewart—Yes, we have got a good many engineers around the street corners and cigar stores.

At the suggestion of Aid. Turner it was decided to post a motion appointing the assistant engineer to the office of acting city engineer until such time as Mr. Topp's successor has been chosen.

UPLANDS FARM IN HAND SOON

PRELIMINARY WORK ON BIG SUBDIVISION

C. H. Topp Joins Gore & MacGregor, Who Will Do Surveying.

It was ascertained by the Times Saturday that it is probable that with the advent of spring preliminary work will be commenced in connection with the laying out of what is known as the Uplands Farm property at Cadboro Bay as a residential area, on the magnificent scale planned by Kirby, Oldfield & Gardiner, the firm at the head of the Winnipeg syndicate which acquired the property a couple of years ago.

The survey work to be done in connection with the huge undertaking will, it is understood, be executed by the firm of Gore & MacGregor. It is understood that C. H. Topp, who Friday resigned from the position of city engineer, has joined the firm of Gore & MacGregor and will be placed in charge of all work at Uplands Farm.

At a meeting of the Oak Bay council held Friday a draft agreement was drawn regarding the subdivision at Cadboro Bay, and this agreement will be passed by the council at its meeting on Monday evening. A by-law will then be submitted to the ratepayers of Oak Bay not later than the date of the municipal elections. Later the agreement will be confirmed by an act of the local legislature.

This agreement stipulates that the municipality of Oak Bay shall not advance the rate of taxation for ten years, a guarantee being given that a sum not less than half a million dollars shall be spent in improving the property by buildings, streets and sidewalks, laying water mains, sewers and surface drains, and laying out parks and boulevards.

While by the terms of the agreement the work of improving the property must commence within two years from January 1st, it is understood that it is the present intention of the owners of Uplands Farm to proceed almost immediately with the commencement of the work.

The completion of all the details in connection with the huge scheme of improvement will necessarily occupy a considerable time, but there is every assurance that the obstacle to the prompt transaction of all business necessary to place the syndicate in a position to carry out all their plans. The Hudson's Bay Company, from whom the property was purchased, has in the first instance still retained considerable interests, holding alternate lots on the waterfront, and it will be necessary to get the consent of the company to the terms of the agreement with the Oak Bay council, but this is purely a formal matter.

The announcement thus made that an early start will be made on this grand plan of improving that section of the city as a residential area will be hailed with delight by the public generally, as it ensures a growth and development in that district which is being stopped by large dimensions.

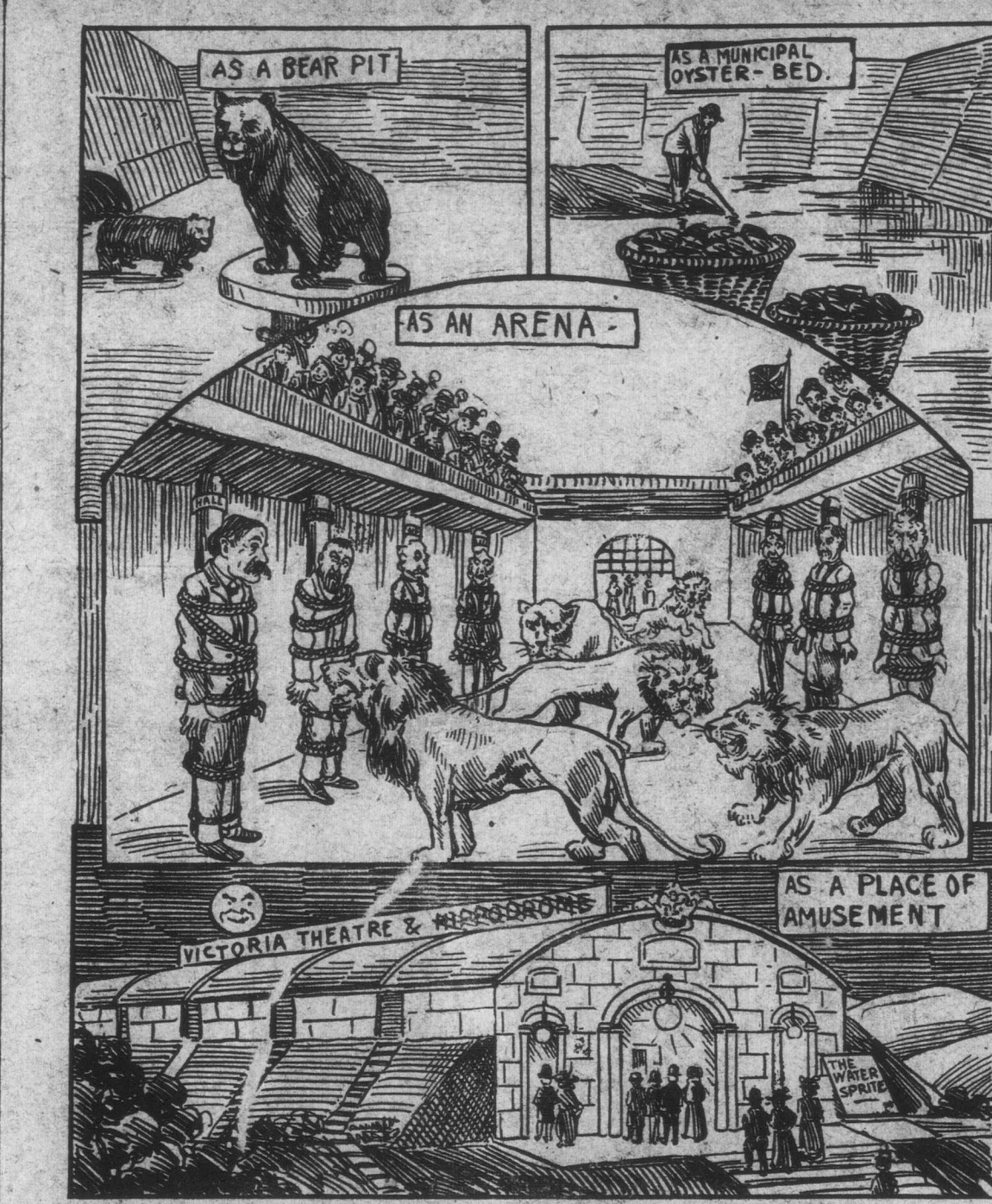
The Uplands Farm property is pronounced by many people to be perhaps the choicest natural site for residential purposes to be found on the Pacific coast. It lies on a gradually sloping hillside on the western bank of the bay, and the scenic beauties of the place are quite unrivalled. Standing on the site, one sees at his feet the waters of Cadboro Bay—perhaps the prettiest bay on the whole coastline of Vancouver Island; in the distance Mount Baker and the low-lying hills of the Cascade range; on the right the mighty Olympic range.

It is the plan of the syndicate to be handling the property to create what will easily prove the most picturesque and attractive residential section in Western America; and while the natural beauties of the place, with respect to location and general environment, lends itself well to the achievement of this end, the skill of the landscape artist is to be employed to the full—and the result cannot fail to be a creation which will possess charms for the homeseeker quite unique and extraordinary.

A firm of landscape artists were allotted the task about two years ago of laying out the section. They came here and spent some months on the work, and as a result of their labors they submitted a plan which is pronounced a splendid conception of an ideal residential site. There are broad avenues, circular drives and walks of great width, spacious streets, public parks, fountains and boulevards as features of the scheme, and as all property is to be sold with a building stipulation there is an assurance that in a few years Victoria will possess in the Uplands Farm one of the most beautiful and attractive residential areas to be found in the whole of America."

RUSHING WORK ON LINE

Frederickton, N. B., Dec. 18.—Wm. Parks of the Toronto Construction Company, states that the company has forty miles of track laid on its contract of upward of 100 miles of the National Transcontinental in this province. Rails are laid from Cains River westward as far as Napadogan Lake, the site in the centre of the great Miramichi forest that has been chosen for a divisional point. Work will be continued as rapidly as possible during the winter.



THE RESERVOIR—WHAT WILL WE DO WITH IT?

DELEGATES MAY BE SENT EAST

HARBOR IMPROVEMENT IS TO BE URGED

Board of Trade Will Meet on Wednesday to Consider Question.

The proposal of the G.T.P. to build its new wharf may result in benefits not only from the wharf itself, but indirectly by improvements to the inner harbor.

As a result of the conference between G. A. McNicholl, purchasing agent of the G.T.P., and the harbor committee of the Board of Trade, the latter body became satisfied that the plans of the company could not well be altered very much if the wharves were to accommodate the commodious vessels which are to be put on this coast by the company.

The removal of the rocks in the harbor near the Indian reserve side, including Pinnacle rock, would, however, overcome the difficulty, and at the same time be of decided benefit to shipping in the harbor.

It is highly probable therefore that the board will recommend to the Dominion government the expenditure necessary to widen the harbor at the point needed. In order to have the matter presented to the Minister of Marine and Fisheries and the other members of the government, it has been suggested that a small delegation be sent from the local board to Ottawa. A special general meeting of the Board of Trade will be held on Wednesday afternoon, when the whole subject will be taken up, and if delegates are to go East they will be named.

HE "GOT HIM AT THE LAST"

Corpses Yawned, But Undertaker's Services Eventually Required.

Terre Haute, Ind., Dec. 18.—As an undertaker started to prepare the body of Edward Murphy for burial, the supposed dead man arose in bed and yawned "I feel better now for that long sleep," he said. But the undertaker was recalled, for Murphy really died later after joking to the frightened embalmer about his "first death."

INSURANCE ACT.

Toronto, Dec. 18.—Senator Geo. W. Ross has written letters to the managers of the different insurance companies asking for their co-operation in an effort he is making to have the insurance act divided into two divisions, one to deal with matters pertaining to life insurance companies and the second to deal with those of fire and other companies.

EARNINGS INCREASE

Montreal, Dec. 18.—C. P. R. earnings for the second week of December increased \$222,000 over the same week last year. Those of the Grand Trunk for the same week increased \$47,000.

SEVEN PERSONS KILLED IN WRECK

OVER SCORE OF OTHERS SUSTAIN INJURIES

Passenger Train Collides With Switch Engine in Cleveland.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 18.—Seven persons were killed and more than a score injured early to-day when Lake Shore passenger train No. 1, bound west, collided with a switch engine at the foot of East 26th street.

The wreck occurred at 1:55 a. m., just five minutes before the train was due to arrive at the station.

When the crash came the Lake Shore train was travelling at a high rate of speed. The engines and cars piled up in shattered masses of debris.

The body of the engineer of the passenger train could not be found and it is believed he is dead beneath the wreckage. The fireman was pulled from the dead as was the engineer of the switch engine.

No passengers were killed. Many of them were injured, however, several seriously.

CONSPIRED TO DEFRAUD GOVERNMENT

Five Employees of American Sugar Refinery Company Are Convicted.

New York, Dec. 18.—Five of the six employees of the American Sugar Refining Company, on trial for three weeks charged with criminal conspiracy to defraud the government of customs duties on imported raw sugar, were found guilty by a jury last night.

In the case of James Bendernagel, former cashier of the company's Williamsburg plant, the jury disagreed. Mercy is recommended for all those found guilty. The jury was out ten hours.

Those under indictment are Oliver Spitzer, dock superintendent; John R. Coyle, Thomas Kehoe, Edward Boyle and Patrick J. Hennessy. The checkers may be punished for the commission of two covert acts, the maximum penalty for each of which is two years' imprisonment and \$5,000 fine.

The failure to convict Cashier Bendernagel is regarded by the government as a distinct disappointment.

MAY ATTEMPT TO BREAK WILL

KING LEOPOLD'S DAUGHTERS THREATEN LEGAL FIGHT

Will Not Allow Princess Vaughn to Present.

Brussels, Dec. 18.—Baroness Vaughn, the morganatic wife of King Leopold, has quietly left Brussels for Paris, presumably to consult lawyers concerning the contest which it is said she late King Leopold's three daughters will institute immediately after the King's funeral on Wednesday in an effort to break his will. The Baroness departed secretly to avoid hostile public demonstration. She announced that she would return in a "few days."

An official decree lauds King Leopold's career and declares that his creation of the Congo Independent State was an act unique in the annals of history. "Posterity will judge Leopold a great King with a grand reign," it says.

The filing of the will of King Leopold shows that he divided \$5,000,000 among his three daughters, Princess Louise, Princess Stephanie and Princess Clementine.

The actual amount of Leopold's fortune probably never will be revealed. It is reported that a considerable amount has been turned over to Baroness Vaughn and her children, and that the King had created a stock company of his estates in order to forestall a possible raid upon them by the Princess Louise and Stephanie and their creditors.

Senator Wimer said that perhaps later a considerable portion of his estate would be handed over to Belgium. The Princess Clementine, aside from the bequest she will receive, is provided for by a special income in Congo properties.

Investigation shows that the rights of succession to the throne of a child of the King by the Baroness Vaughn are not worthy of serious attention.

There is much speculation to-day as to whether the Baroness will attend the King's funeral on Wednesday. The King's daughters have announced that if she is permitted to be present they will absent themselves.

It is rumored that the sudden departure of the Baroness was not involuntary. The authorities, however, deny having issued orders to her to leave the city.

One of the first acts of Prince Albert upon his accession to the throne will be to enact sweeping changes in administration of affairs in the Congo, according to semi-official reports.

ART TREASURES

London, Dec. 18.—The art treasures of the late George Salting are being questioned by his will to the nation. The total value of the collection is estimated at from fifteen to twenty million dollars.

SENTENCED TO DEATH

Saskatoon, Dec. 18.—Half an hour after noon yesterday, Mesci was brought into the courtroom and was sentenced to hang at Prince Albert on March 10th. The judge held out no hope of reprieve. He killed his employer, wife and mother-in-law.

BURGLARS START FIRE

Sacramento, Dec. 18.—It develops that a fire, which caused \$10,000 damage to the furniture store of Charles M. Campbell, was set by burglars. They were evidently disappointed at not finding a large sum of money they thought was in the office till.

APPEALS TO THE NONCONFORMISTS

LLOYD GEORGE URGES CHURCHES TO FIGHT

Unionist Newspapers Are Denouncing Chancellor's Tactics.

Toronto, Dec. 18.—A cablegram to the Globe from London says: Lloyd George, who was the principal speaker at a great mass meeting of men of the free churches held Thursday night, fired the heather against the Lords. He characterized them as a "packed jury." There was, he pointed out, only two or three non-conformists in the House of Lords, and he added: "There are more pagans there than free churches."

With all the verve and fire that distinguishes him, he appealed to the men of the free churches, by the memory of their puritan ancestors, to unite their place in the forefront of the battle between the Lords and people.

He declared amidst a scene of intense enthusiasm that if the men of England were free to-day to enter any church they wished, it was because the lintels and doorposts were stained with the blood of the non-conformists of other days.

To one accustomed to Canadian political gatherings a striking feature of the meeting was that opened with prayer and the singing of a hymn with chorus, "God is with us, God is with us, Christ our Lord shall rule as King."

The Lords continue their campaign against the budget with unabated vigor. A new phrase, "eveglass politics" has been invented to designate their meetings.

Denounce Chancellor. A Star cablegram says: The Unionist newspapers bristle with resentment against Lloyd George's passionate appeal to the non-conformists to unite in the fight against the peers, the church and the brewers, three powers which are impregnable except at the polls.

Much happens here that could not open elsewhere. Lloyd George fired a speech at the House of Commons, it entirely failed, he declares, because the House of Lords, which, just because it is a hereditary chamber, must depend for its whole influence on its success in interpreting the true mind of the people.

"The time has surely come for a tariff policy which would promote British trade and welfare instead of a budget policy which in every respect would surrender our interest and security to foreign rivals.

"It is better to abolish Cobdenism and not the constitution, to pull down free imports and foreign privileges in our markets, and not the second chamber, whose only offence is in giving the nation a chance to speak for itself. Let the workers defend their work and stand by the peers, who in this case are standing by them."

HOLD UP BY TWO MEN AT VANCOUVER

"SANTA CLAUS" IS VICTIM OF ACCIDENT

Boy Severely Burned While Taking Part in Entertainment.

Investigating Charges.

Woodstock, Ont., Dec. 18.—The report of Judge Finkle, who conducted the investigation into charges of graft against certain county officials, was laid before the county council yesterday. He refuses to accept the statement of M. T. Buchanan, of Ingersoll, that \$40 was paid him for an automobile. It is likely the case will be referred to the Ontario government for investigation.

RESULTS OF CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION

WOMAN FOUND DEAD

FALL PROVES FATAL

Toronto, Dec. 18.—Harold Urquhart, who fell from a scaffold while at work on a house two weeks ago, died at a general hospital. He was 31 years old.

CHAMBERLAIN ON TARIFF REFORM

DEMANDED AT THE BYE-ELECTIONS, HE SAYS

Declares the Peers Are Standing by the Workers.

London, Dec. 18.—Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain and Mr. Lloyd George are face to face in print. While Mr. Chamberlain writes from an inviolable couch amid the calm of his Birmingham home, or rather dictates, with slow utterances, to his wife, who is always at his side, Mr. Lloyd George speaks to a crowded, almost hysterically enthusiastic demonstration of free churchmen. The piquancy of the situation is increased by the fact that Mr. Chamberlain is himself a lifelong Unitarian, and has been a foremost fighter on the side of the free churches. His bitterest early speeches were against the established church, and it is his former place in front of the free church fighting army that Lloyd George now occupies.

The Unionist answer to Lloyd George's high political talk is quietly put by the Times, which says: "Mr. Lloyd George having been for a long time in parliament, and having become a member of a government of the Empire, has had every opportunity to enlarge his ideas and extend his outlook. Yet his heart is still in the old time in parliament, and he is a stranger to our political methods which have no rights in the eyes of the law and are struggling for recognition in ordinary affairs of life nobody knows or cares whether a man is a non-conformist or a churchman, so long as he is an honest and well-mannered citizen."

"When we get to the kernel of Mr. Lloyd George's rhetoric, we find he has nothing in his mind except the question who is to manage parish schools in a very limited sphere of management that is left to local authorities by the education department. On both sides sober-minded people are striving to understand one another and to approach a settlement of the difficult in a spirit of Christian charity instead of sectarian bitterness."

Mr. Chamberlain takes the situation calmly, says, expressed in private conversation, is that "the Lords cry the staid of red herrings, which will not divert a majority of the quiet, commonsense Englishmen from their continuous demand for tariff reform."

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HOLD UP BY TWO MEN AT VANCOUVER

Victim Forced to Hand Over Cash at Point of Revolver.

Boy Severely Burned While Taking Part in Entertainment.

Vancouver, Dec. 18.—Two armed masked men held William Lough and took from him all the cash he had last night on Hastings street near Victoria drive. The men made him march up the street under penalty of death if he gave alarm and then escaped in the darkness. Lough is an athletic man and refused to hand over his cash until two shining barrels were pointed at him. Soon after he phoned to the police and the neighborhood was scoured without result.

EIGHT-HOUR DAY BILL

Ottawa, Dec. 18.—The special committee to discuss the Verville bill for an eight-hour day on all public works decided yesterday to commence taking evidence on January 21st. Deputy Minister Labor Acland will likely be the first witness. The fair wage officer of the labor department will prepare a report for the committee on present conditions as to working hours throughout the Dominion. The committee also decided to invite labor organizations, boards of trade, railway and marine interests, labor councils, agricultural societies and all other interested bodies to express opinions on the merits of the bill.

WOMAN FOUND DEAD

FALL PROVES FATAL

BEATEN BY THUG

Portland, Ore., Dec. 18.—A thug entered the rooming house of Mrs. Helen Meyer on Couch street late yesterday, and after beating the landlady into insensibility stole money and valuables, including diamonds, amounting to \$500.

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THE BRITISH BATTLE AND ITS LEADERS.

According to sacred history there was one brief period when the affairs of the universe stood still. That was at the command of one Joshua, a leader of the people. Ever since then events, like time, have gone marching on. There may occasionally be appearances of standing still, but those were only breathing spells preparatory to still more rapid progress.

History records many movements which appeared to be merely personal in their genesis and to have for their object the gratification of vaulting ambition. Doubtless such periods of individualistic predominance served their purpose in the great plan of human progress. It may even be that the most ruthless tyrants and intolerant dictators justified their courses in their own minds by the argument, plausible at the time, that the nations were incapable of managing their own affairs. Providence raised men to rule them.

That day has passed away forever as far as the people of the progressive nations are concerned. The battle for popular rights has lasted for centuries. It has not yet been won. Points of vantage have been gained, and when gained other positions quite as necessary for the well-being of the people have appeared invitingly in the political foreground. In such a movement there is no ultimate goal. The people must continuously march forward, fighting for equal rights and equal opportunities.

For a considerable number of years Great Britain has been marking time, getting ready for a strong forward movement, political, social and economic. During the period of apparent inactivity forces have been at work preparing the way for an advance all along the line. The extension of the franchise means the enlisting of the masses of the people under the banner of the army of progress. And just when all things appear to be ready for the advance, leaders arise and place themselves at the head of the popular forces.

Some pessimistic souls have been telling us of late that Britons have lost their power as public speakers—that the mantles of John Bright and of William Ewart Gladstone have fallen upon the ground instead of upon shoulders worthy to wear them. Nothing could be farther from the truth. Bright at the zenith of his powers as an orator never made more impassioned appeals to the people and Gladstone never struck a more popular note than the present Chancellor of the Exchequer, Lloyd-George, is doing as he traverses the country denouncing the action of the House of Lords. There is a passion, a conviction, a sincerity and an earnestness behind the utterances of this Welsh son of the common people which inspires an enthusiasm such as has hardly ever been known in the history of British public life. And back of all these qualities of soul there are intellectual gifts of an unusual order which combine to mark Lloyd-George as a real leader. Nor does the gifted Chancellor stand alone at the head of the progressive forces. Never before, probably, in the political history of Great Britain has a Prime Minister been surrounded by such an array of talent of the first order as that which is at the command of the cool, calculating, logical and the masterful Asquith. The strength of the cause has brought forth the strength of the men, and their names will undoubtedly go down in history as the strongest leaders in the most momentous evolutionary movement of the twentieth century.

Opposed to this array of capable leaders there appears to be only Arthur J. Balfour, a man of most winning personality, but lacking the strength which only conviction can give. The Conservative leader practically admits that such reforms as have already been inaugurated by the Liberal government, such as old age pensions, measures for the relief of the unemployed, etc., are necessary and must be maintained by any future administration. He opposes the methods by which it is proposed to raise the revenue for the maintenance of the system. He has been forced against his better judgment to accept taxes upon food as a substitute for taxes according to the ability of the people to be taxed. The tariff reformers have made him an unwilling convert to their policy, because Mr. Balfour cannot convince his intellectual party more than he can satisfy his better part that placing a tax upon the food of a people a very large percentage of whom already lack the necessities of life can be in the true interests of such a people.

The struggle in Britain is therefore

the most momentous of half a generation. It excites so much interest in Canada that all the great newspapers of the country have sent their ablest writers and most capable observers to watch it and set down their impressions of its progress and of the men who are leading it.

There ought to be no doubt of the result. The Times cannot conceive of any possible result but a great triumph for the forces of progress over the armies of reaction. As far as the people of Canada are concerned, we do not believe that they have any desire to profit materially at the expense of the masses of Great Britain whose lot could not but be affected detrimentally by an increase in the cost of the necessities of life.

The following from the Calgary Daily News is copied for the purpose of proving that reservoirs which will hold water can be constructed in this country: "One million gallons of water is flowing into the gravity reservoir daily, and according to City Engineer Child about fourteen feet of the 21 feet fill is so far. He has been carefully watching to ascertain whether there is any seepage since the water was turned into the reservoir, but states that the bottom is absolutely impervious, and that there is no fear of the water running away which was at first thought to be likely."

NONSENSICAL CRITICISM.

That sly old dog the Vancouver News-Advertiser suggests that the interest on the capital cost of the National Transcontinental Railway should be charged to current account, that is, should be met out of the ordinary or consolidated revenue of the Dominion. We have always understood that it was the custom in the construction of railways, public or private, to charge the interest on all amounts expended during the period of construction to capital account. In fact, we believe it is the only feasible system, inasmuch as interest charges must be met from some source—lenders can hardly be expected to forego their claims for interest on money borrowed until a railway is placed in operation—and dividends obviously cannot be earned until business is being transacted. Why should an exception be made in the case of the publicly-built and publicly-owned section of the Grand Trunk Railway? Besides, at the end of seven years the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, which is under contract to operate the line, will pay the interest on the capital cost of the road. Why should the Dominion government relieve the company of that obligation by paying the interest on the money borrowed and reducing the capital cost of the road by a considerable amount? That would be laying on the shoulders of the people a load the Grand Trunk Pacific Company has entered into an undertaking to bear.

Again, the Dominion government has already paid out of current revenue many millions of dollars on account of the cost of the National Transcontinental Railway. In due time the Grand Trunk Pacific company will be paying three per cent. interest to the people of Canada on that expenditure, which will add very materially to the revenues of the country. Would the News-Advertiser suggest that the company should be relieved of that obligation also? The truth is that our contemporary knows the present Dominion government is charging to consolidated account very large amounts which under a previous government were charged to capital account, and while it approves of the proposal of the Finance Minister to extend this principle still farther, it could not resist the temptation to carp just a little, for partisan purposes, at one of the most satisfactory budget statements that has ever been placed before the country. The role of G. E. Foster does not become our contemporary at all.

The English Suffragettes are reported to be in a state of righteous indignation because the authorities would not permit them to suffer from the pangs of hunger while in goal serving sentences for misdemeanors. Food was injected by artificial means. The maltreated ladies appealed to the courts for redress on account of the outrage, and the judge held, practically, that it served the agitators right. For our part we do not see that the ladies should have been prevented from doing themselves an injury by starvation if they saw fit. The loss to the world would not have been irreparable, judging from the actions of some of the would-be voters. The only excuse that can be urged in their behalf is that brooding over their fancied grievances or magnifying the said grievances in their assemblies "had made them mad." Surely sane women would not have forcibly entered the carriage of Mr. Lloyd George and given that imperturbable mere man a good shaking as a means to an end, even if that end were the franchise. Apparently a large part of the population of Great Britain is suffering at the present time from "politics on the nerves."

GOLD FOR MINT.
 Ottawa, Dec. 20.—Joseph Boyle, of Ottawa, who has been in the Yukon since '98, returned to the city today bringing a gold brick valued at \$50,000, which will probably be coined at the mint here, being the first Yukon gold minted.

FIVE KILLED AND MANY MISSING

PANIC FOLLOWS OUTBREAK OF FIRE IN STORE

Several Persons Are Believed to Be Buried in the Debris.

London, Dec. 20.—Five persons are known to be dead, fifty are in hospitals suffering from injuries, and many are missing as the result of a fire that destroyed the great Arding & Hobbs store in the Clapham suburbs at noon today.

Three hundred persons were in the store when the fire started. A scene of confusion, bordering upon a panic, ensued when the shoppers and clerks rushed for lifts and stairs.

Several clerks and patrons leaped from the third and fourth story windows to the pavement. Others jumped from an interior balcony to the main floor, which already was burning fiercely.

Within an hour after the fire was discovered the great dome collapsed, carrying adjoining stores with a mass of burning debris.

The entire block in which the store was located soon was a mass of uncontrollable flames.

It is feared that many of those who leaped from the balcony into the burning court lost their lives.

When the dome collapsed this section of the store was buried in the blazing ruins. The firemen believe that many who are missing lie beneath the debris.

The fire is said to have started from a defective electric light wire. The extent of the damage has not yet been estimated.

A SKY PILOT ON THE PEACE RIVER TRAIL

Presbyterian Missionary's Trip Through a Rich Region.

The West Land, published at Edmonton, prints the record of a home missionary covenanters' trip by land and sea into that country which is the very "back of beyond" the great, beautiful, rich Peace River and Grande Prairie districts of the western north. Rev. A. Forbes, who is the minister of the Presbyterian church at Fort Saskatchewan, was accompanied by his presbytery to visit these districts and to see with his own eyes how they were filling up and what was the outlook for mission work. Mrs. Forbes, a well-proven sky pilot, accompanied him. They left home on August 11th, with their own travelling and camping outfit, consisting of tent, democrat, tent, bedding, food, cooking utensils, and necessities of the trail. Both were accustomed to this kind of travelling, and the progress of the mission outfit across the Northland was in accordance with true pioneer principles. The return trip was not without its perils, which Mr. Forbes hints at in the following article. More than once they were caught by prairie fires, and on one occasion only an axe and Providence saved their lives. Bad roads and miles of sloughs were mere incidental annoyances. It was a unique tour and one that will have results. Mr. and Mrs. Forbes reached home on October 9th. The article continues:

"Only a few years ago there were very few houses along the trail to Athabasca Landing, but between the Sturgeon and Vermillion rivers as many as ninety houses can now be seen from the trail, and here and there a Greek or Roman Catholic church. The Roman Catholic and Anglican churches have been in the landing for years, and lately a hall has been built by the Methodist church, which is used for services on the Sabbath and as a reading room on the week-day. A number of buildings have been added, and telegraphic communication established since last we visited the landing. It is to be hoped that some railway will soon find its way thither, and thus reward the patience and endurance of those who have waited for years.

"On the evening of the 11th we boarded the little steamer Northland Sun, which has accommodation for quite a number of passengers. On this trip our fellow-travellers included a doctor's wife, a lady missionary for Peace River, and a judge on his way to hold district court in the north, all of whom proved pleasant and helpful companions. The crew, which is somewhat limited in number, willingly did all they could to make us comfortable. Even the horses received a like attention.

"It was a pleasant sail up the Athabasca river. The second night brought us to the mouth of the Little Slave river, called here Mirror Landing, on account of the clear transparent water. Here passengers and freight are transferred by wheels over a portage of sixteen miles, the rapids preventing the passage of Little Slave river. At Saltwater Landing we boarded another small steamer which conveyed us to the head of Lesser Slave lake. The Little Slave river is an interesting stream, affording a variety of scenery with occasional glimpses of beauty. Its chief characteristic is its crookedness. "Another day and we were out on the bosom of the lake. A storm, however, compelled us to take shelter under the cover of a neighboring island and kept us there till the following day. Lesser Slave lake is a fine body of water, extending for seventy-five miles in length and is from eight to twelve miles in breadth. Parts of it are very deep. It contains excellent fish, which are caught in great num-

bers in the fall and kept frozen for winter supply. One year the Roman Catholic mission drew 17,000 fish from its docks. The head of the lake is the end of the waterway in that direction. Here there is a lively settlement, and we spent two days in it, visiting most of the people. Here, too, the Roman Catholic and Anglican churches have been at work among the natives and both have large mission buildings. Lately a Methodist missionary has gone in and holds regular service here and at Prairie River Settlement, twenty miles out.

"To continue our journey we now take the road, a stretch of ninety miles from the head of Slave Lake to Peace River Crossing. This has always been known as a bad road and on this occasion it was equal to its reputation. We stuck in the mud several times, but were fortunate in being in company with the judge and his party and an escort of the N. W. M. P. They proved friends indeed. It is not an easy thing to follow a police team, especially one with an expert driver, but our little team stood it well and we arrived at Peace River Crossing just behind them.

"One's first view of the Peace river is a sight to be remembered. Standing on the high banks of the river looking west one is struck with the rugged canyons through which flow the Heart and Smoky rivers, while at one's feet at a considerable depth, dotted with beautiful green islands, is the gentle peaceful river. One is well rewarded by a day's rest here after the jolting and anxiety of travel of the previous days.

"Another day and we are across the river and on the trail again. It is Saturday night and we pull into the English Church mission, twelve miles up the river, and receive a hearty welcome from the Rev. Robert Holmes and Mrs. Holmes. Here we spent Sabbath and assisted at the service. Monday morning we were early on the road again and soon thereafter visiting another old friend whose delight was to speak of old days and hear the old timers on the Sturgeon. It was a pleasant and helpful evening we spent under the Carson roof relating incidents of old days, while at intervals we had as good music as might be heard in the midst of a prairie society.

"The next morning finds us climbing the steep hills and on to the high and flat country beyond. Here the trail is good and stretches towards the west St. John and the other to Dunvegan, the latter a distance of seventy-five miles. We cover this in two days easily and at dusk get down the somewhat difficult and dangerous descent and soon we are in the Hudson's Bay house where we receive great kindness and a memorably good meal. Next day we crossed the Peace river again and twenty miles brought us to the Spirit River settlement. Here we put up at the house built by our missionaries some years ago but now used as the mission house of the Anglican church. A few days' stay there, a visit to the bank of the settlement, arrangements were made with the representative of the Anglican church regarding mission work and the property and we were on the road again towards Grande Prairie.

"Two days more over a hard trail, cooking our meals by the wayside wherever water and good grass for the horses can be found, and being obliged to camp in the bush over night, we descended the slope of Saddle mountain. Now the traveller is richly rewarded after his long, difficult, and weary journey hitherto. Stretching far away to the south and east, as far as the eye can reach, is beautiful undulating prairie dotted here and there with clumps of spruce, poplar, willow, and birch as if arranged in an extended park, and a number of clear, shining lakes enhance the beauty of the scene. The thought comes to the mind as one looks in surprise, 'This is the promised land.'

"It is an easy run across the prairie and at nightfall we arrived at Flying Shot lake, and enjoy the warm hospitality of the only white family in that part. We remained on the prairie about a week and visited all the settlers who were at home, at Saskatchewan lake and Beaver lodge and between. We received untold kindness from everyone, especially the bachelors, and held the first service at Beaver lodge.

"Our homeward journey was full of interesting and exciting incidents, but we returned safely after having covered in the round trip 1,300 miles, 300 of which were by water and fully 1,000 miles by the same team and outfit.

"The Peace River has a future before it. There is good and poor land in place, but the majority of it is good, waiting for the hardy settler to take possession. Its disadvantages would soon be got over if there were better means of transportation. With a railway there is bound to be a great rush of settlers, and there is room for many thousands. At present there are one hundred white men on the prairie and twenty white women. Two years ago there were but a handful of white men and one white woman. Settlers are creeping in gradually, but the definite promise of a railway will bring hundreds in the month. The few that are there now are alive to the situation. They are anxious to have their post offices and their schools, and there will be a splendid field for mission work."

LOYD GEORGE'S MESSAGE.

Declares Budget is Growing in Popularity at Enormous Rate.

London, Dec. 20.—Chancellor Lloyd George, author of the British budget, today gave out the following Christmas message to the United States: "The budget is gaining in popularity at an enormous rate. The outlook for victory in the January election is becoming more sanguine daily. There is no possibility that the budget will be defeated."

Lloyd George and his fellow supporters of the budget are more than optimistic concerning the approaching election. They claim increasing strength in every locality, and predict a sweeping victory for the measure.

Mayor Hall and Aid Henderson, who have been in attendance at the annual meeting of the Union of Municipalities in North Vancouver, are expected home tomorrow evening.

The Eleventh Hour Will Soon Be Here

Only Five Days More Remain in Which to Fill Your Final Christmas Needs

Every department of the Big Store greets you with an immense variety of Christmas suggestions to select from. In fact this store is the Mecca for Yuletide purchasers, who will do well to take advantage of the extreme moderation of prices.

China and Cutlery Dept. Suggestions

- TABLE CUTLERY—Sheffield Make**
- MEDIUM SIZED TABLE KNIVES, oval or square, zylonite handles, from, per dozen \$3.00
 - DESSERT KNIVES, Sheffield steel, white zylonite handles, from, per dozen \$3.00
 - We have Carver Sets, good Sheffield make—knife, fork and steel, in silk-lined leatherette cases—
 - Three pieces, stag horn handles \$4.75
 - THREE-PIECE CARVER SETS, stag horn handles and silver mounts \$10
 - FIVE-PIECE SETS, 2 carving knives, 2 forks, steel, stag horn handles \$12.50
 - FIVE-PIECE SETS, 2 knives and forks, 1 steel, with white handles \$12.50
 - FISH SERVING SETS, in silk-lined case, handsomely engraved and chased blade, silver mounts, stag horn handle. Price \$10
 - FISH SET, white handle, \$6.75 \$5.00
- SCISSORS**
- CUTTING OUT, \$1.50, \$1.25, \$1.00, 90c, 75c, 65c, 50c, 35c and \$2.50
 - BUTTON HOLE, \$1.25, 75c and \$3.50
 - EMBROIDERY, nickel-plated \$7.25
 - STORK, nickel-plated \$1.25
 - DRAPEY, 75c, 65c and \$2.25
 - FOLDING POCKET, strong and useful \$1.25
 - NAIL SCISSORS, with file, 50c and \$3.50
 - BENT NAIL, \$1.00, 75c and \$5.00
- SPECIAL IMPORTS OF GLASSWARE AT "NEVER BEFORE" PRICES**
- LEMON JUICE EXTRACTORS, 10c 5c
 - 4-inch BOWLS, several patterns 5c
 - 4½-inch BOWLS, ruby and white 10c
 - 8-inch PRESERVE BOWLS, ruby and white 25c
 - 5-inch GLASS PLATES, useful for parties, for ices, dessert, cake or bread and butter 5c
- WRINGERS**
- Wet days bring their own peculiar trials to the harassed house-mother, and anything that will lighten the labors of washing day should be welcome. What more suitable present for mother than one of our excellent wringers?
 - WRINGERS—Iron frame, elliptical springs, 10-inch rubber rolls \$2.75
 - WRINGERS—Iron frame, elliptical springs, 11-inch rubber rolls \$3.00
 - WRINGERS—New Idea, iron frame with strong, adjustable spiral springs and wood fittings \$3.50
 - WRINGERS—Strong wood frame, extra strong springs, adjustable clamp to fit on tub with one movement \$3.75
- SPECIALTIES FOR FANCY WORK**
- TEAPOT STANDS, in wire work. Two of these covered and lined make a handsome jewel case. Each 5c
 - WIRE EGG WHIPS, covered and combined with small glass tumbler are used as match receivers, 10c and 5c
 - WIRE EGG WHIPS, may also be used as the foundation for a handsome pin-cushion 5c
 - WIRE TOASTERS, suitably covered make an excellent newspaper tidy, from 10c
 - MANICURE SCISSORS, bent blades 75c
 - Specialty designed Knife for chirpology. File to match. Each \$1.25
- A TREASURE FOR THE BAIRNS**
- "TREASURE" SAFE, with combination lock. Good value at 90c

Holiday Specials

If you want to give substantial, sensible Christmas presents, you will appreciate our extraordinary values in

- GIFT FURNITURE**
- Card Tables
 - Cellarettes
 - Curio Cabinets
 - Crystal Closets
 - Bookcases
 - Rockers
 - Easy Chairs
 - Library Tables
 - Library Desks
 - Shaving Desks
 - Auto Valets
 - Davenport
 - Cheval Mirrors
 - Ladies' Desks
 - Writing Tables
 - Music Cabinets
 - Toilet Tables
 - Tea Wagons
 - Muffin Stands
 - Buffets
 - Footstools
 - Book Racks
 - Low Boys
 - Chiffoniers
 - Morris Chairs
 - Fancy Rockers
 - Reception Chairs
 - Swing Tables
 - Parlor Tables
 - Leg Rests
 - Foot Rests
 - Smokers' Stands, Etc., Etc., Etc.

Toyland Specialties to Stimulate Early Buying

VERY LOWEST PRICES

- DRESSED DOLLS**
- Five only at \$15
 - Two only at \$7.50
 - One only at \$5.50
 - One only at \$5.00
 - Four only at \$4.50
 - Three only at \$4.00
 - Nine only at \$3.75
 - Eight only at \$3.50
 - Three only at \$3.00
 - Five only at \$2.75
 - Twenty-eight only at \$2.50
 - Three only at \$2.25
 - Thirty only at \$2.00
 - Seven only at \$1.75
 - Forty-six only at \$1.50
 - Twenty-four only at \$1.25
 - Twenty-three only at \$1.00
 - Two only at 75c
- CRACKERS AND TABLE DECORATIONS**
- Fifty-one boxes, at, per box \$1.50
 - Seventy-nine boxes, at, per box \$1.00
 - Thirty-eight boxes, at, per box 50c
 - One hundred and ninety-eight boxes, at, per box 35c
 - One hundred and fifty-two boxes, at, per box 25c
 - Thirty six only, Baskets, at, each 35c
- TIN ENAMELLED TEA SETS**
- Seventy-two Sets, at, per set 25c
 - Sixty-three Sets, at, per set \$1.00
- KID DOLLS**
- One only at \$5.75
 - Two only at \$4.75
 - Three only at \$4.50
 - Four only at \$4.00
 - Five only at \$3.75
 - Nine only at \$3.00
 - Eleven only at \$2.75
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 - Eleven only at \$2.25
 - Twenty-two only at \$2.00
 - Fourteen only at \$1.75
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 - Twenty only at \$1.35
- GLASS TOY DECORATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS TREES, ETC.**
- Ten only, Boxes of Tinsel Strips, at, per box \$2.00
 - Ten only, Boxes of Tinsel Strips, at, per box \$1.20
 - Seventy-two only, Boxes of Tinsel Strips, at, per box 60c
 - Two hundred and fifty-two Boxes of Glass Toys, latest designs, at, per box 60c
- TIN ENAMELLED TEA CADDIES**
- Sixty only at, each 10c
- TRUMPETS**
- Ninety-six only, at, each 5c
 - Forty-eight only, at, each 10c

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POWDER EXPLODES AND INDIAN GIRL IS DEAD

Careless Handling Results in the Burning of a Shack.

Chilliwack, Dec. 17.—A gruesome sight met Dr. McCaffery as he answered a call to one of the construction camps at Sumas to attend a patient who was burned almost to a crisp, through the ignition of stumping powder and the burning of a shack of one of the workers on the right-of-way of the B. C. E. R.

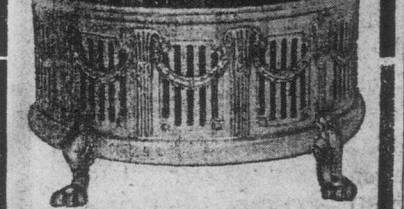
It seems that an Indian by the name of Davis Peter, of Hope, has a contract for clearing a section of the right-of-way back of Sardis, and was working on the line through Chas. Evans' property. He had built a small shack of cedar and lined it with tar building paper, for the accommodation of himself and family while on the contract.

The shack being only a 10x12 and the stumping powder very combustible, caught fire and instantly the tar paper and the whole interior of the dwelling was a seething mass of flames. The inmates of the place were all able to get out without injury to themselves, with the exception of a daughter who was acting as housekeeper and cook for the party.

This unfortunate young woman became hemmed in with the flames and before she could be rescued her arms and body were burned almost to a crisp. Dr. McCaffery was immediately telephoned for, but no earthly aid could save the life of the unfortunate creature and she died in a few hours.

This case is the only serious accident that has taken place at this end of the construction of the B. C. E. R. and it might have been avoided if more care or knowledge of the danger of handling combustibles had been taken or were had.

—Steamers Harold Dollar and Katanga both passed up this morning. The latter is taking coal at Comox.



An Artistic Christmas Present. When a gift is artistic as well as useful it is an expression of Yuletide sentiment which cannot fail to win the most pleasurable appreciation.

A HANDSOME FERN DISH FILLED WITH FERNS. We would ask you to notice the splendid display of these goods in our window and then step inside and see our unparalleled values in

Fern Dishes of Cut Glass, Solid Silver, Silver Plate, Hand-painted China, Copper, Brass, etc.

PRICES \$35 TO \$150. These embody not only the choicest designs ever shown in Victoria, but the newest and most exclusive conceptions in Western Canada.

5 PER CENT. DISCOUNT. From now until Xmas we give a coupon on cash purchases amounting up to 5 per cent. discount.

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EMPRESS BALL. Preparations Made for Important Social Event During the Holidays.

Prevent the Accumulation of Sand in the Channel.

New Westminster, Dec. 17.—A gang of men in the employ of the department of public works is engaged in making the wing dams in the main channel of the river immediately below the city permanent. Three large wing dams were erected in an endeavor to test their value as a means of preventing the accumulation of sand, which for years makes the Annelville bar the terror of pilots and captains of large vessels entering the port. The bar was dredged and the wing dams have since that time not only prevented it from reforming, but have secured the channel at that point to a depth that makes it thoroughly safe at all tides. The dams were formed of a single row of piles connected with timbers. Another row of piles is being constructed along the outer end, which bears the strain at the time of freshets, and the interior will be filled with heavy material.

NEW CONGREGATION MEETS TO-MORROW

West End Presbyterians in Westminster Organize.

New Westminster, Dec. 17.—The new Presbyterian congregation church, recently formed in the extreme West End of the city will hold services for the first time on Sunday next. The services will be held for some weeks to some in the old West school building, which has been secured from the city for that purpose.

Rev. J. G. Reid, late of Cedar Cottage, and more recently of Sapperton, has been appointed to the pastorate and will assume his duties on Sunday.

The congregation has secured two lots on the corner of Seventh avenue and Fourteenth street, and will erect a temporary church there in the near future. As soon as it is finished they will move from the schoolhouse to it, and will then commence as soon as possible upon the erection of a permanent building.

The new congregation embraces some thirty-five families.

ANOTHER PIONEER HAS PASSED AWAY

Edward Cody Johnson, Well Known Victorian, Died Yesterday Afternoon.

(From Monday's Daily.) There passed away yesterday afternoon at the family residence, 565 John street, an old pioneer of this city, in the person of Edward Cody Johnson, after a lingering illness. The deceased was 80 years of age. He was born in Hiltague, County Kilkenny, Ireland.

In the year 1858 he came to this province, having been attracted here by the reports of its mineral wealth, and for some time he resided in the Cariboo district, where he followed the work of miner and contractor. His mining enterprises were for the most part about Big Bend, Cariboo. Among the large works carried out by him was the construction of the big Yale water ditch. About 30 years ago he came to Victoria to be taking the management of the Heathorn tannery. Later he retired from that position to enter into business for himself, being the active partner in the firm of Johnson and Magri. He was highly respected by a large circle of friends. He was identified prominently with the Pioneer Society of this city, the members of which organization will feel keenly his death.

Over a year ago he retired from active business and since that time has been in declining health. He is survived by his wife, one daughter, Mrs. Frank D. Ellis, of Calgary, and two sons, E. E. C. and A. P. C., both of whom reside in this city.

The funeral will take place to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from the family residence and at 3:30 o'clock at St. John's church.

BIRTHDAY HONORED.

City Clerk Duncan, of Westminster Presented With Chair. New Westminster, Dec. 17.—City Clerk W. A. Duncan was surprised by a number of his friends at his home on Queen's avenue on the occasion of the anniversary of his birthday and was presented with a handsome Morris chair as a token of esteem. Mr. Duncan's birthday was on December 13, but as that was election day the surprise was deferred. Mrs. Dr. Taylor found a suitable address and Aid. Henley made the presentation. Mr. Duncan replied in a few appropriate words thanking his many friends for their thoughtful gifts. A pleasant evening of music and games followed. Mrs. Roxberry, who was also celebrating the anniversary of her birthday, was present and gave a very enjoyable and interesting party.

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MATTERS OF INTEREST TO PEOPLE OF ALBERNI

Board of Trade Discusses Road Improvements—Registered Mail.

Alberni, Dec. 17.—At the regular meeting of the Alberni board of trade, the president, Capt. G. A. Huff, was appointed a committee of one to wait on the government agent with a view to having some improvements made on the road and sidewalk on Johnston street. It was pointed out that the present conditions made it dangerous, especially for strangers, who might be walking that way in the darkness, and a couple of slight accidents were reported as having already happened.

Capt. Huff, for the committee appointed to inquire into the storage of powder in the vicinity of the town, reported that he had investigated, and did not believe there was any danger. A request from the New Alberni board for endorsement of a resolution asking the Provincial government to publish another edition of the bulletin dealing with Alberni, and to have it brought up to date, was granted.

Attention was called to the fact that there is no direct registered mail service between Alberni and Ucluelet, Sechart, and Clayoquot, and the secretary was instructed to correspond with the postmaster-general at Ottawa, and the postoffice inspector at Victoria, with a view to having a service inaugurated.

SAFE BLOWERS AT WORK.

Vancouver, Dec. 18.—The safe blower has arrived in town and is busy plying his nefarious trade. Last night no less than three safes were tampered with, two being blown with nitro-glycerine. At the Structural Material Company's premises at 185 Front street the safe was cracked by the explosion, but fortunately the burglars were frightened away, as they left the job in an uncompleted condition.

In September, 1788, the ship Adventure was lost in the mouth of the Tyne with all her crew before thousands of spectators. This led to the invention of Greathead's lifeboat.

—It is reported from Vancouver that F. W. Law, of that city, has formed a syndicate who purpose erecting a three-story hotel costing in the neighborhood of \$80,000 on Salt Spring island. It is proposed to make the place a pleasure resort and run steamers from Vancouver.

—The new Pemberton chapel at the Jubilee hospital will be opened on December 23rd at 2:30 p. m. A most beautiful musical programme has been arranged for the dedication service, where all the clergy of the city will be represented. An informal reception will be held afterwards at the Nurses' Home. The public is cordially invited.

—Thursday at the regular meeting of Court Columbia, No. 834, Canadian Order of Foresters, the following officers were elected for the year: Past chief ranger, D. D. England; chief ranger, W. Bergstrom; vice-chief ranger, F. L. Mimick; chaplain, J. H. Schroeder; treasurer, G. Smith; recording secretary, R. W. O. Savage; financial secretary, A. E. Symes; senior clerk, J. H. Brown; junior clerk, J. Ewing; senior beadle, K. R. Brown; junior beadle, J. McEwan; physician, Dr. Ernest Hall; conductor, F. G. Wyatt; trustees, T. J. Evans, F. G. Wyatt and A. Peden. The newly elected officers were duly installed by Bro. D. Stewart. The social committee have promised the members a surprise in the way of a novelty entertainment of which more particulars will be given later.

LAKE-BUNTZEN POWER.

B. C. Electric Company Will Install Steam Auxiliary Plant.

Vancouver, Dec. 17.—The contracts for the B. C. Electric Company's new steam auxiliary plant and electric generator at Lake Buntzen are now being let, and although the final formal signatures have not been placed on the documents, it is understood that the work for the former, at a figure near \$250,000, will go to C. E. Moore & Co., of San Francisco. The successful tenderer for the \$50,000 electric generator is not known yet, but will probably be announced in a day or two. At present word is being awaited from the London directors before final action is taken. The officials of the company were approached for confirmation of the statement that the Moon company had secured the contract for the steam plant, but declined to make any announcements, claiming that nothing could be given out until the receipt of a cable from London. It is pretty certain, however, that the information is correct.

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A petition is being widely circulated throughout the district asking the premier to give Vancouver Island further representation in his cabinet by making W. H. Hayward, M.P., a member of it.

The public schools and the Quamichan Lake Boys' school held their closing exercises this afternoon. "The Church" Girls' school will hold the annual Christmas entertainment on the evening of Tuesday, 21st. The proceeds of the entertainment will go to St. John's church.

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They were: Mrs. O. A. Lovell, Ymlr, B. C., whose right arm was broken and her chest, O. A. Lovell, Ymlr, B. C., badly bruised. Frank Clisby, Spokane, minor bruises. George Tato, Cleveland, O., bruised and shaken.

The wreck is supposed to have been caused by the contracting of the rails due to the intense cold.

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NATIONAL BASEBALL LEAGUE.

New York, Dec. 18.—Thomas Lynch, of Meriden, Conn., today was unanimously elected president of the National Baseball League. John Heydler, who has acted as president since the death of Harry Pulliam, was named secretary. Lynch was nominated by John T. Brush, of the New York club.

—A supply of Donald A. Fraser's book of poems, "Pebbles and Shells," has just been received by the local booksellers, from whom they may now be obtained. These books make splendid Christmas souvenirs, and are especially suitable as a gift from Victorians. Mr. Fraser being a resident of this city.

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(Special Correspondence.) Duncan, Dec. 17.—The frost which succeeded the first heavy rains and was followed by the rain on Saturday and Sunday did a great deal of damage in Cowichan. The Sahtlan road for quite a distance has been washed into the Cowichan river. It will be necessary to build the new road farther back. The Cowichan lake road is blocked by land slides. One of the most serious slides occurred at Cowichan bay, where the summer home of J. Matland-Dougall, of Hazelton, has been completely swept away and broken to splinters. The slide extended to the front of A. Lane's house, but left the house standing.

BOARD OF CONTROL NOT FAVORED IN VANCOUVER

Civic Committee Thinks Its Time Has Not Yet Come.

Vancouver, Dec. 17.—The board of control idea is unanimously disapproved by the civic government committee. It did not favor any very radical change from the present system, though there seemed to be an opinion that it would be better if there were two more wards in the city, and each ward elected only a single alderman.

The following resolutions were passed in the form of recommendations to next year's council: "We are of the opinion that it is not advisable that the form of civic government should be changed until the needs of the city increase and the population reaches at least 150,000."

"In the present system of municipal government we favor redistribution of wards; the city to be divided into eight wards and one alderman elected from each. The mayor to receive a salary of \$5,000 a year, and aldermen \$600."

INJURED IN WRECK.

Man and Woman Who Reside at Ymlr, B. C., Victims of Railway Accident. Chicago, Dec. 18.—Officials of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad deny that any of the persons injured in a wreck near Western Springs, Ill., today will die. They admit, however, that between ten and twenty had been hurt seriously. Four of the injured were brought to the local hospitals.

HEROISM HONORED.

Boston, Dec. 18.—Three medals for gallantry at sea were awarded Capt. Langdon Popham, of the steamer Georgian, when he arrived here from London yesterday. The principal honor is the King's medal, while the others are from the British Board of Trade and from the Marine Benevolent Association, all three being conferred upon Capt. Popham for his act of heading volunteers which rescued the crew of the British barquentine Sunbeam off Cape Race on January 26th, 1908.

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WOMEN ACCUSED OF HYPNOTIZING GIRL

Police Declare They Suggested Self-destruction to Mrs. Ocey Snead.

New York, Dec. 18.—Mrs. Caroline Martin and Mrs. Snead, mother and aunt respectively of Mrs. Ocey Snead, the young woman found dead in a bathtub in an East Orange, N. J., house, who are accused of being responsible for the girl's death, have announced that they would not oppose extradition to New Jersey.

Officers detailed to unravel the tangled skein of mystery surrounding the death of the unfortunate woman, declare Mrs. Ocey Snead was hypnotized to death. The police allege that the mother and aunt, and Miss Virginia Wardlaw, another aunt, used mesmeric influence to suggest self-destruction to the girl, whose life is said to have been insured in their favor.

TRAIN CREW EXONERATED.

Vancouver, Dec. 17.—The coroner's jury in the case of the twenty-two Japanese killed in the Great Northern wreck four weeks ago at Kilby creek, near New Westminster, decided today that the train crew was not to blame.

TO FLY UNION JACK.

Toronto, Dec. 18.—By orders issued by Hon. Dr. Reaume, minister of public works, the Union Jack will fly over the parliament buildings every day in the year, instead of only during the session of the legislature, as at present.

CANAL RETURNS.

Ottawa, Dec. 18.—Returns to November 30th show that \$2,735,898 tons of freight passed through the Canadian canals as compared with 17,108,818 tons last year, or an increase of 15,822,925 tons. Of this increase the Sault canal contributed 14,531,611 tons. The Trent canal is the only one showing a decrease, which amounts to 21,738 tons.

—The regular quarterly meeting of Court Victoria, A. O. F., was held on Wednesday evening, when several new members were initiated. There was a large attendance of members, and the following officers were appointed for the ensuing half year: Bro. N. L. Croghan, C. R.; Bros. J. Dobble, S. C. R.; Bro. W. C. Kerr, Treas.; Bro. W. Noble, Sec.; Bro. G. B. Baker, Sec. W.; Bro. V. C. Graham, Jun. W.; Bro. F. Saunders, Sen. B.; Bro. R. G. Osborne, Jun. B.; Bro. A. Manson, Trustee; Bro. A. E. McMicking, Physician. It was decided to hold the court's annual Christmas tree, which will be followed by a dance, on Wednesday evening, December 23rd, when the committee in charge hope to see a large turnout of members and children.

BORN.

BURNETT—At London, England, to Rev. and Mrs. Christopher Burnett, on Monday, November 29th, a son, David Gerbath.

DIED.

RICHARDS—At Kamloops, on the 16th inst. William Richards, a native of England, aged 89 years.

MURRAY—At the Royal Jubilee hospital, on the 17th inst. Robert Murray, a native of Ontario, and 40 years of age.

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CITY PROPERTY FINDS BUYERS TENDENCY TO EXTEND BUSINESS AREA

Steady Demand is Maintained for Realty in Victoria.

There is apparently just as much life in the realty market, as there was a week ago, but not as many properties being turned over. This seems to be a paradox but the reason is clear. The tendency to exaggerate prices has had the effect of making sellers in some cases ask too high prices to allow of sales being made.

While the demand is still for central property the centre is getting larger every day, and there have been some buying outside in anticipation of a move in that direction. Yates street, almost up to the Central school, is now being looked upon as business property and the same applies to Fort street almost to the same extent.

A visit to the realty agents in town shows them all to be extremely optimistic. Almost all have done satisfactory business during the week and some have made up for a good many off weeks. Among those who were willing to mention their sales was P. E. McConnell. During the week he had sold a house and lot on View street for \$5,000; house and lot on Fort street for \$5,000; another on Yates street for \$7,000; two lots on Government street for \$7,500; a corner on View street for \$5,000; house on Cormorant street, \$3,000; and two lots in the Piercefield subdivision. Two of the buyers were Vancouver men and one a Manitoban, the others being local.

Gillespie and Hart said that business was good although they thought it not good policy to publish their deals. They were extremely optimistic as to the future. Swinerton and Musgrave told of selling two properties yesterday, a lot on Linden avenue, and one on Yates street. Mr. Swinerton said they had a number of big things in hand but did not care to mention them until finally concluded.

John Greenwood of Mitchell and Greenwood, had so much faith in the prospects that he purchased for himself ten lots in the Hillside Farm estate. The firm also sold a lot yesterday in the Fairfield estate.

Bond & Clark have been very busy. Besides big deals which have already been mentioned during the week they have had sold two lots on Belleville street near the C. P. wharf for \$8,500 to S. O. Bailey of Cook street, and three lots on Government street north.

Currie and Power have sold up to last night a lot on Yates street, a house and lot on Johnson street, 55 acres in Saanich and a business lot on Herald street. Col. Currie said he felt sure that there would be a splendid year's business done in 1910. Everything points to a big rise in the city with a consequent rise in prices.

A deal which is of considerable interest is the sale of a business lot on Victoria Crescent which changed hands two days ago the consideration being \$5,500.

RALLY OF ADULT BIBLE CLASSES

Interesting Service is to Be Held To-morrow Afternoon.

A grand rally of the Adult Bible classes of the city will be held to-morrow afternoon in the Centennial Methodist church, Gorge road. The members of the Men's Bible class of Centennial church have been the movers in the matter and have issued invitations to all the other classes of the city to attend. It is expected that the majority of the classes will accept the invitation and that the church will be filled by members of the various classes. A most interesting programme has been prepared and the meeting promises to be of more than special interest. The programme is as follows: Fifteen minutes devotional exercises. Address of welcome to visiting classes by Mrs. F. Adams.

FAMILY NEARLY PERISHES FROM COLD

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 18.—Exhausted half frozen and nearly starved, Levi Frank, his wife and nine children, are in this city after fighting their way for 400 miles down the Mississippi river in open boats during the recent storms.

During the blizzard, their rowing came to an end, and the family was nearly dead from five days exposure when they were rescued.

PLEASED WITH WORK DONE AT TRANQUILLE

Hospital Directors Report on a Visit Paid to Sanatorium.

A visit to the new sanatorium at Tranquille was described to the directors of the Provincial Royal Jubilee hospital Friday by the president, E. A. Lewis. Mr. Lewis was accompanied on his visit by two other directors, H. D. Helmcken, K. C., and J. W. Bolden, and they were shown over the place by Dr. Fagan.

"We were amazed at the magnitude of the undertaking carried out here," said Mr. Lewis. "The building is a magnificent one, and is practically completed. All the furniture is in and the finishing touches are being given. The rooms are all outside rooms, opening on to verandas, so as to get abundance of fresh air. All the floors are of polished maple.

"There were 34 patients in tents about the grounds and all getting along well. The treatment has been successful and apparently all are on the high road to recovery. We spoke several of the patients, some of whom are from Victoria, and they were loud in their praise of the institution and the way it is conducted. It is pleasant to see such an institution possible in this province and it is to be hoped that the provincial government will assume a large share of the cost. The people of British Columbia have reason to be encouraged by the splendid work done. There is need for quite a little money yet to finish the building. A large farm, Fortune's farm, is being conducted on which they have a large number of cattle. The great drawback at present is transportation but the new railway will supply that."

Mr. Lewis mentioned that there was a water-tank on the property which held water. "No seepage there," he remarked smilingly. Dr. Hasell said that there were about twenty patients waiting for admission all the time. He considered that advanced cases should be taken in, as those were the ones which constituted the greatest danger to the community.

Messrs. Helmcken and Bolden also expressed their gratification at the work being done at Tranquille.

WEEK OF PRAYER EARLY IN NEW YEAR

Programme for Union Meetings the First Week of 1910.

Arrangements have been made for the United Week of Prayer meetings to be held in Victoria during the first week in the New Year. The afternoon meetings will be held in the Y.M.C.A. from three to four p.m. and the evening meetings will be held in the church of Our Lord on Humboldt street, commencing at 8 p.m. The first of the meetings will be held on Monday January 3rd, and the meetings will continue each afternoon and evening during the week. The topics for prayer will be those suggested by the Evangelical Alliance which are used the world over.

The leaders for the afternoon meetings will be: Monday—Rev. Dr. Reid. Tuesday—Rev. A. N. Miller. Wednesday—Rev. T. E. Hoiling. Thursday—Rev. W. L. Clay. Friday—N. Shakespeare.

INVITED TO VISIT THE DAWSON TEMPLE

Local Shriners Elect Officers for the Ensuing Year.

Great Temple, of Victoria, has received an invitation from the brethren at Dawson to visit the golden city of the north. The invitation was read at a meeting of the temple, and a committee was appointed to look into the matter of transportation and all details. The committee resulted as follows: Illustrious potentate, Robert F. Green; chief rabban, E. A. Welch; assistant rabban, W. W. Burke; H. P. Stephen; treasurer, W. L. Chaloner; re-elected, recorder, E. E. Leason; re-elected, representative, A. E. Forbes. Retiring potentate George H. Clinton was presented with the jewel of the order, the presentation being made by Past Potentate Angus McKeown. The installation of officers was performed by Past Potentate F. J. Armstrong, assisted by Past Potentates Angus McKeown and George M. Perdue.

VANCOUVER HOCKEY PLAYERS ARE HUFFY

Forfeit Match to Victoria as League Rules Against Them.

The Vancouver Hockey Club, acting in a most unsportsmanlike manner, failed to come to Victoria on Saturday to play the Victoria Hockey Club in the league fixture. The reason is that the B. C. Hockey League ordered the Vancouver-North Vancouver game re-played and suspended Bayfield, of the Vancouver team, on receiving notice of the suspension, wired to Victoria saying unless the suspension was lifted the team would not play. The reply sent was that the game would go by default to Victoria if the Vancouver team did not arrive and play the game. The Victoria team of this afternoon is practicing at North Ward park and will go on the field tomorrow and shoot one goal and have the game recorded as a win, but all the players on the team regard the action of the Vancouver team, which is held to be most unsportsmanlike.

REFERENDUM PASSED BY IMMENSE MAJORITY

Westminster Will Apply for a City Charter Next Session.

New Westminster, Dec. 18.—The referendum on the city charter carried by 803 votes. This means that the city will apply to the legislature to have the charter under which it has been governed for the past 21 years annulled enabling it to come under the Municipal Clauses Act. However, the city must continue under the charter for another year, before all the necessary arrangements can be made to have the change effected.

The effect of the referendum does not appear to have been generally understood by the electors, many of them not voting on the question at all and most of those who voted against doing so only because they did not know what it was about. The vote gives a large majority at all polls. Below are given the particulars of it. City Hall; yes, 643; no, 100; spoiled, 35.

West End; yes, 182; no, 32; spoiled, 44. Sapperton; yes, 130; no, 20; spoiled, 40. Total; yes, 955; no, 152; spoiled, 119.

ELECTION OFFICIALS NAMED FRIDAY NIGHT

Those Who Will Act as Deputy Returning Officers, Assisting Mr. Northcott.

At the special meeting of the city council held Friday it was decided that the officials to preside at the forthcoming municipal elections shall be the following: Returning officer, W. W. Northcott; deputy returning officers, for mayor, William Dabry; Ward 1, James Parker; Ward 2, James Bell; Ward 3, J. B. McCallum; Ward 4, Thos. Tubman; Ward 5, George H. Maynard. The building inspector was authorized to issue a building permit to Steve White for stables on the west side of View street, between Blanchard and Quadra. The building will adjoin the premises of the Standard steam laundry. It will be outside the fire limits.

Property owners on Government street, between Belleville street and Superior street, petitioned for a permanent pavement to be laid to the choice of the city engineer. At Ald. Turner's suggestion a committee, consisting of the mayor, Ald. Henderson and himself, was appointed to wait upon the provincial government for the purpose of ascertaining what share of the cost the government will bear, as public property abuts on that section of the street.

The city solicitor and city barrister were instructed to commence action to secure possession of that part of Lime street, Victoria West, to which the Silver Spring Inn, owned by Messrs. Donald and Juanita Crowther; dialogue, "Grandfather's Slipper"; 5 boys and 4 girls of Miss Dalby's room; carol, "First Noel"; the school; dialogue, "The Christmas Letters"; boys and girls of the division v; carol, "Good King Wenceslas"; the school; hoop duet, 12 girls in Miss Monteith's room; carol, "Golden Carol"; by the school.

MAY MERGE

J. P. Morgan & Co. May Join Hands With Bell Telephone Company.

New York, Dec. 17.—No additional details concerning the purchase of the two independent telephone companies in Ohio were obtained yesterday at the office of J. P. Morgan & Co., excepting the statement that a merger of the newly-acquired properties with the company is contemplated. Despite denials of any absorption or closer working agreement between the Bell company and the independents, it is significant that Henry P. Davidson, of J. P. Morgan & Co., was recently elected a director of the American Telephone & Telegraph Company, which controls the Bell company.

The independent telephone men of Ohio are well satisfied with the purchase of the independent company by J. P. Morgan & Co. The influence of Mr. Morgan will under the direction of the Ministerial association of this city and it is hoped that as many as possible will take part in this united gathering.

JAPANESE MURDERED

LAND REGISTRY FEES

The land registry office fees have more than doubled in the past year, showing an active movement in real estate and the formations of many new companies. In November the fees amounted to \$13,182 as against \$5,856 in November of last year. For the eleven months ending November 30th, the receipts were \$108,583.23, as against \$54,508.21 for the same eleven months of last year.

CENTENARIAN CARTAKER

ST. PAUL, MINN., DEC. 20.—The north-bound Winnipeg flyer on the Great Northern railway went into the ditch four miles east of Monticello, Minn., Saturday evening. The fireman was crushed to death beneath his engine. No passengers were hurt. The cause of the wreck was a split rail.

SOOKE RESIDENTS ARE COMPLAINING

Bridges Damaged by Recent Heavy Rains Not Yet Repaired.

(Special Correspondence.) Otter Point, Dec. 14.—There is much dissatisfaction among residents of the south side of Sooke river at the delay in starting the work of repairing the bridge across that stream, a portion of which was carried away as a result of the heavy rains last month. As most of the traffic between Victoria and Sooke has to cross this bridge and now has to be ferried over in a row-boat it is causing much inconvenience.

The bridge across Muir creek was also carried away by the unusual rains of two weeks ago. This is not such an important structure as that at Sooke river, but will inconvenience the settlers on the west of Muir creek, and also the construction party on the Shirley-Jordan river road, which numbers 20 men, and the supplies for which have to be taken across Muir creek.

A social was held in the Tugwell Creek schoolhouse on Friday evening last. Dancing was a prominent feature on the programme, and was interspersed with singing. The evening passed all too quickly for those present.

Arthur Floyer, J. P., has added another panther scalp to his already long list.

In a previous issue in reporting a "shadower" held at Otter Point school house, it was stated that the sum raised was \$15. The amount realized at that gathering was \$115.

SCHOOL CLOSING IN VICTORIA WEST

Excellent Programme Rendered by Pupils on Friday.

There was a very large number of parents and friends at the closing exercises of the Victoria West school on Friday. The programme rendered by the children was a most delightful one and reflects great credit upon the little children in their quaint costumes marched and counter-marched to the tune played on the piano in splendid style. The drill by the larger girls of Miss Monteith's class was also well executed. Every number received hearty applause. Mrs. Jenkins was present and gave a short address on behalf of the Trustees. Rev. A. E. Roberts also gave a short address. The programme follows: Canada's song, "Freedom"; by the school; drill. The Sun Bonnet babies; and the Straw Hat Boys, (Miss McIntosh's class); carol, "Christ was born of Maiden Fair"; the school; recitation, "Santa Claus"; Mrs. Roberts; piano duet, Beane, McDonald and Juanita Crowther; dialogue, "Grandfather's Slipper"; 5 boys and 4 girls of Miss Dalby's room; carol, "First Noel"; the school; dialogue, "The Christmas Letters"; boys and girls of the division v; carol, "Good King Wenceslas"; the school; hoop duet, 12 girls in Miss Monteith's room; carol, "Golden Carol"; by the school.

Mr. Selwyn intimated to the parents that scholars who had been outside the school though living outside the city would not be received as pupils after the holidays. This was the order of the trustees.

DR. TAYLOR MODERATOR

New Westminster Clergyman Elected to Office in Presbytery.

Vancouver, Dec. 16.—At its meeting of the Presbytery of Westminster held in St. Andrew's church, Rev. Dr. Wardlaw Taylor of New Westminster was elected moderator for the ensuing year.

A call from Prince Rupert in favor of Rev. Logie MacDonnell of Vernon was sustained by the Presbytery, but respectfully declined by Rev. Mr. MacDonnell. Under the circumstances Rev. G. A. Wilson was appointed interim moderator of the congregation at Prince Rupert. The action of North Vancouver congregation in permitting their minister, Mr. Gilliam to spend a month at Prince Rupert was referred to with appreciation.

Rev. G. A. Wilson, acting for Prof. Pidgeon, reported on augmentation and home missions.

A building permit was issued to William C. Todd, who will build a \$24,000 residence on St. Charles street. The dwelling will be two stories and ten rooms, and of modern construction.

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STEAMER UTGARD TOTAL WRECK

WENT ASHORE IN STRAITS OF MAGELLAN

Vessel Broke Back When Tide Went Out—220,826 Bushels of Wheat Gone.

Another grain carrier from the North Pacific has become a total loss, a cable from Punta Arenas stating that the German steamer Utgard has gone ashore at high spring tide at Boca point, in the Straits of Magellan, and broken in two. The sea of the Utgard, on top of the loss of the British bark Rotterdam, both of which were under charter to Balfour, Guthrie & Co., will practically cancel any income to the underwriters on grain cargoes from this coast this season.

The Utgard was built of steel in 1895 at the yards of the Northumberland Shipbuilding Company, Newcastle, Eng., for the Midgard Deutsche Seeverkehrs Akt. Ges. of Bremen, Germany; was 380 feet long, had a beam of 48 feet and a depth of 20.2 feet. Her net register was 2,727 tons. The vessel was rated as a twelveknot steamer and was regarded as an exceedingly good vessel.

The Utgard, Capt. E. Wurthmann, came to Puget Sound in ballast from the West coast of South America, seeking cargo to be shipped to the Columbia river on October 25th, with 220,826 bushels of wheat and took on bunker coal at Nainaimo, B. C., sailing from there November 3rd. The vessel again loaded bunker coal at Coronad, where she arrived December 5th.

The advice received do not state when the vessel went to the beach, but say that it was at first expected that she would be refloated. The expectations being dispelled by the breaking in two of the steamer when the tide went out. The Utgard was of specially strong steel construction, but with a heavy load of grain aboard it is presumed that the pressure was too great, and she broke her back on a ledge as the tide receded.

NORTH PARK STREET HAS A GRIEVANCE

Residents Think Sash and Door Factory is Being Established.

"When does a carpenter shop end and a sash and door factory begin?" "The what direction must the business area of the city expand in order to avoid residential sections?" These knotty problems engaged the attention of the city council last evening when a deputation of property owners on North Park street interviewed the board and lodged a protest against a business which Wm. Drysdale is maintaining on that thoroughfare.

The matter had come before the board last week, when a petition was received from the owners and the same had been referred to the building inspector. That official presented a report last night in which he said that no nuisance existed and he did not think that Mr. Drysdale was attempting to establish anything but a carpenter shop.

The deputation claimed that the business which Mr. Drysdale had established was a great nuisance to the neighborhood, and as machinery was constantly being added they felt that a factory was in process of being created. They wanted to know if property owners had not some remedy in the matter.

Ald. Turner said he feared that unless it could be established that a nuisance had been created nothing could be done.

Mr. McKeown said the point was: "Where did a carpenter shop end and a factory begin?"

Ald. Stewart said it was a great problem to know how to direct the expansion of the city. He cited the great fight that had been made against the proposal of Mr. Warner to establish sheet metal works on Fisguard street.

Ald. Hunter favored the appointment of a committee of three to investigate the question.

Ald. Raymond was of the opinion that the council was powerless to do anything as the building inspector had reported that no nuisance existed, nor had there been any infraction of the by-law.

It was finally decided to name a committee consisting of Aldermen Hunter, Bishop and Stewart to investigate.



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W. E. STANELAND IS ERECTING BUILDING

Business Block to Be Built on Fort Street at Once.

W. E. Staneland has decided to commence work at once in erecting a new block on the premises occupied by him on Fort street. The present frame building will be torn down and a commodious building with a frontage of 50 feet on Fort street and extending back 30 feet will be erected.

It will be of brick and wood, and the work is to be pushed to completion as quickly as possible. On the lower story will be accommodation for the stock, while the second story will provide offices, etc.

The work rooms and factory sections will be as at present at the rear of the lot.

WILL CLOSE STEEL WORKS AT PITTSBURG

Corporation Decides to Establish Plants in Other Places.

Pittsburg, Dec. 18.—It is now stated to be the intention of the steel corporation to abandon its works here, where a labor war is threatened, and to form new plants like Gary in chosen places. The sum of \$5,000,000 has been set aside for immediate construction work.

W. H. P. Sweeney of the firm of Sweeney & McConnell, will be a candidate for the position of school trustee at the forthcoming municipal elections. Mr. Sweeney is a strong supporter of the idea for a new high school for Victoria. He also favors the provincial government printing all the school books. Trustee P. J. Riddell is spoken of as a candidate for alderman in Ward 5, James Bay district. Educated in the city schools, a graduate of the high school in 1901, Mr. Sweeney is closely in touch with the schools and expects a large vote.

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LEOPOLD TAKE SOLDIERS HEAD

Reconciliation

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—A meeting of the Victoria Poultry and Pet Stock Association was held Friday. The prizes for the various breeds were assigned, and all is now in readiness for having the catalogue printed, which will be ready for distribution by December 27th.

—Donations of flowers, candles, toys, etc., books or ornaments, and Christmas trees will be most gratefully received at the Jubilee shop by the committee of the Daughters of Pity and may be sent to the new work room at the hospital during the Christmas week, where a member of the committee will be in charge.

—The death occurred Friday in Seattle of Miss Kate McIntosh, the daughter of the late Wm. R. McIntosh and Mrs. McIntosh of this city. She died suddenly of pneumonia. For some time she had been employed as a stenographer in Seattle. Deceased was about 19 years of age and was a native of Victoria.

—The teachers and pupils of the Girls' Central school contributed \$12.20 towards the Friendly Help Society. In addition to these there were contributions in goods. The following were the contributors: Cash from principal and staff, \$5.00; cash from children, \$8.20; bread tickets, \$3.00; jam, 55 bottles; groceries, 123 packages; clothing, 68 packages; toys and books, 25 packages. These will all be turned over to the Friendly Help Society and in time distributed to the poor in this city.

—W. H. P. Sweeney of the firm of Sweeney & McConnell, will be a candidate for the position of school trustee at the forthcoming municipal elections. Mr. Sweeney is a strong supporter of the idea for a new high school for Victoria. He also favors the provincial government printing all the school books. Trustee P. J. Riddell is spoken of as a candidate for alderman in Ward 5, James Bay district. Educated in the city schools, a graduate of the high school in 1901, Mr. Sweeney is closely in touch with the schools and expects a large vote.

—The equal parts of turpentine and kerosene applied with flannel make an effective and cheap furniture polish.

LEOPOLD'S BODY TAKEN TO PALACE SOLDIERS ESCORT HEARSE TO BRUSSELS

Reconciliation of Members of
Royal Family in
Progress.

Brussels, Dec. 18.—The body of the late King Leopold was transferred from the Pavilion at Laeken to the Palace at Brussels Saturday night by the light of torches carried by troops. The hearse was covered with crepe and drawn by eight black horses with black draperies. It was surmounted with black plumes, and bore the national coat-of-arms and the coat-of-arms of the nine provinces. The car was surrounded by Leopold's grooms and servants. On either side rode the general officers, and the court carriages which followed contained Prince Albert and the court dignitaries. As the body was conveyed to the hearse, the batteries fired salutes and bells tolled.

According to the Gazette, Princess Louise's counsel has notified the principal banks that she will oppose the payment of any deposits they may have received in the name of Leopold or the Baroness Vaughn and has forbidden the executors of Leopold's will to destroy any papers.

Prince Albert is believed to have made a master stroke in sending the royal train to the frontier to give a welcome to Princess Louise. Both Princess Louise and Princess Stephanie are held in high affection by the Belgian people, who consider them the victims of misfortune. The reunion of the separated family is accepted as a good omen for the opening of the reign of the already popular Albert.

King Leopold in his will declared that he possessed but \$3,000,000, which he left to his children. His Majesty expressed the desire that no autopsy be performed, and said that "apart from my nephew, Prince Albert, and the members of my household, I forbid anyone to attend my funeral. My papers shall be destroyed or handed to Prince Albert."

Albert, the new King, will take the name of Albert I, by the Vatican.

Rome, Dec. 20.—It is stated officially that the Vatican had nothing to do with the morganatic marriage of the late King Leopold and the Baroness Vaughn.

New King a Socialist.
Paris, Dec. 20.—An intimate friend of Prince Albert told the Matin's Brussels correspondent to-day that the new Belgian King's ambition would be to be useful to the workingman. He is, in the good sense of the word, a Socialist. He is an expert student on social questions and will astonish the world, according to the correspondent, with his modern tolerance. "Albert will be King of a republican monarchy," said the Matin's informant, "if you prefer it, president of a monarchial republic."

LIMITATION OF ACTION INVOLVED

Lawsuit Which Goes Back Sixteen Years Before Courts.

(From Saturday's Daily.)
Some sixteen years ago the general stamp in business in Sidney hit Erwin Simpson, among others, and he was left owing Godacre & Sons a considerable sum. He came into Victoria, retrieved his position and practically cleared off this large indebtedness. In a suit which is being heard by Judge Lampman in County Court the creditors sue for some \$160,000, which is claimed as being still due.

H. W. R. Moore, for the defendant, pleaded the statute of limitations as a bar to the action.

C. Kemp, for the plaintiffs, alleged that there had been transactions between the parties within the last six years, and he contended that this constituted a revival of the debt.

His Honor allowed the case to go over until Monday to allow the plaintiffs to produce some evidence in support of the allegation. He will then hear further argument on the legal point involved.

Beginning January 1st the Northern Pacific Railway Company will put on a fast train, The Shasta Limited, between Seattle and San Francisco. This train, which consists of similar equipment to that of the North Coast Limited, will make the run between Seattle and San Francisco in 34 hours.

At a meeting of the Western Motor & Supply Company, Ltd., formerly the Pilmley Auto Co., held on Wednesday evening last, the shareholders were paid a dividend of fourteen per cent. This was declared by the directors at the expiration of their business year, November 30th, 1909.

The heavy rains which fell during the early part of last week made trouble for the B. C. Electric Company, as they washed the small gravel away from under the rails. A number of men have been set to work to repair these small defects and shortly the track will be in good condition.

It has been arranged by the officers and members of the Victoria fire department to give a minstrel entertainment and social on New Year's eve at the headquarters building, Cormorant street. An excellent programme is being prepared, which will include several selections from members of the brigade. Tickets may now be secured from members of the committee.

LITTLE LAD'S EYE DESTROYED STONE CARELESSLY THROWN THE CAUSE

Clarence Coldwell the Victim
of a Distressing
Accident.

Not only are innocent and unsuspecting persons in danger of losing their eyesight through the criminal carelessness of youths with firearms, but from the prevalent habit of stone throwing by boys.

Right on the heels of a most distressing accident from the former cause comes a pathetic case from the latter. Eleven-year-old Clarence H. Coldwell, the eldest son of George A. Coldwell, assistant night foreman of the Colost, Friday had the sight of his right eye destroyed by a stone, thrown carelessly by Oliver Begar. Clarence, a very bright little fellow, went out to call his brother, who was playing marbles with Begar near-by. A dog frisking about interrupted the game and young Begar picked up a stone to throw at it. On the dog jumping away the boy wheeled about and flung it, but instead of striking the animal the sharp flint shaved off the front of young Coldwell's eye.

The lad managed to stumble into his home, while the stone-thrower took to his heels. Mr. and Mrs. Coldwell applied a hot compress to the eye and hurried the lad to the office of Dr. Froudford, who is considered one of the most skilful oculists in Canada. The doctor took him to St. Joseph's hospital, but the injury was found to be irreparable, as the iris and pupil had both been destroyed, and their removal was imperative in order to save the sight of the other eye.

The boy who threw the stone is a pupil at Oak Bay school, and boards at the Norwood, Oak Bay avenue. It is said that the practice of throwing stones is a common one with him. Much sympathy is expressed for the injured lad and his parents.

CAPTAIN NICHOLSON IS AT VANCOUVER

New Marine Superintendent
Will Visit Different Coast
Points.

Captain Nicholson, the new marine superintendent for the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company, has arrived at Vancouver and is getting in touch with the different people and places with which he will have to do. He will visit Seattle, where the old Miller dock has been leased by the company, and where large improvements are to be made. He will also spend some time in this city, where the wharf construction, the plans for which have already been filed. Captain Nicholson came to the coast with a group of G. T. P. officials.

KUMERIC ARRIVED FROM THE ORIENT

Had Slow Passage Owing to
Head Winds—Left for
Vancouver.

(From Saturday's Daily.)
The Andrew Weir liner, Kumeric, Captain Mathie, arrived from the Orient this morning. She carries 5,000 tons of general freight, part for Vancouver and part for Seattle. There are eight passengers for the Mainland, four cabin and four steerage.

The steamer had a slow trip, experiencing head winds, and was a day late. Captain Mathie decided to try for Vancouver this afternoon, as it was reported that the fog had lifted, and after passing quarantine the steamer sailed this afternoon.

—What gives promise of a rare musical treat will be given at the Grand theatre on Sunday, the 26th inst. Signor Claudio has organized a symphony orchestra and will give a grand sacred concert, when the works of the best masters will be given a treatment seldom equalled in this city. The concert will be repeated on the following Sunday, and should the public show their appreciation it is the intention to give fortnightly recitals. No admission is charged, it being the intention to depend upon voluntary offerings. The signor should receive every encouragement from those musically inclined, and we have no doubt that the effort to provide these delightful entertainments will be well appreciated by the public.

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CITY TO APPLY FOR CROWN GRANT

New Chapter in Fight for Possession of Waterfront Lot.

John Dean appeared before the streets, sewers and bridges committee of the city council Friday night and made a lengthy statement in opposition to proposed execution of the lease of the foreshore lot at the foot of Queen's avenue to the Taylor Mill Co. and the Lemon, Gonnason Co. Mr. Dean came fortified with a mass of data in support of his contention that the city would not be justified in executing the lease, that the milling companies were in reality only squatters and that the city should at once apply to the provincial government for a Crown grant of the property in question and then hold it for public purposes at all times.

Mr. Dean took the negotiations between the city and the companies from the very start, concluding with the assertion that somewhere the city had been misled as to its rights. Mr. Dean read letters from the Victoria Brick Co., the Humber Brick Co., and Baker Bros., all heavy shippers of brick, who at present have to pay wharfage dues to the gas company as there is no public wharf. They strongly supported Mr. Dean's attitude and urged that the city hold the property for public wharf purposes.

It was finally decided to instruct the city solicitor to take immediate steps to secure the grant from the province.

REFINED OIL ARRIVES ON STEAMER TEES

Nearly Everything on West Coast Temporarily Closed Down.

After an uneventful trip to Quatsino and way ports steamer Tees arrived in here Friday. She brought 170 barrels of whale oil which had been refined at the station, and reported that there was nearly 600 barrels more which would be refined before being shipped to this port. Besides this there was ready for shipment about six thousand sacks of bone meal, which has been ground since the whaling steamers left. All will be cleaned up by the end of the year.

The work on the west coast is nearly all closed down. The sawmill at Quatsino is not working, neither is any work being done at present at Noodin. At Sombrio the big flood, washed away all the flumes and other preparations for gold washing, so that it will be some time before any work is done. About 30 passengers arrived on the west coast steamer. She will leave again on the 20th for Helberg and way ports.

The members of the choir of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hearn, "Kingsley" Foul Bay, last Thursday night in a most enjoyable manner. Games and music were indulged in, after which the choir sat down to a sumptuous supper. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered the host and hostess for the very pleasant evening spent.

The Christmas stamps issued by the Anti-Tuberculosis Society are selling well, and it is expected that quite a sum will be realized from the sale of these. Among some of the places where these souvenir stamps may be bought are: Hibbens', the Victoria Book & Stationery Co., the Standard Stationery Co., Challon & Mitchell's, Redfern's, Wilkerson's, Clayton's, Watt's, Beasdale's, Fletcher's, the Post Office, Morris', Sommer's, the Palace of Sweets, Tobin & Potts', the hotels and drug stores.



For A Baby

It is sometimes hard to think of a suitable gift. We can offer two splendid suggestions:

INFANTS' TOILET SETS
INFANTS' HAIR BRUSHES

The daintiest of soft Hair Brushes, in pink, blue, white, etc. Charming Parisian goods and priced very modestly. The cutest of Toilet Sets.

CYRUS H. BOWES
CHEMIST,
123 GOVERNMENT ST.

Shop Early

And avoid the unpleasantness of finding Stocks broken and depleted. We are prepared for the usual rush of Xmas shopping, and can guarantee our many customers fresh, clean groceries at prices that will please. This week you will probably require

SWIFT'S PREMIUM HAMS, per lb. 25c
B. C. SPECIAL HAMS, per lb. 25c
SWIFT'S PREMIUM BACON, per lb. 35c
B. C. SPECIAL PALE BACON, per lb. 35c
B. C. ROYAL BACONS, per lb. 25c

PHONE ORDERS RECEIVE PROMPT ATTENTION.

The Family Cash Grocery
CORNER YATES AND DOUGLAS STREETS
PHONE 312.



JUST FIVE DAYS MORE

And then comes the greatest of all days—Christmas Day. There is very little time now to complete your Christmas shopping. Those that shop early best express their consideration for the welfare of all employees, during the Christmas rush. We trust this ad. will be of assistance to you, and feel sure that your judgment will confirm the modest values here quoted.

FROM NOW ON WE'LL BE OPEN EVENINGS

COATS AND SUITS

Those who study economy will find values here without an equal. For instance, we are offering a splendid line of coats, values up to \$30 for **\$12.75**

All our coats and suits have that regal air of exclusiveness.

SILVER PURSES

With chain handles, at \$4.75, \$4.50 and **\$4.00**

Silver chain bags, white kid lining, from \$7.50 to **\$1.75**

HAIR ORNAMENTS

Excellent assortment in bird knots, butterflies, wings and bands—all sequin and net, \$2.00 to **.75c**

BEADS

Fancy bead chains, long and short, in all colored beads and dull and bright jet, 90c, 75c, 50c, 35c and **25c**

BUCHING

Boxes with six pieces of net, chiffon, and fancy gird. Special at **25c**

GLOVES

We are splendidly equipped to serve you with the best. Christmas assortment is complete. We issue Glove Scrip all the year round.

CHILDREN'S KID GLOVES, 90c and **75c**

LADIES' DENT'S TAN, per pair **\$1**

LADIES' LINED KID, per pair. **\$1**

GLOVES (continued)

LADIES' CAPE GLOVE, with strap on wrist, per pair **\$1.00**

LADIES' CAPE GLOVE, strap on wrist, 6 button, per pair **\$1.50**

LADIES' FRENCH KID, black, white and tan, per pair **\$1.00**

LADIES' FOWNE'S, splendid quality, all shades, per pair **\$1.25**

LADIES' FOWNE'S, extra quality, all shades, per pair **\$1.50**

LADIES' DENT'S, medium weight, per pair **\$1.50**

LADIES' JONVIN SUEDE, all shades, per pair **\$1.50**

LADIES' EVENING GLOVES, in kid and suede, all Fowne's, per pair, \$3.75 to **\$1.75**

APRONS

Ladies' Kitchen Aprons, in butcher linen, at 50c, 40c and **25c**

Nurses' Aprons, of heavy white linen, 90c, 75c and **30c**

Maids' Aprons, in white lawn, trimmed with embroidery, at 90c, 75c, 50c and **35c**

Afternoon Tea Aprons, of white lawn, trimmed with embroidery and lace, at 65c, 50c and **35c**

Children's White Muslin Pinafores, at 90c, 75c, 50c, 35c and **25c**

FURS

Children's Sets — Muff and Boa—in Foxaline **\$3.75**

Children Sets, suitable for a child of two years, \$3.75 and **\$2.25**

Ladies' White Fox-line Furs, with heads and tails, very stylish, \$10.50 to **\$2.75**

Ladies' Brown Furs, \$15 to **\$4.75**

Grey Squirrel, \$14 to **\$9.75**

Moleskin, \$7.50 to **\$6.75**

FANS

Fancy Colored Paper Fans, 50c, 35c and **25c**

Fans with ivory sticks and trimmed with sequin and lace, to black, white and other light shades, \$9.00 to **\$1.00**

HAT PINS, extra length, fancy tops, at 90c, 50c, 35c, 25c, 20c and **10c**

COMBS—Barettes, plain and fancy, at 90c, 75c, 50c, 35c and **25c**

BACK COMBS, plain tops, 50c. **25c**

SPANISH LACE SCARVES, cream and black, all hand run, very beautiful. Would make an excellent Christmas Gift, \$15 to **\$4.75**

UMBRELLAS

CHILDREN'S UMBRELLAS, 90c and only **75c**

LADIES' UMBRELLAS, very good value at \$5.75 to **\$1.25**

LADIES' SILK UMBRELLAS, fancy gold and plain handles, \$9 to **\$6.50**

BAGS! BELTS!

Both very desirable articles and certainly appropriate as a small gift to some friend.

BAGS—Children's Small Bags, fancy pictures and colors, 50c, 30c and **25c**

LADIES' FANCY BAGS—Sequin trimming, in all light shades. Special **\$1.25**

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NEW COTTAGE, Mears street, close to tram; modern in every way. Price \$6,000.

COTTAGE, Alfred street, rents at \$20 per month. Price \$2,100.

6-ROOMED HOUSE on corner lot, one block from junction of Fort and Yates; excellent site to erect corner store; adjoining house, growing neighborhood. Price only \$3,000.

160 ACRES, section 25, Sooke road, about 10 acres cultivated, orchard about one acre; 2 storied house 18x24, and kitchen, barn and chicken house; stream of water. Price \$2,800.

3 1/2 ACRES, Hampshire road, all in garden and fruit; handsome bungalow with stone foundation, stable and shed. Price \$6,000.

THE COAST LOCATORS
ROOM 20, 618 YATES ST.
PHONE 1413.

NEW BUNGALOW, handsomely finished, Pembroke street, No. 1164, a genuine bargain at \$2,700; \$400 cash, balance \$25 per month; lot 60x120, fenced; will rent at \$25 per month, if not sold by Jan. 1st.

NEW BUNGALOW, 6 rooms, Hillside Ave., lot 50x125, fenced, a snap at \$2,850; \$250 cash, balance \$25 per month.

6 ROOMED HOUSE, cor. Cameron and Pembroke, No. 1153, price \$2,250; \$250 cash, balance \$20 per month.

27 ACRES, sub-divided into 154 lots, Burnside road; the cheapest sub-division on the market to-day; price \$1,350 per acre, terms.

3 ACRES, Shoal Bay, sub-divided into 15 large lots, price \$5,000; \$1,000 cash, balance \$12 and 13 months.

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12,500-6 ROOM HOUSE, modern, Menzies street, 1 minute from car; \$600 cash and balance \$50 every 2 months at 6 per cent.

13,000-4 ROOM NEW BUNGALOW, Esquimalt road, corner lot 60 ft. x 140 ft., basement, and modern throughout; \$500 cash, balance to arrange.

\$25-50 CASH and balance easy, for a good lot on David street, near 2 car lines.

\$50-GOOD LARGE LOT on Hulton St., off Fort St., terms 1 cash, balance easy.

\$60-FULL SIZED LOT, Stanley Ave., 1-3 cash, balance easy.

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LOT-225 Humboldt Street.

LOT 4 Bk. 3, 50x120, Fernwood Gardens, \$15,000.

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JAMES BAY—\$1,600 will purchase new 5-ROOMED COTTAGE; \$600 cash, balance on time.

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\$3,000—QUEBEC STREET, MODERN 7-ROOMED DWELLING, newly painted and in good order; easy terms.

\$2,500—145-STORY DWELLING and lot 5x145. Well situated in James Bay; on terms.

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HOUSE, 8 ROOMS, stable and loft, fruit trees, close to Oak Bay Ave., near two car lines; house and lot, \$4,000; with extra lot, \$4,750; terms.

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5 LOTS, 62x200, Burnside road, close to Douglas street. Price, \$750; terms.

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MEDINA ST.—One lot; \$1,450.

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25 ACRES fronting on Elk Lake; large new house, barn and stables; an ideal spot; land partly cleared; also 1/2 required an additional 25 acres; \$5,500.

\$150 CASH and \$15 per month will buy house of 6 rooms; new, large flower and vegetable garden; \$2,100.

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HOUSE of 1 1/2 story, large lot, close to tram car; \$1,900.

BURNSIDE ROAD—7-roomed house; easy terms; \$2,000.

50 ACRES—Metchosin district, stock and implements; \$4,000.

SAYS POLICE ARE NOT BACKED UP

Juvenile Protection Association of Vancouver Has Proofs.

Vancouver, Dec. 18.—There was a decided feeling expressed at the Juvenile Court Protection Association meeting that the efforts of the police along various lines, such as the case of erring youngsters, the suppression of the opium traffic, and the cancellation of licenses for law-breaking, were not being upheld by the higher authorities. The quashing of convictions, and the allowance of licenses after the police had recommended their cancellation, were particularly referred to. One instance quoted was that of the Grand theatre, the license of which was renewed on a Monday, after it had been taken away on the Thursday previous. G. H. Healey drew the attention of the meeting to the fact that although it had been recommended that the city changing should not be put to work on the city streets, little was done to remedy the situation.

Objection was also taken to the action of the authorities in handling over the operation of the act to the Children's Aid Society, and the opinion was expressed by Dr. Fraser, among others, that the association might as well disband if it were not allowed to conduct the juvenile work which it had begun. Letters were read from the Dominion department of Justice and Dominion Parole Officer Archibald, that the act would be put into operation upon the provincial attorney-general certifying to the fact that the necessary regulations were being complied with. The Hon. Mr. Bowser had said that he would make this report at once.

The legal work in connection with the incorporation of the association is now in the hands of the city solicitor's department.

A mill shortly will be established in Sweden for spinning yarn from paper.

NOTICE.

THE HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY hereby give notice that, one month from date hereof, they will apply to the Superintendent of Provincial Police at Victoria, B. C., for a renewal of their license for selling intoxicating liquors to the premises known as The Hudson's Bay House, situated at Telegraph Creek, in the District of Cassiar, to commence the 1st day of January, 1910.

THE HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY,
25th November, 1909.

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Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 28th day of October, 1909.

W. A. GATT.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GEORGE JACQUES LAPE OF VICTORIA, B. C., DECEASED.

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the Trustee and Executors Act, to all persons claiming to be creditors of the above-named deceased, or having goods in his hands for repair or otherwise, to deliver to the undersigned on or before the 15th day of January, A. D. 1910, full particulars of their claim, verified by statutory declaration. After said date the executors will proceed to distribute the assets according to law.

Dated at Victoria, British Columbia, this 20th day of November, 1909.

J. P. WALLIS,
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MEN WANTED in every locality in Canada to make \$20 per week and \$5 per expense advertising our goods. Posting up showed in conspicuous places and generally representing us. No work to light men. No experience required. Write for particulars. Royal Remedy Co., London, Ont., Canada.

Exchange
EXCHANGES—We have farms to exchange for real estate property and vacant lots to exchange for residence property. What have you to offer? Forster & Co., Mahon Bldg.

EXCHANGE equity in three lots, James Bay, on a 5 or 8 roomed cottage. What have you? Apply L. W. Bick, 1104 Broad street.

FOR RENT—Houses
FOR RENT—70 Hill street, 115. Apply Raines, near Maywood P. O. 421

FOR RENT—A roomed house, with large garden and stable, on Yates street, between Vancouver and Quadra, \$25 per month. Chispe & Hart, 135 Langley street.

FURNISHED COTTAGES TO LET, with electric light, bath, hot and cold water. Apply J. R. Smith, 808 York street, 104 Dallas road. 277 tr

For Sale—Acreage
AN XMAS PRESENT—100-acre farm, Salt Spring Island, close to three wharves. 300 acres, crown granted, 60 acres good bottom land, fishing lake on property, good hunting; price \$2500. Write for particulars. Phone 1084. 504 Government St.

FOR SALE—Section 25, Highlands District, 100 acres, crown granted, 60 acres good bottom land, fishing lake on property, good hunting; price \$2500. Write for particulars. Phone 1084. 504 Government St.

ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY ACRES for sale in Highland District, close to mountain lakes, log house beside stream which never goes dry; good hunting and fishing. Price \$1000. Box 695, Times Office. 419 tr

WANTED—To buy, prairie land in exchange for Victoria home containing 200 acres of land, mixed little with rocks and good land, suitable for chickens and stock, only 1 mile from city. New roomed cottage, large barn, chicken house, fruit trees, etc. but mostly all over the place, plenty of fuel, land all enclosed. Apply to P. O. Box 83, Victoria. 277 tr

For Sale—Articles
FOR SALE—Sloop, 23 ft. long, 9 ft. beam, large cabin. Apply Esquimaux Hotel, 424

INCANDESCENT LAMPS—The brightest of all Christmas presents is the Star Electric Lamp. Burns out, makes its own gas, three hours' brilliant light for one cent. Price 10c. Free catalogue on application at your own home, or see it 10c to 2 p. m. at 1009 Douglas street. Thomas Wilkinson.

COLUMBIA GRAPHOPHONE FOR SALE, 1153, new, with good selection of records, 2 horns, etc., going at bargain; also the new Columbia gramophone, 1153 Hillside Ave. Telephone 1217. 430

FOR SALE—1000 B. C. Oil Refining shares at \$1.05. P. O. Box 772. 421

XMAS PRESENTS—A chance to obtain your Xmas gifts at your own price. Selling at 25c below cost. Auction sale at 1009 Douglas street, 12th and evening 7:30. Alaska Bazaar, 1210 Government street.

FOR SALE—Tools, guns, clothing, curios, crockery, scales, etc. at a sacrifice. At the Xmas Hand Pans, Ontario street, Alby, Johnson street, opposite Passages Theatre.

GREENHOUSES, flat bottom boats, long ladders, steps, meat safes, dog houses, stoves, books, etc. 501 Yates, corner Quadra, Tel. R1322.

FOR SALE—Gents' gold filled chains, \$10; ladies' gold earrings, \$10; English rolled gold cuff-buttons, \$5; lady's engraved ruby ring, \$2.50; boys' new watches, \$1.50. All goods neatly packed for export. "The Gold" store, 87 Johnson St., 8 doors below Government, Victoria, B. C. Phone 1774.

FOR ALTERATIONS, repairs and jobbing, in all rooms. Carpeting and jobbing, corner Fort and Quadra. Tel. 1218.

CHOICE FIR DOORS, sash, mouldings, etc. at lowest prices. Moore & Whitford, Yates street.

FOR SALE—One first-class cow, newly calved; ten small pigs; also buggies, light wagons, horse and harness. Apply J. J. Fisher's Carriage Shop, 645 Discovery, or Mitchell street, Oak Bay.

FOR SALE—New five and six roomed houses corner Work and Market, off Hillside, basement, electric light, sewer, bath, etc. Owner, 1045 Fisgard. 318

A SNAP FOR MONDAY—\$170 buys a 3 roomed house on Third street; \$50 cash, and \$50 a month for three months, balance at the rate of \$30 a month; a good buy. Forster & Co., Mahon Bldg.

FERNWOOD ROAD—5 room cottage, bath, electric light, hot and cold water, stone foundation; price \$2500; cash \$200, balance to suit. B. MaySmith & Co., Ltd., Mahon Bldg.

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BOYD ST.—Near Dallas road, 7 room house, all modern conveniences; owner leaving. Best buy in city. \$12,000. N. B. MaySmith & Co., Ltd., Mahon Bldg.

FOR SALE—Eight roomed house overlooking Beacon Hill Park; all conveniences; fruit and ornamental trees. Price \$150. Phone R164.

For Sale—Livestock
FOR SALE—Young driving horse, harness and rubber tired buggy, or will exchange for part paid estate. Apply Skating Rink.

FOR SALE—Wire-haired fox terrier puppy. Apply Tindall, 1601 Pandora Ave. 423

FOR SALE—Pure bred Rhode Island Red chickens. Apply J. R. Smith, Chalmers, B. C. 417 tr

FIRST-CLASS TEAM FOR SALE, \$500; also cheer team. Eull, cor. Bristol and David.

FOR SALE—Cheap, better, eighteen months old. Address P. O. Box 448.

FOR SALE—H. J. Walker, 4118 Delta street. Phone 4174.

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INVESTORS—We have several good buys in Chinatown, large rental and prime investment for investors. Forster & Co., Mahon Bldg.

PRIOR STREET—Four lots, fronting on two streets, a beautiful building site overlooking the entire city and Strates' Co., Ltd.

VIEW STREET—Near Vancouver street, 60x120 ft. lot; price \$3000. N. B. MaySmith & Co., Ltd., Mahon Bldg.

YATES STREET—Between Vancouver and Quadra streets, lot 60x120; price \$3500. N. B. MaySmith & Co., Ltd., Mahon Bldg.

IMPRESS AVENUE—Two lots between Vancouver and Quadra streets; price \$1200 for both. N. B. MaySmith & Co., Ltd., Mahon Bldg.

QUEEN'S AVENUE—One lot facing new City Park; price \$200. N. B. MaySmith & Co., Ltd., Mahon Bldg.

DOUGLAS STREET—Near Dunedin street, one lot, price \$700. N. B. MaySmith & Co., Ltd., Mahon Bldg.

AMPHION STREET—Lot near Oak Bay; price \$300. N. B. MaySmith & Co., Ltd., Mahon Bldg.

SHOAL BAY—Large lot, 80x226 feet, between Shoal Bay and Oak Bay car line, first-class building site. Price \$2500. N. B. MaySmith & Co., Ltd., Mahon Bldg.

SNAP—Full size lot in Central Park, on Victoria avenue, near new City Park, close to 7 minutes' walk from business centre; for quick sale, \$750. N. B. MaySmith & Co., Ltd.

FOR SALE—Block of 8 beautifully situated lots adjoining reservoir, four 60 ft. x 100 ft. and four 60 ft. x 125 ft. in all, \$400 each; \$50 per lot down, balance to suit. Shortlist of 22 choice lots \$225 each, \$30 per lot down, balance to suit. Would exchange either of the above for city property. Apply proprietor, Fernterston, Mount Tolmie P. O. 313

FOR SALE—Fine lot, Oak Bay avenue, 60x120, near junction. Price \$600. Phone R164.

Help Wanted—Female

WANTED—A capable woman to take care of three children from 1 to 5 each afternoon. Apply at 1455 Fort street. 421

WANTED—At once, girl to do general house work and light cooking. Apply 58 Toronto street. 422

WANTED—A young girl to wash dishes at the Sandringham, 1212 Douglas street. No Sunday work. 416 tr

WANTED—Ladies to do plain and light sewing at home, whole or spare time; good pay; work sent and distance, charges paid; send stamp for full particulars. National Manufacturing Co., Montreal.

WANTED—A competent cook, good salary. Apply 920 Yates. 417 tr

WANTED—A daily governess for girl of thirteen. Apply Box 745, Times Office. 422

Situations Wanted—Male

2 STRONG, WILLING BOYS, aged 15, require work, any capacity. \$25 Yearly. 420

Rooms and Board

LARGE, furnished front room for two, \$1.50 per week each; breakfast if desired. 2610 Government street. 422

FURNISHED HOUSE TO LET—Facing Alameda, near Passadenas, Cal. Mr. Craig was one of Nanaimo's foremost business men, and for many years was a member of the firm of Craig Bros., carriage builders and blacksmiths.

UNFURNISHED ROOMS, 67 Hillside, 4 doors left Government street. 421

ONE OR TWO large, well furnished bedrooms, also sitting room, exclusive neighborhood, convenient to Fort street cars; breakfast if desired. Phone 1731. 422

GORDON HOUSE, 88 Blanchard street, modern rooming house, latest conveniences. Tel. 1241. 410

WANTED—Two young men to share bedroom and board, \$4.50. 729 Fisgard St. City. 422

PRIVATE BOARDING HOUSE for men, home comforts, terms moderate. Stanley House, 516 Hillside avenue, corner Bridge street. 422

THE POPLARS, corner house, facing Express Hotel, room and board, moderate. 421

LARGE furnished front room for two men; also housekeeping room. Cheap. 1022 Pandora. 421

THE "OAKS"—The only modern rooming house in Victoria. Steam heat, hot and cold running water and private

ARRANGEMENTS FOR NEW NAVY

AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT REPORTS TO PARLIAMENT

Same Military Terms to Be Used by All Parts of Empire.

The report of the proceedings of the Defence conference as they affected Australia was presented to the Australian parliament shortly before the steamer Aorangi left for this port.

In peace time, and while on the Australian station, the unit will be under the exclusive control of the Commonwealth government as regards administration; and general administration; and regulations similar to the King's regulations and naval discipline shall obtain when the unit is with vessels of the Royal Navy.

The initial cost is estimated as follows:—One armoured cruiser (new) indomitable class, £2,000,000; three unarmoured cruisers (Bristol), at £350,000; 1,050,000; six destroyers (River class) at £300,000; 1,800,000; three submarines (C class) at £55,000; 1,650,000. Total, £5,805,000.

The annual cost of maintenance, including wages at Australian rates, interest, and sinking fund, is estimated at £758,000 per annum, and until the Commonwealth can take over the whole cost the Imperial government will contribute £250,000 yearly.

The present subsidy of £200,000 is to be continued until the new Australian unit shall relieve the existing Australian squadron. When desired, officers and men of the Australian service may be sent to vessels and training schools of the Royal Navy in exchange for Imperial officers and men who may volunteer for Australian service.

The construction of the armoured cruiser is to be undertaken as soon as possible, and the whole unit completed within about two and a half years.

Local training schools are to be established, and until stores and munitions can be supplied locally they will be supplied by the admiralty at Royal Navy cost.

Attention is drawn in the report to the varying standards of organization throughout the Empire. The dominions are asked to work out a policy which will enable them to mobilize at war establishments of corresponding Imperial units.

WATERFRONT RIGHTS TO BE APPLIED FOR

Cameron Lumber Co. Want to Prepare for Exporting Business.

The Cameron Lumber Company is applying to the Dominion government for a grant of the foreshore rights opposite their lumber mill at the end of Garbally road. For a long time this waterfront has been used by them for mooring their scows and tugs, but no definite application to recognize their rights has been made.

NEW MISSION BOAT

Vessel Under Construction for Anglican Church.

New Westminster, Dec. 18.—The keel of the new mission steamer for the Anglican church was laid at the ways of the Westminster Marine Railway company on Lulu Island.

The new mission boat will be over 100 feet long, stately built to withstand the heavy seas of the coast along which she will cruise and will be fitted up as completely as required for the work in which she will be engaged.

WILL SIT FOR QUEBEC EAST.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier Formally Vacates Seat for Ottawa.

Ottawa, Dec. 17.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier this afternoon announced his decision to sit for Quebec East, and formally vacated his seat for Ottawa.

HER DEATH WAS HOURLY EXPECTED

Enterprise, Ont., Oct. 1st, 1909. "For seven years I suffered with what physicians called a 'Water Tumor' I could neither sit, stand, nor lie down. Hydronephrosis of morphia had to be given me to ease the pain.



MRS. JAMES FENWICK.

My cure seemed hopeless, and my friends hourly expected my death. It was so bad that I wanted to die, and it was during one of these very bad spells that a family friend brought a box of "Fruit-a-tives" to the house.

"Fruit-a-tives" are sold by all dealers at 50c a box—\$ for \$2.50, or trial box, 25c, or sent post-paid on receipt of price by Fruit-a-tives Limited, Ottawa.

MANY DREDGES ARE GOING TO NOME

Australian Invention to Be Used Within Arctic Circle Next Year.

Frank H. Waskey, a well-known Nome mining operator and the first delegate to the United States Congress from Alaska, has received information to the effect that five new dredges, with an aggregate output capacity of \$1,000,000 every hundred days, will be shipped to Nome on the first boats next spring.

Two of the dredging machines are now under construction at San Francisco. They are of the type invented by Arthur J. Hutton, a young Australian engineer, who has made success at Nome with the Pearson dredge last summer.

Three of the dredges to be shipped to Nome next summer will be placed on Solomon River. One of them is being built to the order of O. Sivertsen, who operated a small capacity machine last summer while another is being constructed to the order of Frank I. Reed, J. J. Gedeony, the manager of the Solomon River and Council City Railroad, is at the head of the enterprise which is placing the third machine on this stream.

LOGGER LOST HIS EYE AND LOST HIS CASE

Jury Found That His Employer Was Not Liable for Damages.

Vancouver, Dec. 15.—A verdict for the defendant was rendered in the case of Elmer Hunter against the Anderson Logging Company, which was heard before Mr. Justice Morrison and a special jury of eight. Hunter sat in court with a leather shade covering the socket of an eye that he had lost, as the result of an accident while working for the Anderson Logging company at its camp on Vancouver Island.

CHINAMAN CO-RESPONDENT

New York, Dec. 18.—Sun Chann, the saffron-hued cashier in a Chinese curio shop, broke up the family of a white man, Frank B. Paulsen, cashier in the auditor's office of the Mutual Life Insurance Company, obtained a divorce yesterday from his wife, Sarah. Sun Chann was named as co-respondent. The Paulsens separated a year ago, and Mrs. Paulsen went to her former home at New Platz, N. Y.

Her alleged infatuation with Sun Chann dated from that time. Mrs. Paulsen denies the charges.

Lever Brothers, Toronto, will send you a cake of their famous Plantio soap, if you mention this paper.

SPEECH DAY AT BOYS' SCHOOL

STANDING OF PUPILS DURING LAST TERM

W. W. Bolton's Institution Has Done Splendid Work for Education.

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The warden, Rev. Mr. Bolton, read a long address outlining the advancement of the school since its inception at Esquimalt in 1888. The present school, he said, was open last February, and the attendance has increased till there are now over 100 in boarders and day boys.

The mathematics of the fifth were on the whole very satisfactory. One third of the class set in excellent papers, and one-third very poor. The papers of Mathews, Rich and Sutherland are deserving of special mention.

In French every boy obtained the pass standard, but six or seven boys were not satisfactory.

In English subjects Mathews was easily first with over 70 per cent. Ambery was a close second, but not all but two were satisfactory.

The papers in Chemistry were very uneven. Rich's paper was very good, obtaining 88 per cent, but with two exceptions, the rest were poor.

In Mathematics, the papers were quite satisfactory, with the exception of Euclid; it would be better if we attempted less in this subject and did it more thoroughly.

In Latin on the whole the results are very satisfactory, but six or seven boys did really excellent papers. Otter, Creery, Bagnshaw and Gordon did well in the upper division while Crawford deserves mention for obtaining 97 per cent.

In French the results are decidedly better, only five boys falling out of 27. Otter and MacKay were easily best, the former securing the prize by a very narrow margin.

The English subjects were good on the whole, Geography being the best subject. It must be remarked that in English grammar the weak spot is parsing. Creery's work in these subjects deserves great praise.

In Chemistry about half the class obtained the pass standard; the work of the rest showing a distinct falling off.

The Arithmetic of the third form was well done, showing careful and correct work. The neatness and arrangement of the work being noteworthy.

The Latin papers were extremely good, the first half of the class obtaining over 77 per cent. Challenger being first with 85 per cent.

The results in French were also highly satisfactory, Palmer, Cave and Robertson sending in excellent papers.

The Composition prize was won by Henderson for a vivid description of "A Trip Across the Rockies," his style and vocabulary being most creditable for a boy of his age.

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SUNLIGHT SOAP



ALL OVER THE WORLD thousands of housewives use Sunlight Soap in preference to any other, because it cleanses the clothes more thoroughly, and at half the cost without injury to hands or fabric. Follow directions.

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The Spelling of the form is excellent. Burton and Shaw receiving 90 per cent of the marks. Composition generally good, the prize being won by Holmes.

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SEVERAL LAWYERS WERE SWORN IN

Mr. Justice Gregory Welcomes Newcomers to Ranks of Profession.

At a special meeting of the benchers of the Law Society of British Columbia, held under the presidency of C. E. Pooley, K. C., the following lawyers were admitted to practice and Thursday afternoon were presented before Mr. Justice Gregory by H. D. Helmcken, K. C. and sworn in: F. B. Hill, M. S. Lane, F. C. Moffatt, H. S. Wood, J. M. Price, S. R. Roe, F. J. McDougall, A. N. Daykin, J. R. Archibald, George Black and C. E. Fitzgerald.

Mr. Justice Gregory gave the new British Columbia practitioners a cordial welcome and remarked that like them he was just at the outset of a new career. In the public interest, he said, there must be co-operation between the bench and the bar. He looked to the bar for assistance in performing his duties satisfactorily and the bar could depend upon him giving all the assistance to them the bench should give.

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BRITISH COLUMBIA GAZETTE NOTICES

Several New Companies Have Been Incorporated—Bills for Session.

(From Friday's Daily.) This week's Provincial Gazette contains notice that the public offices of the provincial government will be closed on Friday, the 24th and 25th, the 31st, the days immediately preceding Christmas and New Year's Days.

Vancouver city, as usual, wants several amendments to its charter, as well as to the False Creek Foreshore Act of 1894, both of which come up for amendment annually. The B. C. Mainland & Coast Industrial Co., Ltd., will seek special power to operate tramways and the Vancouver Logging Company will apply for an act of incorporation.

In order to develop an important mining area a company will seek incorporation for the purpose of constructing a railway from the mouth of the Klutze river for six miles inland along the river course.

The following companies have been incorporated: B. C. City and Suburban Properties, Ltd., capital \$25,000; real estate agents, general contractors, merchants, etc.

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SEVERAL LAWYERS WERE SWORN IN

Mr. Justice Gregory Welcomes Newcomers to Ranks of Profession.

At a special meeting of the benchers of the Law Society of British Columbia, held under the presidency of C. E. Pooley, K. C., the following lawyers were admitted to practice and Thursday afternoon were presented before Mr. Justice Gregory by H. D. Helmcken, K. C. and sworn in: F. B. Hill, M. S. Lane, F. C. Moffatt, H. S. Wood, J. M. Price, S. R. Roe, F. J. McDougall, A. N. Daykin, J. R. Archibald, George Black and C. E. Fitzgerald.

Mr. Justice Gregory gave the new British Columbia practitioners a cordial welcome and remarked that like them he was just at the outset of a new career. In the public interest, he said, there must be co-operation between the bench and the bar. He looked to the bar for assistance in performing his duties satisfactorily and the bar could depend upon him giving all the assistance to them the bench should give.

Col. Peters made a short address. He had known Mr. Bolton sixteen years, and was glad to see the school had 70 out of its 100 in the cadet corps. It was necessary to fight, he said, despite the claims for arbitration. He advised all boys to learn to shoot straight, and hoped they would be as expert with the rifle as in all other branches of the school work.

BRITISH COLUMBIA GAZETTE NOTICES

Several New Companies Have Been Incorporated—Bills for Session.

(From Friday's Daily.) This week's Provincial Gazette contains notice that the public offices of the provincial government will be closed on Friday, the 24th and 25th, the 31st, the days immediately preceding Christmas and New Year's Days.

Vancouver city, as usual, wants several amendments to its charter, as well as to the False Creek Foreshore Act of 1894, both of which come up for amendment annually. The B. C. Mainland & Coast Industrial Co., Ltd., will seek special power to operate tramways and the Vancouver Logging Company will apply for an act of incorporation.

In order to develop an important mining area a company will seek incorporation for the purpose of constructing a railway from the mouth of the Klutze river for six miles inland along the river course.

The following companies have been incorporated: B. C. City and Suburban Properties, Ltd., capital \$25,000; real estate agents, general contractors, merchants, etc.

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