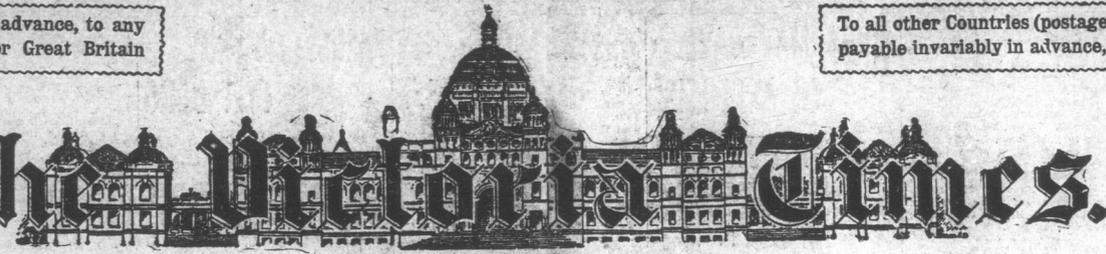


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City's Water Bill Has Been Dropped

W. J. Taylor, K. C., Would Not Consent to Amendments Which Were Proposed to Be Made to It This Morning

(From Monday's Daily.)

The private bills committee met this morning again and considered the Victoria Water Works Act.

The result of the deliberation was that the city decided that in view of the fact that the session was so near a close that it would endanger the bill to proceed with the attempt to get water for power purposes.

The chairman, A. E. McPhillips, on opening, called attention to an editorial in the Times. He said that while he felt that the press had an important duty to perform, he took exception, however, to the editorial in which reference was made to himself. According to the rules of the House he was entitled to take part in all matters with which he was not interested in a pecuniary way. He had no connection with any company connected with this legislation. The decision of the committee had been reached by the committee as a whole. He as chairman had not been called upon to exercise his rights yet, whatever might be done by him later. As a ratepayer he had an interest in the city. He did not propose to be coerced or intimidated. He approved of the sections of the bill passed upon by the committee. He did not agree with the power clause proposed, which was very struck out. The mayor and aldermen had no mandate from the people to come and ask for this.

W. J. Taylor, K. C., for the city, pointed out that while the committee had attempted to adopt the provisions of the Ontario Act in safeguarding the interests of the companies by the municipality being forced to make an offer of purchase of the existing company's works, the interests of the municipality were not looked to. A reference to the Ontario Act in full showed that the onerous sections as far as the municipality was concerned while other sections which tended to make these less onerous were not proposed to be incorporated. If the whole of the powers of the Ontario Act were incorporated the city would be agreeable to it.

The chairman ruled that this question had been discussed of old and did not come up now without a resolution to another effect.

Stuart Henderson said that he had pressed for the provisions of the Ontario Act. Mr. Garden had pressed for it being made as Vancouver and others had supported this.

The chairman said there was no division of opinion in taking the vote. E. V. Bodwell, K. C., thought this could all be dealt with next year. He was prepared to go into the whole matter, however, and show that the committee was right in its stand that the chairman said that he would rule against re-opening the subject unless a motion were passed authorizing the re-opening of it.

H. E. Thompson thought the power section clauses were not as important as the question of getting water for the city. He thought the power question would require careful consideration.

With respect to the hydro power commission, Mr. Bodwell said that this was a government commission, which was given the whole of the matter and the whole matter and appropriate and turn it over to the municipalities. He argued that to go into the subject would require the taking of evidence on the company's investment. If it were done properly it would take a lot of time. The matter should stand over until next session.

Mr. Thompson said that the city of Victoria knew the situation and it was for the city to say what was to be done. If the city was prepared to take the risk of the bill getting through the House it should have the right to do so.

The chairman said that he did not believe the mayor and council of Victoria came before the committee with a mandate from the people to ask for power privileges. He by-law had been submitted for that purpose.

Mr. Thompson did not agree with what he felt the mayor and council were acting according to what he thought was the best interest of the city. It was for the council to decide whether this subject should be discussed.

Mr. Henderson agreed with Mr. Thompson.

Mr. McPhillips, the chairman, however, objected that the council had no mandate from the people to move as they had.

Mr. Taylor thought this was a burning question. It was not wise to postpone action.

The chairman said in absence of a formal motion he ruled the opening of the question out of order.

Thompson moved that the mayor of Victoria be heard on the subject. After consultation with the city barrister the mayor returned, and Mr. Taylor asked if according to the rules the power clauses might be moved as an amendment to the bill in the House. The chairman said this could be done,

OIL FACTORY GUTTED.

Spontaneous Combustion Cause of Big Blaze at Gloucester, Mass.

Gloucester, Mass., March 2.—Swarthchild & Bornstein's oilcloth factory, situated in the rear of 232-236 Main street, was burned yesterday, together with a stock of manufactured goods. The total loss is estimated at \$40,000 and is nearly covered by insurance. It is supposed that the fire resulted from spontaneous combustion.

OLYMPIC TENNIS TEAM.

Calgary Asked to Suggest Candidate for Canadian Big Four.

Calgary, March 2.—The secretary of the Calgary Tennis Club has received a letter from the Olympic authorities at Ottawa asking the name of a suitable candidate as a member of the representative Canadian four. R. T. Beard and Wm. Toole were chosen.

SAWMILL TO RESUME AT NORTH VANCOUVER

Additional Plant Will Be Installed—Busy Season Anticipated.

North Vancouver, Feb. 28.—The sawmill built and operated last season by the western corporation, and which has been closed down since Christmas, will shortly begin operations under new management. The company will be known as the Diplock-Wright Lumber Company.

COBALT ORE FOR B. C. SMELTERS

(Special to The Times.)

Toronto, March 2.—"I understand that shipments of low grade Cobalt ore are likely to be sent to British Columbia smelters," said Mr. E. L. Englehart, chairman of the T. & N. O. railway commission today. "The object is, of course, to mix it with British Columbia ore, a necessary process, and one which would be an advantage to the British Columbia people."

DODGED BULLETS OF DESPERADOES

Attempted Hold-up of Winnipeg Bank Led to Exciting Scenes.

Winnipeg, March 2.—Three men made a desperate attempt to hold up the staff of the Union Bank branch, Logan avenue, on Saturday night, while Manager Eas and F. W. Sussex, teller, were at work. Two men walked in and pointed revolvers at their heads ordered their hands to be thrown up.

SERUM WILL CURE SCARLET FEVER

Hypodermic Injections are Uniformly Successful in New York Epidemic.

New York, March 2.—Hypodermic injections of a serum similar to that used in the treatment of diphtheria are being successfully employed in scarlet fever cases in this city, according to physicians in hospitals in the east side, where the disease is unusually prevalent now.

MAIL ROBBERIES IN WINNIPEG

Mysterious Disappearances of Money Continues to Mysterify Officials.

Winnipeg, Man., March 2.—A series of mysterious mail robberies, covering a period of two and a half months, is being investigated by the officials of the Winnipeg post office and the postal department.

REVELSTOKE BRIDGE

Heavy Crop of Casualties Attend Erection of Structure.

Revelstoke, Feb. 28.—The new bridge over the Columbia at Revelstoke is producing a heavy crop of fatalities and casualties. Two more accidents occurred last week. W. McElroy fell a distance of 20 feet from the lower chords of the bridge on to a mass of old lumber, inflicting severe injuries to his body. W. Jackson also sustained nasty wounds about the body by falling from the bridge on Thursday afternoon. Both men are in the hospital.

THIRTEEN KILLED BY AVALANCHE

BURIED SWISS HOTEL WHILE GUESTS DINED

Sinister Rumbblings Praeluded Tragedy—Children's Efforts to Save Lives.

Berne, Switzerland, March 2.—An avalanche descended yesterday near the village of Copperstein during an enormous atmospheric pressure and demolished the hotel at the mouth of the Loetschental tunnel, killing 13 persons and injuring 15 others.

FINANCIAL SUICIDE.

Alex. Ross at One Time Was One of Canada's Crack Rifle Shots.

(Special to The Times.)

Winnipeg, March 2.—Alex. Ross, a well known merchant tailor, shot himself in the mouth to-day, dying instantly. Financial troubles are said to have been the cause. He had been residing here for 25 years. At one time he was one of the best rifle shots in Canada.

VICTIM OF DESPONDENCY.

Birtle Farmer Kills Himself With a Rifle.

Birtle, March 2.—G. Rawcroft, a member of a prominent English family of farmers near here, shot himself with a rifle to-day, death ensuing at once. Despondency is believed to have been the cause of the suicide.

HOLT LINERS FOR PRINCE RUPERT

Big Freighters May Include New Townsite as Port of Call.

The blue-funnel liner Ningchow, now in port, brings word that there is a persistent rumor in England, ports that the line is to include a new town on the British Columbia coast. While nothing definite is known, there seems to be a feeling that when Prince Rupert opens up and railroad construction is in full swing the cargo for that point from the United Kingdom will find the route in making calls there. The quantity of supplies which will go in through Prince Rupert would mean a tremendous rush at Vancouver, and to save handling English consignments twice it is suggested the blue-funnel boats should go direct there from the Orient, and then come down to Vancouver and Victoria.

WOMAN IS VICTIM OF SAD ACCIDENT

Miss Mary Hirst of Nanaimo Killed on Her Doorstep.

Nanaimo, March 2.—Miss Mary Hirst, aged 50, a member of one of the oldest pioneer families in this city, was found dead this morning at her doorstep.

ITALIAN RAN AMUCK.

Toronto, Feb. 28.—Amadeo Cannoli, an Italian laborer, 19 years old, last night stabbed his stepmother in the arm and back, and his father, Michel Cannoli, in the hand, and then tried to escape. He was captured by the police and lodged in the Agnes street station. His stepmother and father were taken to an hospital. Their wounds are not considered serious.

G. T. P. Must Push Work on This Coast

The Building of Transcontinental Line Will Mean a Rapid Development in This Province Opening Up a Great Area.

(From Monday's Daily.)

The announcement made that the G. T. P. is to begin construction of the line from the Pacific terminus will be regarded with delight by all in the province. The wisdom of the Dominion government in providing for another transcontinental line of railway will from now on be very evident in this province.

EVANGELISTS PROVE DISAPPOINTMENT

But State They Will Rescue 1,000 Souls During Stay in Calgary.

Calgary, Alb., March 2.—Messrs. Glue and Hatch, two evangelists of Boston, opened their services yesterday in the local church and followers of the evangelical services say they proved a great disappointment after the work of the famous Crossley and Hunter.

COASTING TRADE WILL BE COMMON OPINION HELD BY ALL.

The days of construction will be busy ones on the whole Pacific coast is the common opinion held by all. The coasting trade will develop by leaps and bounds and companies already in the field have not been slow to see this.

AT PRINCE RUPERT THE GOOD OFFICES OF THE CANADIAN HYDROGRAPHIC SERVICE HAVE BEEN EMPLOYED.

That the new city at Prince Rupert will excel in rapidity of growth any place on the Pacific coast is readily conceded. The completion of the railway from the east to that point couples Prince Rupert up with a system of railways in Eastern Canada and the United States by the Grand Trunk and auxiliary lines. It taps the richest parts of the wheat bearing fields of the prairies, and will be an important outlet to shipping.

WHILE PUBLIC MEN WILL BE CALLED UPON TO CONSIDER THE POLITICAL ASPECTS OF THE SETTLEMENT ARRIVED AT BETWEEN THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT AND THE G. T. P., AT THIS TIME IT IS SATISFACTORY THAT A SETTLEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED WHICH WILL NO LONGER DELAY CONSTRUCTION.

The time has come when the G. T. P. is prepared to rush work. It would be disastrous to have the work delayed and for that reason apart from the exact terms upon which the settlement was made it is gratifying to know that the Premier and William Wainwright, of the G. T. P., have come to a settlement of the differences between them. When the second vice-president of the company came to the coast with D'Arcy Tate, the assistant solicitor, he stated that he would not be unreasonable. No man is better qualified than Mr. Wainwright to perform the acting duties which attend to his work, and with a little judiciously free hand given him he had by patience and perseverance arrived at a settlement. No one will deny it should be eminently satisfactory to the railway company, and Mr. Wainwright and Mr. Tate are to be congratulated by their company.

HAS ENOUGH OF HER OWN.

Alberta to Supply Seed Grain to Farmers of Province.

Calgary, Feb. 28.—Alberta will supply all the seed grain which Alberta farmers need. That is the opinion offered by Hon. Mr. Harcourt, deputy minister of agriculture yesterday. Mr. Harcourt was in the city making arrangements for the purchase of seed grain.

LYNCHINGS RESULT OF BAD WHISKEY

Booker Washington on Abolition of Bars and Race Question.

New York, March 2.—Before the largest audience that ever assembled at the People's Forum, Booker T. Washington, in New Rochelle, yesterday delivered an address on the race question, in which he expressed his gratification at the progress made by the temperance cause in the South, and declared that the abolition of the bar-room was a blessing to the negro, second only to the abolition of slavery.

LIVED ON ENTRAILS.

Insane Jap Must Go to New Westminster Asylum.

New Westminster, Feb. 28.—A Jap suffering from severe mental derangement was brought to the city yesterday by Chief Constable Spain and will be committed to the asylum for the insane. He was discovered in an old shack at Port Moody, lying on the floor, and has never emitted a syllable since being taken in charge. The officer attempted in every manner to rouse the Oriental, but he remained calm with bowed head contemplating the floor. The only time he shows any signs of life is when his weather-beaten hat and much-patched mittens are pulled off him, at which he loses no time to get them on again. Residents of the district in which the Jap's shack is located report that he has lived on entrails from the slaughter house there for some time.

WORK ON V. V. & E.

Two Hundred Men Engaged in Clearing Right of Way.

Princeton, Feb. 28.—Government Agent H. Hunter has returned from Keremeos and Hedley where he had been gathering in the coin for His Majesty's provincial government. He reports work along the V. V. & E. going slowly but steadily ahead, there being all told 200 hundred men at work. Contractor Walsh informed Mr. Hunter that the work of clearing the right-of-way between Hedley and this point would be undertaken at once.

LITTLE BOY MET TERRIBLE FATE

Scalded to Death Through Falling Into Exhaust Hole While Playing.

Vancouver, Feb. 28.—A distressing accident occurred early on Thursday evening, when Dan McPherson, a little seven-year-old boy, who was playing with a companion, slipped through a crevice in some boards that covered an exhaust hole at the Pacific lumber mills and was fatally scalded. The hole, into which flows the exhaust of the steam pipes, is very near the offices of the mill and little Dan and his companion were amusing themselves by poking and throwing sticks into the boiling water.

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TASSE SCHEME IS ENDORSED TO MAKE VICTORIA A CITY BEAUTIFUL

A. H. McCurdy Points Out Gratifying Results Obtained in Washington.

(From Saturday's Daily). The principal citizens of Victoria continue to give their hearty and unstinted approval to the Tasse scheme for the beautifying of the city, and, moreover, each prominent citizen who has been approached by the Times gives different reasons for his adherence to the project, yet one and all arrive at the same result.

A. W. McCurdy, in the course of a conversation with a representative of the Times this morning, enunciated some very cogent reasons why the scheme should be adopted without delay.

"It should be a matter of pride for every person who lives in British Columbia to see the capital of the province in which he makes his home a thing of beauty. This principle has been adopted and carried out in almost every capital throughout the Dominion. Ottawa has done it, Winnipeg has done it, Regina has done it, Edmonton will do it and the only city which has not yet made a move in this direction is Victoria.

"Why should the provincial government give a grant to the capital city? That would seem to me to be a question which it is very easy to answer. The capital of a province is the home of the people. It is the city to which every person must come to do some business or for other reasons, sooner or later. Perhaps the most notable instance of a city in which this policy of beautifying the city has been followed out on the largest and most complete scale is Washington.

"Washington, as you know, is a city of some 500,000 people. Yet 20 years ago Washington was in almost precisely the same condition as Victoria is to-day with regard to the beauty which it lacked. The matter was taken hold of in this case by congress precisely for the reason that I stated above with regard to Victoria. The people of the United States took a pride in their capital, and a large grant was made for the establishment of parks, the planting of trees, the boulevarding of the streets and, in short, for any purpose which could make the city more attractive, and what has been the result?

"To-day Washington, D. C. possesses residences which are unequalled, for size, for beauty and for elegance, in the entire American continent. Any person who climbs to the top of the Washington monument, some 560 feet in the month of May and looks over the city cannot see the roofs of the houses. All that meets his eye is a waving mass of many colored foliage. And yet in many ways Washington does not possess the beauties and advantages which have been given to Victoria. She has not got waterways, her climate is not to be compared with ours. Any tree which can be grown in Washington, D. C. can certainly be grown in Victoria. More than that, many flowering shrubs which it would be impossible to grow in Washington, can be grown in Victoria, and the account of the extremes of heat and cold which they suffer from, would furnish here like green bay trees.

"It is the duty of the government, in my opinion, to take up the matter and to take it up at once. Now is the time. If they do not take it up now they will find that within a very limited space of time the people will demand that this thing be done, and what has to be done eventually might just as well be done now when such a step would produce far superior results.

"To revert to Washington. To show the whole-hearted manner in which the commission went into this matter they prohibited the trains from passing through the city limits unless they used electric power as a means of locomotion. Moreover they issued an order to the effect that no soft coal should be used in the city. This step was taken because many of the buildings are composed of white marble and therefore it does not affect Victoria. But it is interesting as showing how important the people of the United States consider it to have a 'City Beautiful.' Already Victoria has proved that she is to be the residential city of British Columbia, and I can conceive of no step which would hasten the development of the city from this aspect than the adornment and embellishment of the city. It is of course impossible that anything can be done at this season, but the people of the city can become interested and so pave the way for the time when the request can be made.

"One word in closing. I wish to say that I thoroughly endorse every word of what Mr. Pemberton said in the Times yesterday concerning the state of the streets. This matter should be looked into at once and if no man had charge of the work exclusively the result would be more satisfactory."

ABE ATTELL VICTORIOUS. Gets Decision Over Eddie Kelly in Seventh Round of Boxing Contest.

San Francisco, Feb. 29.—Abe Attell was returned to the ring for the third time within two months, when he practically knocked out Eddie Kelly, the "Buffalo newsboy," in the seventh round, of what was to have been a 26-round fight for the featherweight championship of America.

It was a fight of willingness to mix and an ability to take punishment against a terrific boxer, and the latter won out. Attell has always been criticized as lacking a punch, but he floored Kelly four times in the seventh round before the police interfered, and put him groggy with terrific punches to jaw and body. It was Attell's fight from the start.

SIX DAY WALKING RACE.

Hoagland Still Leading by Five Miles in Kansas City Contest.

Kansas City, Feb. 29.—With one more day to compete, Hoagland still has a lead of over five miles in the six day walking match. Slater, who is second, is walking in good form, having gained a mile on Hoagland since yesterday. The score at midnight last night was: Hoagland, 239 miles, five laps; Slater, 226 miles; Messier, 222 miles, five laps; Player, 222 miles, one lap; Hartley, 215 miles; Blake, 201 miles; Lloyd 126 miles six laps.

EMPLOYMENT AT VANCOUVER.

Salvation Army Immigrants for B. C. Reach Canada.

Halifax, Feb. 29.—Of the 800 immigrants who arrived here on the Dominion Line Kensington from Liverpool under charter to the Salvation Army, 550 are to go aboard a special train for Vancouver, where it is stated employment has been secured for them.

LONG DEATH ROLL IN MINE EXPLOSION

Larosita Disaster in Mexico Accounted for Seventy-Six Lives.

Monterey, Mex., Feb. 29.—A dispatch from Masquitz to the News says: Details of the explosion in the Larosita mine near San Juan De Sabina received here indicate that it was more disastrous than at first believed, 76 men being killed.

The explosion occurred just as preparations were being made to change shifts in what is known as shaft No. 3, and in which most of the laborers were Japs.

LORD'S DAY ACT.

Winnipeg, Feb. 29.—Several more convictions have been secured against hotels, news stands, confectioners, cigar dealers and alleged restaurants under the Lord's Day Act. The fines and costs were paid.

MEDIUM WAS FINED FIFTY DOLLARS

Offered to Read Future of Policeman Who Arrested Her for 50 Cents.

Hamilton, Feb. 29.—In the police court Mrs. Hockingbottom pleaded guilty on a charge of telling fortunes, and was given the option of paying a fine of \$50 or leaving the city within a week.

Mrs. Hockingbottom denied that she was an ordinary fortune teller, and claimed to be a spiritualist medium. She did not deny, however, that when Edward Moore, it is alleged, received the plain clothes, a few days ago, she offered to read his future for 50 cents.

BROTHERS IN "CRIME."

Vancouver, Feb. 29.—One brother charged with theft and the other brother charged with having received stolen property, is the fate of Andy and Edward Moore, who live on Seventh avenue, Fairview. Andy Moore, it is alleged, stole a number of bundles of shingles as well as a few pieces of timber from G. D. Baker, Seventh avenue. Worthington, it is alleged, received the property, and had it in his possession when the police searched the premises. The men will come up for trial to-morrow.

THE PORTLAND CRIMINAL.

Vancouver, Feb. 29.—Fred Worthington, the Portland criminal, who is now serving a six month term, was brought before the police magistrate again to-day and sentenced to one year for the theft of a coat. The sentence is to run concurrently with the six months. Worthington, at the coast, had received the coat from the clothing store at 74 Cordova street, and McLeod trying to dispose of the coat in a Japanese shop.

CHILLIWACK RAISED TO DIGNITY OF CITY

Elections for Mayor and Aldermen to Take Place on 14th March.

Chilliwack, Feb. 28.—On February the 20th Chilliwack town was proclaimed a city by letters patent issued by the provincial government, and hereafter the new municipality will be known as the "City of Chilliwack."

CHINA MAY HAVE TO APOLOGISE

SEIZING OF TATSU MARU INCENSES JAPAN

Cruiser Dispatched to Hong-kong—Insult to Flag of Rising Sun.

Tokio, Feb. 29.—The Japanese government is maintaining a determined attitude concerning the seizure of the Tatsu Maru and demands both an apology and an indemnity from China. The Chinese foreign office wants to submit the entire question to a mixed court. This is refused by the Japanese government unless the vessel has first been released and an apology made for the insult to the flag.

It appears that the Tatsu Maru was regularly cleared for Kobe with a consignment of arms and ammunition for Macao. The Portuguese minister at Peking supports the contention of Viscount Hayaishi, the Japanese minister of foreign affairs, that the vessel was seized in Portuguese waters. It is said by Japanese officials that no ultimatum has been issued, and that the sailing of the Japanese cruiser Ideusa for Hongkong is not intended as a threat.

It is evident, however, that the Japanese will resort to force unless her demands are conceded within a reasonable time.

WAS BURIED IN POTTERS' FIELD

Brother of Sir W. McDonald Dies at Portland—A Unique Character.

Portland, Feb. 29.—The body of Jas. McDonald, a brother of Sir William McDonald, of Montreal, was buried in the potter's field to-day. He was also the brother of the city's most unique characters who made a living for the last twenty years collecting bad bills.

One of his customs was to ring a bell in front of the debtor's house until payment was received; another was to assault debtors when out with friends. McDonald consequently was much hated. He was a native of Prince Edward Island, and apparently at enmity with Sir Wm. McDonald, for whom he left no death message, though asking that word be sent to his sister in Nova Scotia.

STOREKEEPER HELD UP.

W. A. Small, of Doctors Island, Recovered \$300.

Vancouver, Feb. 29.—W. A. Small, owner of a store at Doctor Island, was held up and robbed of three hundred dollars in cash Tuesday by two men who came in a boat to his store.

SALT SPRING TO HAVE NEW HOTEL

Victorian Will Build \$8,000 Structure at Ganges Harbor.

Salt Spring Island, Feb. 29.—It is understood that a large \$8,000 hotel will be built at Ganges Harbor shortly by a capitalist from Victoria. The necessary land has already been procured, so it is safe to conjecture that Ganges will soon be an attractive country resort. Mrs. H. Stevens has for many years provided excellent accommodation for tourists and travellers, but during late years the number has been too great for her to manage. The gentleman who is the head of the concern intends to have it up to date in every particular.

COAL FOUND IN COMOX VALLEY

Seam Four and a Half Feet Thick Covering Thousands of Acres.

Mr. Samuel Calhoun, of Comox, is staying in town for a few days at the Dominion.

Mr. Calhoun reports that as the result of the boring operations which have been going on in the Comox Valley during the course of the last two months, a seam of coal has been found of about four and a half feet in width. This seam is believed to extend over about 3,500 or 4,000 acres in the Comox Valley. A certain amount of friction exists between the E. & N. and the farmers has retarded the exploitation and development of the coal lands in this part of the island, but in the near future it is hoped that things will go ahead. A company has been formed making negotiation with the object of working the land, but here again there were complications have arrested progress to some extent. At the end of all these little difficulties, and now that a seam of so great a size has been struck the development of the country can only be a question of a very short time.

LEAD PRODUCTION.

Rosland, Feb. 27.—G. O. Buchanan, who is the designer of the lead bounty for the Dominion government, states that the total amount of lead produced by the mines of this section for the past five years was \$8,000 tons. This included the lead used in the paint. Of this domestic consumption only 35,000 tons had been supplied by the home product, more than half that coming from foreign countries. During that period however, the duty on lead in paint had been raised from five per cent. to 35 per cent. ad valorem.

FAMILY TRAGEDY IN PITTSBURG

MOTHER AND LITTLE ONES ARE CREMATED

Wife and Children Thrown From Window of Blazing House.

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 29.—A mother and her three children were burned to death and several persons were injured by a fire early to-day in the Bremer-ton avenue foreign district. The dead are Carolin Viacak, Stephen Viacak, Carol Viacak and Peter Viacak.

A 19-year-old girl jumped from a window breaking three ribs, and John Kalinkowski, occupying an adjoining house, which was destroyed, threw his wife and four children out of the window into the arms of policemen, and all were more or less injured.

APPALLING STORY OF INHUMANITY

Wife Died While Husband Got Drunk, Instead of Summoning Doctor.

Kingston, Ont., Feb. 29.—From Jackson's corner, near Tread Village, comes an appalling story of inhumanity, revealing the death of a wife through her husband's getting drunk when on his way to call a doctor to attend her.

Richard Lindsay, a farmer left his home last Saturday morning to sell a cow at Bridgewater, and summon a doctor for his wife. He sold the animal and instead of calling on the doctor spent the money in liquor and went on a spree to Tweed. His wife on Monday gave birth to twins. Her young son went to neighbors for aid, but when it arrived the poor woman was dead, and also the babes.

Coroner Farrell, of Tweed, has called a jury and will hold an inquest next week.

G. T. P. to Survey Peace River Valley

Edmonton, Feb. 29.—The Grand Trunk Pacific is sending a party of geologists to survey the Peace River Valley for a two years' absence.

MAN WHO WANTS TO DIE.

Murderer Pleads With Justice Dowling to Send Him to Electric Chair.

New York, Feb. 29.—Giovanni Pisano pleaded with Justice Dowling in the court of general sessions yesterday to send him to death in the electric chair. Pisano, who is a native of Italy, is a second degree had been offered by Pisano's counsel, Assistant District Attorney Ely had agreed to accept the plea, and sentence which would have been about to be pronounced when the prisoner remonstrated.

HINDU PIG STIES.

Vancouver, Feb. 29.—"There is nothing of a more menacing character to the health of this city than these Hindu residences. You have got to keep them clean, and there is no excuse for pleading ignorance of the laws." That was the statement of Magistrate Williams to-day when he passed sentence on Hanan Singh, proprietor of the Maple Leaf boarding house, at the foot of Granville street.

FOR EMBEZZLING INSURANCE MONEYS

Duncan Lamont of Calgary Arrested on Serious Charge.

Calgary, Feb. 29.—Duncan G. Lamont, ex-manager of the North American Life Assurance Company here, has been arrested on a charge of embezzlement preferred by the company. The shortage is said to be \$2,000, composed of collections due to the company for three months. Friends have offered to her staff, has commuted the disposition. Mr. and Mrs. Symonds and family have been rejected. He was allowed out on bail. The trial takes place next week.

LONDON ELECTION.

Wm. Grey Will Be Candidate if Hon. Mr. Beck Runs.

Toronto, Feb. 29.—"If the Hon. Mr. Beck is a candidate for London, either for the legislature or for the Dominion parliament, I will be his opponent," was the statement made by William Grey. His decision on the matter was absolute and irrevocable. He would not discuss the situation.

FORTIFYING PHILIPPINES.

Twelve Six-inch Guns Shipped From New York for Manila.

New York, Feb. 29.—Twelve six-inch guns intended for the fortifications at Manila were shipped from New York for Manila yesterday. The guns are a portion of the armament which was planned a year ago and which is being shipped to the Philippines as fast as ready.

RUSSIA'S PART IN MACEDONIA CRUX

Professor Pilenko Urges Joint Action With Great Britain.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 29.—The Nova Vremya prints an article by Professor Pilenko, counselor of the foreign office, who frequently in the past has foreshadowed official action.

The article urges that Russia join Great Britain in measures to force the appointment of a Christian governor-general in Macedonia, and at the same time to nullify the Mursaga agreement, which it says serves tautonic interests.

According to Prof. Pilenko, Macedonia will be dominated either by the Germans or the Slavs, and in order to counteract its Germanization, Russia should win the confidence of Europe by renouncing her attempt to Russia the Balkans, and henceforth devote her influence disinterestedly to furthering the interests of the smaller Slavonic states.

Professor Pilenko is of the opinion that Russia soon will be called definitely to take sides with Great Britain in the irrepressible Anglo-German conflict which is the mainspring of current European politics.

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Midnight Quarrel in Los Angeles Led to Revolver Crime.

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 29.—Mrs. Charlotte L. Noyes, a wealthy young widow, was shot and instantly killed last night at her home by W. H. McComas, a mining engineer, who has been friendly with her for some time.

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McComas' blasted face and hands and his discolored hair seem to bear out his statement that the woman dashed acid over him.

TO MAINTAIN THE EMPIRE.

Lord Portsmouth Expects That Canada Will Give Men and Money.

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Mayor and Chairman Hall Discuss Action of Provincial Government.

(From Saturday's Daily). An impression having gone abroad that the mayor and councillors are satisfied with the waterworks amendment bill as it has passed the committee, interviews were this morning sought with the mayor and also with Richard Hall, the chairman of the municipal committee. Both of these gentlemen deny that the council is satisfied.

Mayor Hall said that they must of course take what they could get, but to say that they are satisfied is deliberately untrue. He wished further to say that he had not given an interview to anyone on the subject prior to this, and if he had he would not have expressed any such sentiments. The bill as it now stands is not at all satisfactory.

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"Emphatically, yes. None of the committee think we have been treated fairly."

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The opinion of the dealers and fishermen is that this season will be a profitable one, and that the troubles such as interfered with the industry last spring will crop up. Many of the fishermen state that so long as the price paid for springs is in any way reasonable no difficulty between them and the packers is anticipated.

Though there has been as yet no meeting of the fish buyers to decide on the prices to be paid, those conversant with the subject consider that last year's figures of five cents per pound for whites and seven cents per pound for reds will be the ruling prices this year. It is considered that the last big run of springs and fishermen and dealers are confidently looking forward to a "bumper crop" when the run starts. It is asserted that the winter's business in frozen salmon has been quiet, the open winter making it possible for the eastern markets to handle fresh salmon right through, while one of the local dealers here who has frozen fish on hand, has been trying to dispose of them in the Seattle markets without success.

SUFFER SAD BEREAVEMENT.

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Mayor Robinson, of Kamloops, point- ed out that the matter was a purely legal one, and suggested referring it to the executive to call in the services of a solicitor, or to take it to the govern- ment, if necessary. This was adopted. It is likely the municipalities will re- tain the fines pending a definite de- cision.

The advisability of establishing a home for destitute persons was then taken up being introduced by the Vancouver delegates. The idea of the move is that there will be a home to which each municipality could send its destitute. The matter has been brought to the attention of the government several times by Vancouver. The old men's home at Kamloops does not in- clude women, and men who enter it must have been residents of the province for fifteen years.

Mayor Keary, of New Westminster, strongly supported the scheme. It was decided to send a delegation of fourteen, after the convention to Victoria to interview the government praying for the establishment of such a home, to be known as an industrial home. The delegation will wait on the premier to-morrow to press this most important matter.

A long letter was received from Ver- non, which was taken up. Clause 1 was dealt with by a resolution endorsing the provision that each municipality that has water power avail- able should develop that power for its own purposes and for any surplus it may have to industries. A committee was appointed to draw up a resolution regarding this, and brought in the fol- lowing resolution, which was adopted in convention: "That the municipalities endorse the principle empowering munic- ipalities (1) to have the right of generating electric power from its own sources of water and to sell the same for electricity for light, heat and power purposes within its own district and also to sell to other municipalities and districts and (2) this convention through its delegation support the ef- fort of Victoria city to get an act passed during this session of the legis- lature granting it such power."

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Dr. Underhill, medical health officer of Vancouver, spoke at some length exploring the apallity gross neg- lect of municipalities in regard to health matters. He recommended more strict enforcement of the provincial health act. In some provinces they car- ried on an education from home to home in regard to sanitary and other health matters. In British Columbia much more could be done. It is being done here. He said there should be a provincial law in regard to plumbing. Have no plumbing at all unless you can have the best. A poor septic tank is worse than none at all.

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At the concluding session of the meeting the following telegram was re- ceived and read: "Victoria, Feb. 27.— To Mayor Keary: Will be pleased to meet your executive on Friday afternoon at fifteen minutes to two. (Signed) R. McBride."

Mayor Keary, the chairman, stated that he would be unable to be present at the meeting, and recommended that Reeve Byrne, of Burnaby, be ap- pointed chairman of the committee, which should have a meeting before it went to Victoria. On motion Mayor Keary's recommendation was adopted.

The next business was the selection of the place for next year's meeting of the union. A spirited contest took place among delegates from Revel- stoke, Vernon, Nelson, Victoria and North Vancouver. The various dele- gates pressed their claims for the re- spective cities, and on a vote being taken it resulted as follows: Vernon 15, Nelson 12, Revelstoke 6. As neither town had received a majority vote a second ballot was necessary, resulting in Vernon receiving 21 to Nelson's 14. The choice of Vernon was then made unanimous.

The question of federation with the union of Canadian municipalities was discussed, the secretary reading a communication from the secretary of the federal municipal union asking the B. C. union to join the federal body. This was declined and filed as it was not possible to join under the present financial conditions.

Ald. Wilson (Nanaimo) read a lengthy and able paper on municipal insurance. He wrote in words of blood and fire that he may read you runs, "That when you insult the mother, you must answer to her children." (Loud Cheers).

GOVERNMENT AND SEALING QUESTION

(Special to the Times.) Ottawa, Feb. 28.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier, in reply to Mr. Sloan, said that the question of sealing was now engaging the attention of the government.

WILL ANNUL DECREES OF SENHOR FRANCO

Supporters of Portuguese ex- Premier Are Still In- active.

Lisbon, Feb. 28.—The council of state has endorsed the decisions of the cabinet on Tuesday last to annul the decrees of ex-Premier Franco, dissolv- ing the assembly of deputies and re- forming the house of peers and to summon the dissolved chamber in or- der to permit King Manuel to take the oath of office. The council of state has decided to issue at the proper time a fresh decree dissolving the chamber of deputies, according to the constitution, and at the same time summoning the electoral college to meet on April 8th. Former Premier Franco's supporters have decided not to participate in the elections for deputies.

MEN WHO FOUGHT FOR THE EMPIRE

Speech of Lieut. A. J. Brace at Paardeburg Luncheon Yesterday.

(From Friday's Daily.) At the Canadian Club banquet yesterday, to the South African veterans, in moving the vote of thanks to Speak- er Eberts for his address, Lieut. A. J. Brace said:

"Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen, I feel that it is too high an honor to have the privilege to move a vote of thanks to the speaker of the day for his magnificent words. I feel that I can but poorly express the sentiments which my comrades individually feel towards those who have made it possible for us to enjoy this banquet to-day and to listen to the splendid oration of Mr. Speaker.

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He told the court that he had no money, and lived in the shed for that reason. The police still incline to the theory that he is a stowaway off one of the boats from the Orient.

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Vancouver, Feb. 27.—Susaka, a young Japanese who was found in No. 2 shed at Coleman & Evans' dock yesterday afternoon, has almost fully recovered from the effects of his long stay in a secluded corner of the big building. Restoratives were adminis- tered by the doctors, and he assumed his natural condition early to-day. Susaka appeared before Magistrate Wil- liams to-day, pleaded guilty to vag- rancy and was sent to jail for thirty days.

He told the court that he had no money, and lived in the shed for that reason. The police still incline to the theory that he is a stowaway off one of the boats from the Orient.

FOUND DEAD IN HOTEL

Vancouver, Feb. 28.—John Jandine, registered from Great Falls, Montana, was found dead to-day in bed in the Commercial hotel.

TOLSTOI ANNIVERSARY

International Celebration to Be Held on Russian Writer's Eightieth Birthday. St. Petersburg, Feb. 28.—The prepara- tions for the international celebration of the 80th anniversary of the birth of Count Leo Tolstoy are progressing steadily under the auspices of the committee having the matter in charge which includes many of the most noted writers, artists and public men of Russia. Tolstoy was born on August 28, 1828. In addition to the proposition to raise a fund to purchase the Count's present residence at Yasnyaya Polyana, his birth- place, for a Tolstoy museum, it has been decided to issue a book of Tolstolai- an which shall include articles by Octave Maraboe, George Brands, Knut Samson and other noted men of letters of all nations.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET

New York, Feb. 28.—The stock market opened steady with the following prices ruling: Amal. Copper 51; American Smelt- ing 89; Anaconda 84; B. T. 40; G. T. Nor. 115; Mo. Pac. 90; Mex. Cent. 18; N. Y. C. 94; Nor. Pac. 121; Penna. 112; Reading 86; St. Paul 100; Sugar 113; Union Pacific 114; U. S. Steel 28; U. S. Steel pref. 32.

EXPRESS TRAIN DERAILED

(Special to The Times.) Ottawa, Feb. 28.—The Renfrew At- lantic express, No. 96, due here at 2:40 a.m., was derailed at Eganville Junction owing to a broken rail. The cook had no reason for the accident. There were no other casualties.

FARMER KILLED UNKNOWN BURGLAR

Quebec Man in Saving Friend's House Commits Fatal Deed.

Granby, Que., Feb. 28.—An unknown burglar was shot and killed here yesterday by Thomas Robinson, a young farmer, who found the robber in the house of Wm. Jenkins, who at present is visiting friends in town.

WHAT WILL BE FUTURE OF CONGO FREE STATE

Sir Edward Grey's Speech in Belgium.

Brussels, Feb. 28.—The recent debate in the British House of Commons and the speech of Sir Edward Grey, relative to the Congo situation, has caused a deep impression in political circles here. The differences between King Leopold and the Belgian parliament still continue over the question of the annexation of the Congo independent state.

PLUNGED OVER EMBANKMENT

Escape of Vancouver Boy From Death Is Miracle.

Vancouver, Feb. 27.—To be plunged over a steep embankment while clinging to the back of a horse was the ex- perience of a young man named David Law. He had his right leg broken and is now in the General hospital, but that he escaped with his life is a miracle.

RAILWAY COMMISSION

Ottawa, Feb. 28.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier explained yesterday in the House that owing to the fact that R. L. Borden was absent the debate on the bill for increasing the railway commission to six could not take place. The Hon. G. P. Graham said that the assistant com- missioner would require to be a su- perior court judge and a barrister of ten years' experience.

SWEEPING CHANGES IN LIQUOR TRADE

WOULD WIPE OUT THIRTY THOUSAND LICENSES

British Cabinet Minister's Bill Arouses Storm of Protest.

London, Feb. 27.—Chancellor of the Exchequer Asquith introduced the licensing bill in the House of Commons this afternoon. This is the principal government measure for the present session of parliament. The capital in- vested in licensed property in this country is about \$1,200,000,000, while over 2,000,000 people are employed in the traffic.

Briefly, the bill provides for the compulsory reduction within a specified period, and on a uniform scale, of the number of licenses licensed throughout the country. In cities it is proposed to allow one saloon for every 175 persons, and in country districts one saloon for every 400 persons. This regard a period of 14 years, will wipe out in the neighborhood of 30,000 licenses, or about one-third of the present total.

The bill proposes that this reduction be effected within 20 years. Local option is to govern the issuance of new licenses, and the majority of the parochial electors is sufficient to prohibit the granting of a license.

Chancellor of the Exchequer Asquith expressed the opinion that England was not yet ripe for compulsory Sunday closing, but he said that outside the metropolis no saloon would be allowed to open on Sunday for more than one hour at midday or for more than two hours in the evening. In conclusion, the chancellor declared that if this bill was adopted the state in 20 years would obtain unfettered control of the license system.

The system of compensating those entirely deprived of their licenses is to conserve old trees and improve the appearance of our streets by judicious boulevarding with suitable trees and flowering shrubs.

Storm of Protest.

London, Feb. 28.—Chancellor Asquith's bold and drastic licensing bill, which was introduced in the House of Commons yesterday, is raising a storm of denunciation in the opposition press. Mr. Balfour gave his party a lead in the brief speech stigmatizing the measure as "robbery."

The tremendous strength of the brewing interests throughout the coun- try will be brought to bear in the endeavor to prevent the passage of the bill or to obtain an extensive amend- ment especially as in the direction of securing a longer time limit than the proposed new spur. The other com- panies are now arranging to erect their plants along the stretch of waterfront in question and it is expected that the south bank of the Fraser in the vicinity of the city will shortly become a hive of industry.

SIX DAY WALKING RACE

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 28.—When the winner of the six-day race stopped for the day at midnight last night, the score was as follows: Hoagland, 198 miles; Slater, 192 miles; Messler, 191; Elvey, 187; Hartley, 178; Slake, 160 and Lloyd, 110.

PLAINS OF ABRAHAM

Ottawa, Feb. 28.—The bill granting \$300,000 for the Plains of Abraham scheme was read for the first time in the House yesterday.

REASONS FOR BEAUTIFYING CITY

F. B. PEMBERTON MAKES CAPITAL SUGGESTIONS

Points Out Why Victoria Roads Are Now in Such Dis- repair.

(From Friday's Daily.) The scheme for beautifying Victoria recently proposed in these columns by Joseph Tasse continues to arouse con- siderable interest among prominent men in the city. It will be remembered that it was suggested that the provincial government should be ap- proached with a view to voting an appropriation for the improvement of parks and roads, the planting of trees and the establishment of open spaces which it is anticipated will add greatly to the appearance of the Queen City of the West and make her still more attractive, as well as bringing in an increased revenue to the provincial government owing to the enhanced value of realty which the proposed changes must necessarily entail.

F. B. Pemberton the well known real estate agent was seen to-day on the subject and gave to a Times representa- tive a succinct view of how he re- gards the scheme. In brief his opinion is as follows:

"Nature," he says, "has made Victoria one of the most beautiful places on the face of the earth, but man has come along and has steadily tried to spoil it. It does not matter what it is, the telephone, electric wires, or any- thing else if a tree comes in its way down it must come, either in whole or in part. In no other country would this be allowed. People will not realize that our greatest asset is the beauty of our country. We must realize this if we want our city to go ahead. We are not a manufacturing centre but essentially a residential one, and we must, if we want our city to go ahead, conserve our trees and improve the ap- pearance of our streets by judicious boulevarding with suitable trees and flowering shrubs.

"Take a city like Winnipeg, which was formerly not much more than a barren waste. By judicious planting and boulevarding the residential portion of the city presents in places quite a park-like appearance. Some people here object to the cost of keeping up the boulevard in front of their houses, not realizing that the grass, trees, and shrubs add practically so much to their garden with only a comparatively small expense to them per annum, this being in the place of weeds and mud, which formerly held swa- there.

"I do not think that any rapid grow- ing trees like maples should be planted, but slow growing ones with flowering shrubs in between. Vancouver has for years gone in for boulevarding and the consequence is that some of the main residential streets there present a very attractive appearance.

"I quite agree with some of our aldermen that the streets should be attended to, but why not do both—our streets are undoubtedly in a disgraceful condition, I think there should be a first class man to have charge of the streets—that is repairing them. He should have several small gangs of men under him, and the roads should be steadily repaired, as they are in the Old Country. The moment there is a hole in the road it should be filled up and not allowed to grow bigger and bigger. Little repairs done all the time would keep the roads in splendid shape—that is the whole secret of the magnificent roads throughout England. If ever there is a ditch dug here across a road, for ever after there is a lump or a hollow there, in many cases so bad, unless driven very slowly over them, as to nearly throw one out of a carriage or car; whereas a very little more work, either at the time of after- wards, would leave the road level.

"Another reason of our bad city roads is that they are allowed to become the natural watercourses of the city, as the centre is generally lower than the sides. This is the real reason of our terrible roads—the centre is made too low, the sides are allowed to gradually get too high, and there is not sufficient drainage to keep the water off.

"There are so many details that are really important that a competent man who gave his whole time to it could attend to; for instance, the other day in putting down a main pipe the men dug up a lot of good gravel and the road it was on was repaired. I ventured the suggestion that the good gravel should be put on the sides and the ditch filled up with material from the side of the road, but there seemed no one to attend to it, so all the good gravel went to the bottom of the ditch again, and where the ditch happened to be on the road itself black soil was in some places put on top, in which of course wheels sunk right down. We need a first class road man who would attend to every detail like this. Some of our roads are getting im- passable. The fire engine going to a fire a few days ago stuck fast. We really must wake up," said Mr. Pem- berton in conclusion. "If we expect our city to become the residential metrop- olis of the West."

ARE BRITISH SUBJECTS

Hindus Ordered Deported Apply for Habeas Corpus Writ.

Vancouver, Feb. 27.—Three Hindus who arrived two weeks ago from Suva, Fiji Islands, and were ordered de- ported under the federal law, had them- selves brought into court to-day through habeas corpus proceedings.

As the case stands the Hindus have gained a respite for the case will not be heard till next Tuesday, and their steamer must sail without them to- morrow.

The Hindus base their application to remain here on the ground that they are subjects of King Edward, and as such citizens of the Empire, and that a law against aliens cannot possibly apply to them.



MEN WHO ATTENDED PAARDEBURG LUNCHEON.

Bottom row are men who fought at Paardeburg. Reading from the left: Wm. Hardy, house porter of Empress; Sgt. Major Macdonald, R. W. J. Leeman, A. E. Morbey, G. W. Findall, Capt. H. J. R. Cullin, W. Warren, Lieut. Hodgins, Stephen Court, J. Stewart, J. H. Dixon, J. Smith, Sergt. Major Edwards, who marshalled the parade, also fought at Paardeburg. He is seated behind Morbey and Findall, wearing two medals. Lieut. A. J. Brace, Chairman Campaigners' Association, standing on right, Trooper Winkell, Strathcona's Horse, Secretary of Campaigners' Association, standing upper left corner, with hand on pillar. Twenty-five regiments were represented at the Canadian Club luncheon yesterday.

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THE GOVERNMENT AND THE GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC.

The terms of the "agreement with the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company" have been laid before the Legislature, and the Premier congratulates the people upon the splendor of the arrangement. We have examined the agreement carefully, and if there is anything in it worthy of the description "splendid," from the point of view of the public, the splendor is not aggressively obvious.

Let us consider briefly the history of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway scheme and consider the bearing of that victory upon the bargain just concluded. Those who followed the discussion of the contract after its terms were explained to the Dominion Parliament by Sir Wilfrid Laurier will remember the attitude of the Conservative party to it. It was assailed with virulence as a most outrageous deal.

Mr. Borden held the country was going to build the road and present it to the company. The leader of the opposition has at various times since since his adherence to that opinion. The Conservative party in British Columbia, taking its cue from the utterances of Mr. Borden, also opposed the construction of the railway. Mr. McBride and his leading supporters during the Dominion election campaign of 1904 opposed the election of our present representatives at Ottawa not only upon the ground that the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway enterprise was a most vicious deal from a national point of view, but also upon the ground that as the taxpayers of British Columbia would be compelled to contribute the larger proportionate share of the money it would bear with special severity upon the people of this province.

Now in the face of the attitude of the Conservative leaders and the present provincial government a few years ago, in contrast with their denunciations of the Dominion government for dealing too generously with the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company, consider what has actually occurred. Set the action of the government of British Columbia over against the attitude of all the other governments through whose territory the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway runs, and say whether the people of this province are not most unfortunate in their choice of rulers?

As we have said before in considering this matter of granting "encouragement" to the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company, there was no obligation on the part of the McBride Government to do anything more than concede a right of way and certain reasonable terminal facilities to the company at Prince Rupert or any other port of the British Columbia Pacific Coast which might have been chosen as the terminus. The Dominion government had done everything that was necessary and undertaken heavy obligations to assure the success of the enterprise. It intended that whatever advantages should follow the opening of the territory the line traversed, advantages in the way of increase of population, development of trade and augmentation of land values, should be advantages for the benefit of the province.

The government of British Columbia is the only provincial government that has undertaken to forego these advantages. The first evidence of Mr. McBride's supineness, to use the mildest possible term, was contained in the provisions of the Kalen Island deal. In that case ten thousand acres of land, the site of one of the great cities of the future on the Pacific Coast, were disposed of for one dollar an acre. The bargain between the Indians on the adjacent reserve, the government and the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company throws the corrupt nature of that deal into a more lurid light. Kalen Island, which will be the actual terminus of the road, was sold for one dollar an acre. The property of the Indians cost the company

ten dollars an acre. We say that whatever speculative value the lands in question contained ought to have been reserved for the benefit of the people. Instead of the government maintaining the true interests of the public in this matter, it has handed over thousands of acres of land of tremendous potential value to a railway company, or some company subsidiary to a railway company, for speculative purposes, purposes which, we submit, ought not at this day to come within the legitimate sphere of enterprise of any railway company.

What are the advantages secured for the people, according to the apologia of the Premier? The Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company must commence construction in this province by June next. It must procure supplies within the province if it can do so, upon terms as advantageous as supplies could be procured elsewhere. It must employ white labor provided, as cheaply as Oriental labor. As to the first advantage, the company is under very heavy bonds to work with all diligence in order to fulfill the terms of its contract with the Dominion government. We are informed that the line has at last been located by engineers through the province and that contracts have been let for the construction of hundreds of miles of track. Apart from that, will it not be in the best interests of the company, with the capital cost of the work increasing rapidly and the necessity of the road being placed in a position to earn interest upon the money invested every day becoming more imperative, to complete its line within the very shortest possible space of time? In the face of the facts, will anyone except an apologist for the government undertake to say that in any event the work of construction would not have been vigorously prosecuted during the present year?

What would be said of the business acumen of the management of the company if it did not purchase its supplies at the nearest possible source of supply provided all things were equal as to the price and quality of the goods to be purchased? Again, would any business concern not prefer to employ white labor provided the conditions as between the employment of white and Oriental labor were equal?

Yet Premier McBride gravely stands up in the Legislature and tells us of the wonderful stroke of business he has done for the province in making this most extraordinary bargain with the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company. The latest agreement with the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company, taken in conjunction with the Kalen Island deal and what has been revealed in the Legislature during the present session, simply serves to illustrate how completely the government has delivered the province, bond hand and foot, into the power of corporations.

RAILWAY MAN'S TRIBUTE TO MR. JUSTICE KILLAM.

The announcement of the sudden death at Ottawa of Hon. Mr. Justice Killam, Chairman of the Railway Commission of Canada, and formerly Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Manitoba, will be received with deep sorrow throughout the country. The Railway Commission, although a court of recent creation, is already admitted to be one of the most important and most useful of Canadian tribunals.

The reputation it has gained is due in a very marked degree to the zeal, ability, judicial attainments and force of character of its late chairman, Mr. Killam. Mr. Wainwright, Second Vice-President of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company, who, owing to his prominent position in the railway world, has had special opportunities of studying the character of the late chief of the Railway Commission, asks the Times to quote him as saying he "was rudely shocked on learning of the death of Hon. Judge Killam. He knew him very intimately and had the highest esteem for him. His death would be a great loss to the Dominion of Canada, especially at this time when the commission is to be increased by additional three members and his advice would have been of such value. The Railway Companies appreciated his services, as it was felt his rulings were always made conscientiously, having regard only to his duty. The Dominion has lost an able public official, and a man whose place it will be difficult indeed to fill."

A short time ago the Times drew attention to an aspect of the question of provincial regulation of immigration which it appeared to us to deserve. In discussing the rights of the provinces as set forth in Section 95 of the British North America Act we asked what the effect upon the Canadian confederation would be if every province in the Dominion should undertake to exercise such powers as those claimed by the government of British Columbia. Some who pose as authorities upon constitutional law claimed that British Columbia had not only the legal right to exclude immigrants from foreign sources, but also the right to set up barriers at the boundary of the province within the Dominion if deemed desirable. The Montreal Gazette, the leading Conservative newspaper of

Canada, a newspaper whose counsel exercises great weight in Conservative circles, treats with scorn the position assumed by the McBride Conservative government of British Columbia on the advice of that great legal luminary, Attorney-General Bowser, on the subject of provincial regulation of immigration. In a recent issue the Gazette put the case in this wise: "Chief Justice Hunter, of British Columbia, on proceedings under the Habeas Corpus Act, has released the two Japanese immigrants held in prison under the law of the legislature of the province because they could not pass the test of writing out in some European language an application for permission to enter the province. That is what was expected. The clause in the British North America Act of 1867 gives a province power to make laws in relation to immigration, but says that any such law shall have effect as long and as far only as it is not repugnant to any act of the parliament of Canada. The parliament of Canada in the act sanctioning the Japanese treaty professed that subjects of the Emperor of Japan should have full liberty to enter, travel or reside in any part of Canada, and enjoy full and perfect protection of their persons and property. The British Columbia act, imposing an educational test on immigrants, ignored this plain provision. No government at Ottawa which had any respect for itself or for its duty to Canada as a whole, could have permitted such an act as that of the British Columbia legislature to go into or remain in operation. This would be the case whether there were or were not treaty obligations with foreign powers. It would be a most awkward and disquieting situation if Ontario, for instance, should establish a frontier guard and, under some provincial legislation, demand from every traveller from Manitoba or Quebec an evidence of his right to cross the border; if Quebec would set up and seek to apply to immigrants from Europe, some test which the people of Ontario, to which the men might be going, would hold to be improper. The only question was whether the government of the Dominion would fight the provincial law in the courts, or, exercising its power under the constitution, would disallow it, as, in two previous instances, like enactments of the legislature of the province were disallowed. Probably the wisest course has been chosen. The situation was favorable to an appeal to the courts, and the judgment, which appears to condemn as unconstitutional all such laws as that which was questioned, should prevent further attempts to pass or enforce them. At any rate, it is to be hoped this will be the case. The situation that has existed since the attack on the Asiatics of Vancouver by a riotous mob has not been evidence either of good sense or patriotism in Canada's public life."

Within a few weeks the immigration officials at Halifax expect that immigrants will be pouring into the country at the rate of four or five thousand a week. What wonder is it that Nova Scotia is solidly Liberal. A few days ago it was stated that President Roosevelt had invited Mr. Mackenzie King to the White House for the purpose of talking over the new labor disputes act of Canada, known as the Lemieux Act. The president stated then that his experts had made a study of the labor laws of the different countries of the world and both he and they were satisfied that the Canadian law was the one most suited to the United States. It is learned now that Dr. Victor S. Clark, of Washington, a well-known sociological scholar and writer, associated as an expert with the Department of Commerce and Labor of the United States, in Ottawa at present, commissioned by President Roosevelt personally to make further investigation and report. From Ottawa Dr. Clark will go to Halifax and work west, following the trail of industrial disputes during last year, visiting in particular Springfield, N. S., Sydney, C. B., Montreal, Valleyfield, Toronto, Cobalt, Hamilton, Lethbridge, Tabor, Fernie, B. C., Moyle, B. C., and other points throughout the country, where boards have sat and rendered judgment.

Captain of Beaver VISITING VICTORIA. George Marchant was on Noted Little Steamer for 21 Years. Captain George Marchant, who was in command of the steamer Beaver at the time she was wrecked, is in the city. He came over from Vancouver last night and was seen at the Victoria hotel. The captain, who is a most interesting personality, and who has frequently been mentioned by Miss Agnes Deans Cameron in her articles on this Coast, will remain a few days longer in this city, which he always looks upon as home. It was from this point he joined the Beaver in 1887 as an able-bodied seaman, and he was with her for the remaining 21 years of her life. Captain Marchant is an ardent British Columbian. He celebrates two birthdays every year; one on the day on which he first breathed the breath of life, and the other that on which he first breathed the air of his adopted province.

There are 1,077 women to 1,000 men in England, and in Italy only 960 to each 1,000.

REJUVENATED CLUB NEEDS ENCOURAGEMENT. Citizens Are Asked to Aid in Building New Headquarters for Yachtsmen. (From Monday's Daily.) Victoria is at present the only town of any size without a flourishing yacht club. Yachtsmen from other towns, who are usually a very influential part of the community, are apt to spread the idea that Victorians are too unprogressive to support any institution of this kind. These people now give this town the go-by and patronize other towns which have a yachting headquarters at which to put up. They are, as a rule, good spenders and leave much money in the city which they visit.

Victoria certainly lacks prestige by reason of her backwardness in this matter, and it is hoped that the efforts of the committee appointed by the public spirited meeting held a few nights ago will meet with every encouragement from the citizens generally. It is a matter of getting sufficient money for building a suitable clubhouse with accommodation for launches and dinghies, the committee is empowered to offer a limited number of life memberships in the club for \$100 each. As the fees thus saved would soon equal the outlay, the value offered would certainly be a good business investment.

Over seventy new members have joined the Victoria Yacht Club within the last three weeks as regular members, so success is now assured, and it only remains for the public at large to lend encouragement to put this city in the forefront in matters nautical.

POLICEMAN SHOT DOWN MERRYMAKERS. Portland "Hercules" Killed While Celebrating His Wife's Birthday. Portland, March 2.—Policeman N. H. Sutter last night shot and killed Henry Shaffer, who with a party of friends, was celebrating his wife's birthday. The party, which the Shaffers were disturbing the neighborhood and that Shaffer, who was a grain handler, and a Hercules and weighed 250 pounds, threatened to do some mischief. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People cured him of his troubles due to poor watery blood, such as anaemia, general weakness, indigestion, neuralgia, skin troubles, rheumatism, the after effects of his grippe, and such nervous troubles as St. Vitus dance and partial paralysis. Sold by all medicine dealers, or by mail at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50. From The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

ASHORE NEAR NEW YORK. New York, March 2.—The New York and Porto Rico Steamship Company received a wireless message from the Comoro Islands, that its passenger steamer Comoro is ashore on the coast near New York, but the message did not disclose the exact location. The Comoro was bound for New York from St. Juan, Porto Rico.

HORSE SHOW PREPARATIONS

LARGE NUMBER ENTRIES ALREADY IN

F. M. Logan Moving Spirit in Enterprise, Tells of Prospects. (From Monday's Daily.) Mr. F. M. Logan, the live stock commissioner, and also the manager of the Vancouver horse show, has just returned from Ottawa, where he has been attending the meeting of the National Live Stock convention. He has also been spending a few days at his home in Nova Scotia. On his way here Mr. Logan stopped at Vancouver, and since Wednesday last he has been straightening up various matters in connection with the forthcoming horse show which will take place on March 15th, 20th and 21st.

Mr. Logan told the Times that already the show is an assured success. Up to date over 500 entries have been received, and things are quiet, a number more to come; the total will be over six hundred. A number of excellent horses have been entered, both carriage horses and also saddle animals. Entries have been received from Portland, Seattle, Tacoma, Victoria and other outside points. Also a large number of exhibits from the stables of the city of Vancouver is included. No less than five six-horse teams have been entered, and in addition to these six four-horse teams are entered. Mr. Logan pointed out that the international horse show at Chicago has never had more than four four-horse teams entered, therefore those who are interested in the Vancouver show are justifiably elated.

Neither the show nor at Montreal have ever yet produced an entry of a six-horse team. Among the numerous classes which go to comprise the show are included classes for driving horses, heavy draught horses, light draught horses, pairs of high steppers and single high steppers, and saddle horses. In these classes the entries are as follows, up to the present: Driving horses, 12. Heavy draught horses, 4. Light draught horses, 12. Pairs of high steppers, 7. Single high steppers, 12. Saddle horses, 14.

The above entries apply, of course, only to those classes in which there are many entries. The people of the city of Vancouver are showing an intense interest in the show, and they have exhibited the latest in the most practical manner possible, namely, by taking seats and boxes. Already, although the show is not yet a week before the show, no less than 40 boxes have been subscribed for, and out of this number two boxes have been reserved by the Commercial Club members, of which have expressed their intention of attending the show in great force. The show will be held at the Grand Hotel, and even if the weather should prove to be unfavorable the exhibition will still take place and will in no wise be interfered with.

TRADES UNION IN CANADA. Large Increase in Labor Organizations During Past Year. Ottawa, Feb. 29.—The year 1907 was a good one for the development of the trades union movement in Canada, being productive of greater organization than in any twelve months since 1889.

The Labor Gazette for February contains an interesting article upon this point, from which it is gleaned that the total number of labor organizations in Canada at the end of 1907 was 232, and of organizations dissolved 38, being a net increase during the year of 174 in the number of organizations in existence.

FIRE AT CHILCOTIN. Chilcotin, Feb. 29.—A few days ago Thomas Hance's house was totally destroyed by fire. A portion of the furniture only was saved. Mr. Hance is said to have lost a lot of jewelry in addition to other valuables. The house was built in the section where it stood and cost \$12,000. The insurance had expired a month before.

WEAK PALE AND WORN OUT WOMEN CAN BE SAVED FROM A LIFE OF MISERY BY DR. WILLIAMS' PINK PILLS. Women are called the "weaker sex," and yet nature calls upon them to bear far more pain than men. With too many women it is one long martyrdom from the time they are budding into womanhood, until age begins to set its mark upon them. They are usually a very influential part of the community, and on the other hand, and distress than another looms up only a few days ahead of them. No wonder so many women become worn out and old looking before their time. In these times of trial Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are worth their weight in gold to women. They actually make new rich blood, and on the richness and regularity of the blood the health of every girl and every woman depends.

Mrs. Urbane C. Webber, Welland, Ont., is one of the many women who owe present health and strength to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Mrs. Webber says: "About three years ago, while living in Hamilton, my health began to decline. The first symptoms were headaches and general weakness. After a time the trouble increased so rapidly that I was unable to attend to my household duties. I lost flesh, looked bloodless and had frequent fainting fits. I was constantly doctoring, but without any benefit, and I began to feel that my condition was hopeless. One day a friend asked me why I did not try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and mentioned several cases in which she knew of the great benefit that had followed their use. After some urging, I decided to use the pills, and had only used them a few weeks when I began to feel benefited, and from that time on the improvement was steady, and by the time I had used about a dozen boxes of the pills I was enjoying the blessing of good health. I cannot too strongly urge other discouraged sufferers to give Dr. Williams' Pink Pills a fair trial."

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FISHERY RIGHTS IN PROVINCE

S. T. BASTEDO HERE SEEKING SOLUTION

Dominion Commissioner Will Confer With Members of B. C. Cabinet. (From Monday's Daily.) S. T. Bastedo, the Dominion fishery commissioner, arrived in the city last night. Mr. Bastedo has come from Ottawa for the purpose of consulting with members of the provincial cabinet in connection with the friction which has arisen of late between the provincial government and the Dominion government over the deep sea fisheries. Although there had been a certain amount of trouble for some time over this question, it was brought to a head by the lease which was granted by the Dominion government to a local company for the purpose of fishing in Cowichan bay.

It is believed that the sockeye salmon fishing on the Fraser has suffered very much, and unless something is done in the very near future the sockeye salmon will cease to exist. Speaking to a representative of the Times this morning Mr. Bastedo said: "I have come here for the purpose of consulting with the cabinet on this question, and until I have seen them I have but little to say. Seeing that it is the closing days of the season I did not anticipate that I would be able to bring the matter to a satisfactory issue at once, but I will remain until the matter is finally and amicably adjusted. On my part I do not anticipate that there are serious difficulties which lie in the way of a settlement which should prove agreeable to the various interests concerned. But, however long the matter may take I shall remain here until a solution is arrived at, I fully realize the intense importance of the matter, and am not prepared to state exactly on what lines the Dominion is proposing to treat with the provincial government at the present time."

TRADES UNION IN CANADA. Large Increase in Labor Organizations During Past Year. Ottawa, Feb. 29.—The year 1907 was a good one for the development of the trades union movement in Canada, being productive of greater organization than in any twelve months since 1889.

The Labor Gazette for February contains an interesting article upon this point, from which it is gleaned that the total number of labor organizations in Canada at the end of 1907 was 232, and of organizations dissolved 38, being a net increase during the year of 174 in the number of organizations in existence.

FIRE AT CHILCOTIN. Chilcotin, Feb. 29.—A few days ago Thomas Hance's house was totally destroyed by fire. A portion of the furniture only was saved. Mr. Hance is said to have lost a lot of jewelry in addition to other valuables. The house was built in the section where it stood and cost \$12,000. The insurance had expired a month before.

WEAK PALE AND WORN OUT WOMEN CAN BE SAVED FROM A LIFE OF MISERY BY DR. WILLIAMS' PINK PILLS. Women are called the "weaker sex," and yet nature calls upon them to bear far more pain than men. With too many women it is one long martyrdom from the time they are budding into womanhood, until age begins to set its mark upon them. They are usually a very influential part of the community, and on the other hand, and distress than another looms up only a few days ahead of them. No wonder so many women become worn out and old looking before their time. In these times of trial Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are worth their weight in gold to women. They actually make new rich blood, and on the richness and regularity of the blood the health of every girl and every woman depends.

Mrs. Urbane C. Webber, Welland, Ont., is one of the many women who owe present health and strength to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Mrs. Webber says: "About three years ago, while living in Hamilton, my health began to decline. The first symptoms were headaches and general weakness. After a time the trouble increased so rapidly that I was unable to attend to my household duties. I lost flesh, looked bloodless and had frequent fainting fits. I was constantly doctoring, but without any benefit, and I began to feel that my condition was hopeless. One day a friend asked me why I did not try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and mentioned several cases in which she knew of the great benefit that had followed their use. After some urging, I decided to use the pills, and had only used them a few weeks when I began to feel benefited, and from that time on the improvement was steady, and by the time I had used about a dozen boxes of the pills I was enjoying the blessing of good health. I cannot too strongly urge other discouraged sufferers to give Dr. Williams' Pink Pills a fair trial."

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills will cure all troubles due to poor watery blood, such as anaemia, general weakness, indigestion, neuralgia, skin troubles, rheumatism, the after effects of his grippe, and such nervous troubles as St. Vitus dance and partial paralysis. Sold by all medicine dealers, or by mail at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50. From The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

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The New Spring Dress Goods Are Attracting Much Attention

THE SHOWING OF NEW SPRING DRESS FABRICS is causing no small amount of comment among women of taste. Included in this stock are some very charming patterns in Novelty and Exclusive designs. Every known weave that goes toward making an attractive piece of goods is shown here, while the prices are indeed moderate.

Splendid Array of Washing Voiles

Very dainty effects are to be seen here in washing voiles and should be exceedingly popular with women of taste for a dainty Summer or evening dress, while in the assortment there is diversity of style enough to suit every individual taste. Some of these effects possess an exclusiveness which will cause them too quickly to disappear, and as we cannot guarantee to duplicate, you will wisely make your selection. These dainty voiles are always in high favor because of the sheer coolness of the fabric and the daintiness of the printing, priced at, per yard 50c

The New Spring Muslins Are Worthy of Note

The charming display of new Spring muslins which are to be seen on the tables, First Floor, gives that department the atmospheric freshness of Spring. Like the first Spring flowers blooming so does these lovely creations pop up, while here and there you will find dainty effects much out of the ordinary. They are in stripes, floral and shadow effects, while the prices are indeed modest at 50c, 35c, 25c and 15c

New Arrivals in Misses and Children Dresses

We have just received a splendid assortment of Misses' and Children's Dresses, in all the latest washing materials. Of late we have had many calls for this class of clothing, but unfortunately the shipment was delayed. They are in colored effects in checks and stripe effects, also Buster Brown styles in English Cambrics and gingham. Some made in Sailor style with full blouse and deep collar edged with four rows of white braid, with full skirt made with deep hem at bottom, short sleeve with turnover cuff, while others of the Buster Brown style are made with short sleeves finished with narrow tucks of red, yoke made of same, also in white, at prices ranging from 50c to \$10.00

DAVID SPENCER, LTD.

LOCAL CONSERVATIVES RUN AGAINST A SNAG. Party of Organizers Meet With Mishap on Way to Metchoqin. On Saturday evening last a party of Conservative organizers, consisting of G. H. Barnard, president of the Conservative association, R. F. Green, late minister of lands and works; W. A. Hayward, M. P. for Cowichan; Mr. Harvey and the government agent at Nanaimo, left the Driard hotel shortly after six o'clock en route to Metchoqin, where they were to meet with the Conservative interests.

Constable Eaton, of the provincial immigration department, had preceded them earlier in the day to secure the hall, and to round up the few Conservatives to be found in the neighborhood. The meeting was scheduled for 8 p. m., but as "Burns" has said, "The best laid scheme of mice and men oft gang a-gley"; so also did the plans of these Conservatives of this eventful evening. All went well with them till they got within about four miles of their destination. They were bowling along merrily at a good pace, when all at once something happened! There was a crash, a plunge and a shout, as the party were shot from their seats into the road. The horses plunged forward, dragging the Jehu—who still held on to the reins—face downward, along the road for some distance, after which they came to a standstill. The other occupants of the rig had come to themselves, and set about to discover the cause of the trouble, which resulted in their discovering that they had crashed into a stump, which the darkness prevented them from seeing. Then they gathered up the broken vehicle, placed it to one side of the road, and proceeded on their journey afoot, as well as they were able to, arriving at their destination hours behind the appointed time; full of bruises and regrets; the former they were allowed to retain, while the latter were accepted as a matter of course. Then they were induced to partake of a little liquid vim, which is always in evidence, and in fact is regarded by Conservatives as a sine qua non where there is any prospect of being done. This little "touch" revived their spirits and they are on their way to Metchoqin.

The member for Cowichan then discussed on all the good things the McBride government had done for the province. The remainder of the speakers advocated organization as essential to success. The meeting closed with cheers for the King, a vote of thanks to the chairman and the same to the visitors, who were much perturbed as to when or how they would reach Victoria.

AT GRAVENHURST. The following marriage notice taken from the Gravenhurst Banner will interest the many friends of the contracting parties. The Gazette extends congratulations, with best wishes for happiness and prosperity: "A quiet wedding took place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Lamont, on Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 5, 1908, when their daughter, Marion, was united in marriage to Mr. J. J. Irwin, of Vancouver. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. A. Dow, of Gravenhurst. The bride, who was unattended, wore a brown travelling suit with hat to match. After the ceremony a dainty dinner was served amidst the heartiest good cheer. Mr. and Mrs. Irwin left on the evening train for Vancouver, where Mr. Irwin holds a good position in the Bank of British North America. They are accompanied by the good wishes of many friends in Gravenhurst and surrounding country."

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Investigated Chances for Market—G. T. P. Will Take Quantities of Cement.

(From Monday's Daily.)
R. P. Butchart, managing director of the Vancouver Portland Cement Company, has returned from a trip to Mexico. The object of the visit to the south was for the purpose of seeking an extension of business for the Tod Creek works. When Mr. Butchart established the cement works he assured the people of the province that their supply would be looked to always as the first charge upon the factory. This he has persistently carried out even to the extent of refusing large orders from the United States when there was the least danger of the needs of the province being interfered with.

The equipment of the works however has gone on increasing since its initial construction until it is now producing about 120,000 barrels more than is consumed in the province each year. It was to find a market for this surplus that Mr. Butchart spent several months in Mexico. He finds, however, that the financial conditions affecting Mexico in common with other parts of the American continent. The result is that there has been a falling off in activity there. This affects the cement trade in common with other lines.

Again Mr. Butchart found that cement was procurable by shiploads from Europe at cheap rates in Mexico. In spite of these difficulties Mr. Butchart expects to be able to enter the Mexican trade to some considerable extent. The trade in British Columbia is ever increasing and the commencement of construction of the P. E. P. from the Pacific end will represent a considerable consumption of cement in that work alone. It is estimated in fact that 40,000 barrels will be taken this year by the railway company in connection with their work independent of the business which will be built up indirectly as a result of this.

KILLED TRYING TO SAVE COMPANION

Two Lost Lives in Tragic Fashion on Baltimore and Ohio Track.

Baltimore, Md., March 2.—Frederick George and Harry Tucker were killed yesterday by an express train on the B. & O. railway, the former trying to save the latter.

The two men with a companion had taken to the railroad tracks as a short cut to their homes and had stepped from one track to another, trying to get out of the way of a freight train that was approaching from an opposite direction. Soon after, on looking back for Tucker, who had fallen to the rear, George saw an express train approaching rapidly. He ran back yelling a warning to Tucker, but seems not to have been understood and both were struck and instantly killed.

APPOINTED PRINCIPAL
Stanstead, Que., Feb. 29.—Geo. Trueheart, principal of the Riverside consolidated school in Albert county, N. B., an educationist of large experience, has been appointed successor to Principal Flinders of the Stanstead Methodist college, who resigns to resume pastoral work.

SWORE TO KILL RECORDER WEIR

Montreal, Feb. 29.—Recorder Weir says he does not intend to travel with an armed bodyguard, notwithstanding the publication yesterday afternoon of a report that an Italian had sworn to kill him. Chief Detective Carpenter does not believe the story, and is making no effort to find the man said to have made the threat.

PRIEST'S ASSASSIN
Giuseppe Allo Pleads "Not Guilty" to Charge of Murder.

Denver, Colo., Feb. 29.—Giuseppe Allo, slayer of Father Lee, pleaded not guilty to the charge of murder when arraigned in the criminal court today. Judge Greely Whitmore set his trial for Monday, March 9. Peter Bessie was dismissed as interpreter in the case because of the charge that he is a member of an anarchistic organization.

DIED FROM INJURIES
New York, March 2.—The Rev. James Byrnes, pastor of St. Patrick's church, Richmond, Staten Island, who was thrown from his carriage while driving last Tuesday died tonight from his injuries at the church rectory.

Get acquainted with **Black Watch** the big black plug chewing tobacco. A tremendous favorite everywhere, because of its richness and pleasing flavor.

THE MEMORY OF THE DEAD.

London, Ont., Raise \$10,000 to Erect a Monument.

London, Ont., Feb. 29.—The Daughters of the Empire have raised nearly \$10,000 for a monument to the soldiers who fell in South Africa. They are now in correspondence with leading Canadian and English sculptors.

ANOTHER BOMB OUTRAGE.

Two Laborers Killed by Missile in Tehran.

Tehran, Feb. 29.—A bomb exploded in a side street of this city at an early hour this morning and killed two laborers. The occurrence created some excitement. There was nothing to show any connection with the attempt yesterday afternoon on the life of the Shah.

A deputation from parliament proceeded to the palace this afternoon and congratulated the Shah upon his escape. Tonight the city will be illuminated as a sign of rejoicing.

EVELYN DENIED DEMANDING MONEY

No Truth in Rumors of Divorce from Harry K. Thaw.

New York, Feb. 29.—Mrs. Evelyn Thaw denied today that she had demanded \$1,000,000 or had received any offer of money to induce her to consent to an annulment of her marriage to Harry K. Thaw. Mrs. Thaw added:

"There has been no conference of lawyers and there will not be any. I have never been approached by any lawyers on the subject of divorce or separation, and you can say positively that there is not an atom of truth in any of the rumors. I have received no offer of money to consent to anything and have made no demand for money. Yes, it is true that I have not been to Matesawan to see Harry in three weeks. That is because I have been ill with the grippe. I have not been out of the house except to take a drive.

"Is it true that detectives are following you?" she was asked.
"It is not true. Mr. Dougherty wrote me assuring me that he had no detectives engaged in following me, and that the story was untrue."

TERRORISTS MUST GO TO THEIR DOOM

No Mercy for Plotters Against Life of Grand Duke.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 29.—General Hakenkamp, chief of the general staff, overruling the plea of counsel for the defence, has confirmed the death sentences passed by a court martial on the seven terrorists, including the mysterious Italian, Calvino, who were convicted of complicity in the plot against the lives of Grand Duke Nicholas Nicolaievitch and M. Chtchergolovitch, minister of justice.

A new trial for the condemned men had been asked on the ground that the verdict of the military court is invalid since the state of extraordinary insecurity ceased to exist in St. Petersburg on January 15th. The general statute establishing various classes of military law, promulgated in 1881, had expired in August, 1907.

In addition, delay in the execution of the sentence as it effected the Italian Calvino, was originally sought for by the Italian ambassador, but today the ambassador dropped all his efforts in behalf of the man, having received confirmation of the previous reports that the Italian is not the person he represented himself to be. When he was arrested the police found on the man a passport apparently issued to Signor Calvino, the St. Petersburg correspondent of two Italian newspapers. The real Calvino is living in Italy, and the documents the terrorist had in his possession have been found to be forgeries.

Local News

Copies of Mackenzie King's report into the methods by which Oriental laborers have been induced to come into Canada may be obtained at the Liberal rooms, No. 1239 Government street, upstairs, where a limited number of copies are on hand.

A member of a Liverpool firm, identified with the salmon industry, in writing to a Victorian, says that the English market for sockeye salmon during the first part of February ruled quiet, and there was practically little business in the market. The writer further states that the total imports of salmon into the United Kingdom since 1880 are as follows: 1903, 44,556 cases; 1904, 121,789; 1905, 104,481; 1906, 156,262; 1907, 45,009; 1908, 110,278. There were received during January of this year 17,767 cases of salmon, and delivered 44,477 while there was still a stock on hand, at the time of writing, of 27,807 cases. The writer adds "that Alaska remains firm at from 22-3 to 22-6 on the spot."

The High School cadets turned out in force this morning for the Saturday shoot in the drill hall. Some very noteworthy scores were made out of a possible 50, that of Cadet Gray being very commendable. The following scores were registered: Cadet Gray, 46; Corporal Shipland, 43; Cadet Duck, 42; Corp. Boggs, 42; Cadet Ney, 38; Cadet Rehill, 38; Cadet Sprinkling, 37; Lieut. Boggs, 36; Cadet Armstrong, 35; Sergt. Swain, 33; Sergt.-Major Wellwood, 32; Corp. Shilling, 32; Lieut. Hartman, 31; Corp. Allan, 31; Bonn. McKay, 31; Cadet Brown, 31; Cadet Watson, 30.

BOATING CLUB HOUSE AT OAK BAY

Plans Have Been Prepared and Building Will Be Erected at Once.

At last, after three months of persistent effort, the new boat club at Oak Bay is to be allowed to build their new structure on the north side of Turkey Head. The decision was arrived at at a special meeting of the Oak Bay municipal council held Friday afternoon when the matter was again brought up by Councillors McGregor and Newton to be finally thrashed out. The matter had been reported as dropped but it was really far from being dropped. The length of time taken to get the permission from the council was occasioned on account of the council having to give a portion of the foreshore for the purpose of building an elaborate boat house. From this club house it will be possible to hire row boats, canoes and probably at a later date yachts, and as the pecuniary results would materially benefit the shareholders in the scheme it was not surprising that they would grant the request without a very clear understanding between themselves and the parties interested. However at the meeting the matter had little opposition, the councillors having made personal investigation were thoroughly conversant with the matter in hand. Plans for the new boat club house were presented, S. A. MacLure being the architect, and they were adopted by the council with certain restrictions and regulations. Already over fifty persons interested have shown their spirit in the venture and have become members as well as taking debentures the par value of which is \$10. A meeting of the boat club will be held in the Oak Bay hotel next Wednesday evening when plans will be discussed, and arrangements made for the construction of the building which it is expected will begin in the near future. The proposed site is 1500 feet long and 100 feet wide. In this way \$1,000 will be raised. This sum will be spent in part payment on the new clubhouse, on a runway and dock below the building for landing purposes. Boats will be purchased for hiring purposes but lots of space will be assigned for club purposes, the sewing away of craft, repairing section, and all up-to-date methods of handling boats.

The money derived from the renting of boats will go towards the salary of a caretaker who will always be on the premises, and for the purchasing of new boats.

It is particularly pointed out by those interested that the whole idea of the club is to put the institution on a permanent footing for the benefit of the whole community and anything that will conduce to that end will be done. The promoters realize that it is likely to be some time before the club will be in any way self-supporting but in the meantime the club members are prepared to meet any deficit there may be.

The new boat house will certainly prove a great asset to Oak Bay's well-known qualities as a picnic beach and summer resort as well as being popular with the residents who will be able to have their canoes and boats stored carefully at a reasonable rate. The club house will be of a rustic design, very suitable to the natural surroundings of the bay and the waterfront will be materially improved by the new addition. It is intended to make a charge of 25c per hour for boats, that charge being considered a very reasonable one.

Some misunderstanding has occurred regarding the affiliation of the Oak Bay club with the Victoria Yacht club, as yet nothing of the kind has been considered. Later when the two clubs are in perfect running condition something that will result in exchange of members will certainly be done as already several members of the Victoria club are interested in the Oak Bay organization.

POLICE STATISTICS.

Summary of Work of Past Month—Grand Total 277.

(From Monday's Daily.)

Hindus have been very busy at the city police station during the past month. It is seldom that so many cases have occupied the attention of the magistrates. The grand total is 277, and is made up as follows:

Seventy-three drunks, 10 vagrants, fishery regulations 1, lighting and creosote a disturbance 5, begging 3, bicycle by-law 23, keeper of bawdy house 2, frequenter of bawdy house 2, inmate of bawdy house 10, assault 1, fire by-law 4, assaulting a police officer 1, possession of intoxicants 1, British, 6, possession of stolen property 3, liquor regulations 1, street by-law 1, carrying concealed weapons 1, neglect of family 1, obtaining money under false pretences 1.

Three lunatics have left the island for the asylum at New Westminster, and the patrol wagon was called out on 127 occasions.

BABY'S OWN TABLETS SAVE A LITTLE LIFE

Mrs. T. Osborn, North Falls, Vt., writes: "I do not think enough can be said in praise of Baby's Own Tablets. I am satisfied that our baby would not have been alive to-day if it had not been for the Tablets, as he was so weak and sick that he took no notice of anything. In this condition I gave him the Tablets, and they have made him a bright-eyed, laughing baby, the pride of our home. He is now one year old, has nine teeth, and is now as well as any baby can be. He sits and plays nearly all the time and lets me do my work without worry. I would say to all mothers who have sick babies give them Baby's Own Tablets as I did mine, and you will have healthy, happy babies." The Tablets will cure all the minor ailments of little ones and are absolutely safe. Sold by all medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

STAKED OUT WHOLE DISTRICT.

Land Tied Up by Fakirs on Queen Charlotte Islands.

Vancouver, Feb. 29.—No small sensation has lately been caused among the mining men of the North by the knowledge that smart tricks were being practiced and much claim-jumping has recently occurred in the new camp at J. T. Bay.

Government Agent Manson, who is in charge of the district, went over from Port Simpson last week, and will spend the next fortnight in endeavoring to unravel the tangled web of a dozen men have, it is stated, practically attempted to stake the entire country. They placed stakes, but did not and could not conform with the requirements of the law and the result was that they tied up several districts against other bona-fide prospectors. It was very difficult for the latter when perhaps 100 miles from the records of the law and the stakes placed had ever been recorded, or were merely set to confuse miners and tie up the district. In other cases a number of claims have been recorded, it is alleged, within the time limit allowed by law.

MOTOR CARS ON RAILROAD.
Madison, Wis., March 2.—The Wisconsin railroad commission has filed a complaint against the use of gasoline motor cars on the Illinois central railroad. The complaint was made on the ground that the motor was dangerous and inadequate as a means of locomotion.

SAYS BATTLESHIPS ARE INEFFICIENT
Correspondent Reuter Dahl Returns to Washington to Prove His Criticism.

Callao, March 2.—Correspondent Henry Reuter Dahl left the American fleet here. He will go to San Diego on a supply ship and thence to Washington to make reply to those who criticized his criticism. Reuter Dahl declares the navy is inefficient, badly managed and far below the standard the people of the United States believe it has attained. He says he has seen four target practices of the United States navy and does not care to go to Magdalena Bay, but will return to the firing line at Washington to meet and answer his critics.

SHOT COUGAR.
Ashcroft, Feb. 28.—P. Oppenheimer, who lives out near Barnes lake, shot and killed a seven foot cougar back of his place a few days ago. The cougar which is a fine specimen of his kind, had been prowling about the neighborhood and had killed one of Oppenheimer's horses. This so incensed him, that he took his rifle and after locating his cougarship in a tree proceeded to kill him full length. As the fifth shot he fell to the ground dead. J. W. West purchased the carcass and bounty right which is \$15, for \$20 cash, and expects to have a fine rug made out of the animal's hide.

TO FLY ON FRASER.
New Westminster, Feb. 29.—In about a month the steamer Hamlin will be ready to go into commission on the Fraser river. Her machinery is at present being repaired at Stakake's machine works, the work necessitating the lining up of the shafting and general overhauling. The Hamlin will carry a freight of 2000 tons and will be a very fast steamer.

One of the largest saws ever built on the river has just been completed at Crane's works on Lulu Island. The saw is built for use in larger camps, and is nearly 100 feet long, 32 feet wide and eight feet deep.

RICH STRIKE AT SALMO.
Nelson, Feb. 29.—A strike of wonderfully high grade ore has been made on the Queen mine at Salmo. The ore is in the summer of 1881, I personally discovered Copper mountains where the Sunset is located. I sunk a 100 foot shaft on the Sunset, at the 100 foot level I drove a drift 25 feet, at this spot the assays were one and a half per cent in copper. At the 150 foot level, the assays were five per cent in copper and at the 190 foot level, the assays were five per cent in copper at this depth water prevented my getting the water. Later on the British Columbia Copper Company spent some \$15,000 in cutting above the bottom of the shaft. This company then gave the work up and they, together with Jim Hill's experts have condemned the "Sunset."

MINES OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.
Ore Shipments and Smelter Receipts During Past Week.

Nelson, Feb. 29.—The total shipments from Boundary and Kootenay mines for the past week were 20,186 tons, the largest for the present year so far. The total for the year to date is 218,502 tons. The various districts produced as under:

Boundary	22,860	146,398
Rossland	4,824	48,759
East of Columbia river	2,302	23,305
Receipts at the various smelters were as follows: Granby, week, 22,919; year, 145,957. Trail, week, 4,807; year, 45,438. Le Roi, week, 1,578; year, 14,790. Sullivan, week, 615; year, 5,730. Total, week, 29,778; year, 311,925.		

INDICATIONS OF PETROLEUM.
Springs May Exist in Vicinity of Burnaby and Deer Lakes.

New Westminster, Feb. 29.—Coal and petroleum indications have been found in the vicinity of Burnaby and Deer lakes, lying between this city and Vancouver. The men who have signed the applications for licenses are Thos. Duke, Isaac B. Flater, Geo. McSpadden, J. N. Henderson, J. H. Henderson and H. French. Each is asking for a license to prospect on a piece of ground one mile square.

SPRING COSTUMES

CAMPBELL'S

SMART SKIRTS

Symphony in Green

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BIG GREENWOOD TUNNEL SCHEME
Its Originator Talks Interestingly on What Project Will Accomplish.

Grand Forks, Feb. 29.—The big tunnel scheme which is now materializing at Greenwood was originally planned and made public by R. A. Brown, of Volcanic mountain fame, who is actually the father of the big tunnel scheme. In an interview today Mr. Brown said in part: "Yes it was in the year 1890 that I first conceived the idea of opening up this mining district by means of tunnels. As a proof that I was the originator of this tunnel scheme my views on this subject can be read by referring to the Review newspaper of Columbia, B. C., in its issue of March 4, 1893. Then I set forth the development of 'Pachyderm' mountain, Hardy mountain, and various other camps in the district, by means of tunnels. But the big tunnel scheme as originally planned by me would start on the West side of the North Fork of Kettle river opposite Volcanic mountain. This tunnel would be a big double track railway tunnel and would tap the Wolverine property at a depth of some fifteen hundred feet, the Oro Denue at two thousand feet depth, the Knob Hill and Ironsides, at four thousand feet depth. This big tunnel would tap Greenwood high grade properties and the city of Greenwood at a depth of seven hundred and fifty feet. This tunnel would tap more blind ledges than would make and equip the tunnel ten times."

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BANKHEAD MINES.
Western Agents Held Meeting at Banff to Discuss Output.

Nelson, Feb. 29.—George Motton has returned from a trip to Banff, where he attended a meeting of the western agents of the bankhead mines. The objects of the meeting were to arrange for a better distribution of the output of the mines. The large amount of coal being mined is not being evenly disposed of owing to the agents sending in orders for the same classes of coal, and if hard coal users can be prevailed upon to vary their demands for coal the mine company will be better satisfied and the breaking of the coal to the different sizes most in demand can be dispensed with.

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HORSES WILL RACE ACROSS CONTINENT
Canadian Backs Western Stock to Beat Arabian for Endurance.

New Westminster, Feb. 29.—In an interview given in this city this morning Fred T. Cromwell, a well known horse breeder of Edmonton, and owner of the famous stock horse Shamrock, announced that plans are now in preparation for a contest of endurance between Western and Arabian horseflesh that should appeal to all lovers of equine races throughout the continent. The time for this unusual race is set for April or May, the course to be from San Francisco to Washington, D. C., the contestants being his horse Shamrock, representing the Western type of horseflesh, and a champion Arabian horse owned by the New York Arabian Horse Stock Company. A side bet of \$10,000 has been posted by the parties interested.

CREW OVERBOARD
Sailor Went Raving Mad—Bit Thumb Off in Frenzy.

Atlantic City, N. J., March 2.—Going suddenly insane on board a schooner at sea yesterday, Edward Anderson, one of the sailors, became violent and in his desperation bit off his own thumb. He also attempted to throw other members of the crew overboard. Anderson was overpowered and tied with ropes to the floor in the cabin. With super-human strength he got one arm free and bit off his thumb. His shrieks of pain terrified the other sailors. When the schooner was docked Anderson was taken in charge by the police officials and placed in a padded cell.

DIPHTHERIA IN ONTARIO.
Toronto, Feb. 29.—Returns received by the provincial health department for January show smallpox, scarlet fever and diphtheria to have been more prevalent than in the corresponding month a year ago. The mortality from diphtheria was much higher. The number of cases of measles, whooping cough and typhoid was much less.

INUNDATED WITH CHALLENGES.
Calgary, March 2.—Billy Lauder has received seven challenges from first-class men across the line since his fight with Lombard.

ALBERTA HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIP.
Calgary, March 2.—Negotiations are under way for some games between the amateur hockey teams of Calgary and Edmonton for the championship of the province.

UNION CLUB'S FIRST BALL

FOUR HUNDRED GUESTS ROYALLY ENTERTAINED One of Most Interesting Events in History of the Institution.

(From Saturday's Daily). The 23rd of February, 1908, is a marked day in the calendar of the Union Club of British Columbia.

The committee in charge of the arrangements so carefully that in the comparatively limited space of the club buildings over 400 guests were entertained without a hitch or the semblance of discomfort.

When next the pipes began to play the "blue tickets" had their innings and so the night passed gaily, swiftly on.

The officials of the Union Club, from secretary to chef, are to be congratulated. The ball was an unqualified success.

A Times representative had a look around the club rooms this morning "After the ball was over."

The Hon. D. M. Eberts (the Speaker) and Mrs. F. Irving.

The Hon. J. A. Macdonald, M. P. P. Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton Abbott, Vancouver; Mr. Adamson, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Alkman, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ambery, Mr. J. R. Anderson, Miss Angus, Miss A. Angus, Mr. B. Angus, Miss Arbuthnot, Mr. and Mrs. N. A. D. Armstrong, Shawinigan Lake.

Mr. J. P. Babcock, Mrs. Balse, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Barkley (Westminster); Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Barnard, Rev. Canon Beaulieu, Miss Bessie and Miss Nora Bell, Mr. C. E. Berkley, Mr. J. H. L. Bistort, Mr. Bishop, Mr. B. B. Bingham, Miss Blackwood, Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Bodwell, Miss Bolton, Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey Booth, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Weaver Bridgman, Mr. J. W. Bridgman, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. W. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. W. Fitz-Herbert Bullen, Mr. Douglas Bullen, Miss Bulwer, Mr. and Mrs. F. Burton, Mrs. Miss and Miss Mary Butchart (old title).

Mrs. A. Oliver Campbell (Vancouver); Mrs. D. E. Campbell, Dr. J. Glen Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. M. Carlin, Mr. W. C. and Miss Cazyer, Mr. F. M. Chaldecot (Vancouver); Mrs. William Christie, Miss Clapman, Mrs. Arthur Coles, Mrs. Harvey and Miss Combe, Commander and Mrs. Combe ("Restored"); Mr. C. E. Cookson, Miss Cornwall, and Mrs. G. L. Courtney, Dr. Cumming, Major and Mrs. A. W. Currie, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Crease.

Miss W. Davis, Miss Clare Davis, Mr. Frank Davis, Mr. and Mrs. A. Weston, Miss Dorothy Day, Mr. E. L. Dewdney, Mr. D. Dofg, Dr. R. V. Dolby, Mr. B. H. Tyrwhitt and Miss Drake, Mr. R. W. Dunsmuir, Major E. C. Dupont, Miss E. C. Dupont.

Lieut. Eaton, Mr. J. N. Eaves, Hon. D. M. Eberts, Mr. H. Eberts, Mr. and Mrs. V. A. G. Elliot, Capt. and Mrs. Elliot, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Gibb, Capt. and Mrs. J. S. Gibb (Seattle), Mr. Ralph Gibson, Miss Madge Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Carew Gibson, Mr. D. L. and Miss Gillespie, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hedden Gillespie, Mrs. G. Gillespie, Mr. A. S. Gore, Mr. A. T. Gore, Mr. H. M. and Miss Graham, Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Grant, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gray, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Green, Lieut.-Col. F. E. Gregory, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Grasley, Mr. and Mrs. Albert F. Griffiths, Lieut. Haggerty, His Worship the Mayor and Mrs. Hall,

Dr. George Hall, Mr. Richard Hall (Mayne Island), Miss Hanford, Mrs. and Miss Hanington, Capt. and Mrs. Hart, Mr. E. A. Harvey, Mrs. Hazel, Mr. W. H. Hayward, Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Helmecken, Mr. and Mrs. H. Dallas Helmecken, Miss Cecelia Helmecken, Mrs. and Miss Heyland, Mr. John M. Heyland, Mr. H. Maurice Hill, Mr. and Mrs. John Hirsch, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hobson, Lieut. Hodgson, Dr. D. B. Holden, Mr. C. W. Holden, Mrs. C. F. Holden, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Holland, Mr. Glen Holland, Col. and Mrs. Holmer, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Holyer, Capt. and Mrs. Hughes, Mr. R. Humble (Vancouver Club).

Hon. Mr. Justice and Mrs. Irving, Miss Irving, Mr. Arthur Bevan Irving, Mrs. John Irving, Miss B. Irving and Miss G. Irving.

Mr. H. M. Johnson, Miss W. Johnson, Mr. G. C. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Jones, Dr. O. M. and Mrs. M. W. A. Kearns, Miss Barbara Keast, Mr. Cuthbert Keefer, Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Ker, Mrs. Kennington, Mrs. and Miss King, Dr. and Mrs. King, Mr. W. Kirby and Mr. G. A. Kirk, Mr. P. A. Landry, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Langley, Mrs. Walter and Miss Langley, Mr. J. H. Lawson, Jr., Miss E. M. Lawson, Miss J. Lawson, Miss J. M. Lawson, Capt. Learmouth (H. M. S. Egeria), Miss M. Little, Miss Loehelm, Mr. R. L. Lowmes, Mr. C. Loewenborg, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Lutton, Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Dunsmuir.

Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Magill, Mrs. Maher, Mrs. Archer Martin, Mr. and Mrs. M. Mason, Miss Martin, Mr. Samuel Martin, Mr. J. and Miss Mason, Miss Doris Mason, Miss Phyllis Mason, Mrs. J. S. H. Matson, Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Mathews, Miss Maud (Mayne Island), Mr. J. E. Miller, Mr. J. A. Mitchell, Mr. R. G. and Miss Monteth, Miss L. M. Monteth, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold and Miss Morley, Mrs. and Miss Moreby, Miss Mowbray, Mr. J. Musgrave, Mr. F. C. and Mrs. Musgrave, Hon. R. and Mrs. McBride, Captain McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Macdonald, Mr. B. H. McDougall, Mr. J. Herrick McGregor, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. McKay, Mr. T. O. McKay, Miss Gertrude McKay, Miss Alice McKay, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. McLaren and Mr. A. E. McPhillips.

Nankiwel, Dr. Rundle Nelson, Capt. and Mrs. C. D. Neroutos, Mr. C. Newcomb, Mrs. and Miss Newling, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Newman.

Mr. H. P. O'Farrell, Mr. and Mrs. W. O'Farrell, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. O'Reilly, Miss O'Reilly.

Miss H. Page, Captain Parry (H. M. S. "Egeria"); Mr. and Mrs. Parson, Mr. A. L. Parker, Miss Peck, Mr. F. B. Pemberton, Mr. W. T. P. Peniston, Miss Helen Peters, Mrs. and Miss Phippen (Winnipeg); Mr. H. Barre Phipps, Miss Phipps, Mr. and Mrs. A. Phipps, Mr. and Mrs. W. Phipps, Mr. R. P. Risher, Mr. Sidney Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Robertson, Dr. and Mrs. H. M. Robertson, Mrs. Rocks Robertson, Miss Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Roper (Cherry Creek); Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Rose.

Mr. W. Curtis Sampson, Miss Savage, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Schwab, Mr. J. H. Scholten, Mr. K. A. Scholten, Mrs. Miss Emma Sehl, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Shallock, Dr. Sheldon, Mr. Harold Simpson, Lieut. Smythe, Paymaster Sneath, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Solly, Mr. R. H. Y. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Spratt, Mrs. Stepany, Capt. and Mrs. Sullivan, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Swinerton, Mr. R. G. Talbot, Mr. D'Arcy Tate (Montreal), Mr. R. G. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Taylor, Mr. Wm. Todd, Mrs. C. H. Topp, Capt. and Mrs. Troup, Lieut. Troup, Miss W. Troup, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Troup, Dr. and Mrs. S. Tunney (Vancouver), Miss Tunney (Vancouver), Mr. and Mrs. Beauchamp Tye, Mrs. Hickman Tye.

Mr. T. Drysdale Veach, Mr. F. G. Vermon, Mr. and Mrs. V. Vermon, Miss Walker, Mr. W. Wallis, Mr. R. G. Ward, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Warner, Dr. and Mrs. Watson, Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Scott Whiting, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Whitmore (Dunsmuir), Major and Mrs. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Wilmer, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Wilmot, Mr. R. P. Wilmot, Mr. and Mrs. Biggerton Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. W. Rigby Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Wolfenden, Mr. Clive-Phillips and Miss Wolley (Pier Island).

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Yarwood, Hon. and Mrs. H. E. Young.

The following is the programme of dances: Extra Waltz Langue Des Fleurs Waltz Whistler and His Dog Two-Step La Matchoise Waltz National Merry Widow Two-Step On Long Li Waltz Gold and Silver Waltz Supper, White Ticket Two-Step Blossom Waltz Carriante Two-Step 11:45 to 12:15, Supper, Blue Ticket.

Extras 1 and 2 12:30 to 1, Supper, Yellow Ticket. Extras 3 and 4 1:15 to 1:45, Supper, Green Ticket. Waltz Nuptials Waltz Silver Heels Waltz 2:00, Supper, Red Ticket. Waltz Bell and Bowery Duck Two-Step Impassioned Broom Two-Step Honey Boy Waltz Do Re Mi Two-Step Old Faithful Waltz Old Faithful Waltz Old Faithful Waltz.

Union Club of British Columbia Ball Supper 23rd February, 1908.

CRESCENT OYSTERS ON HALF-SHELL Moet & Chandon, 1868 Vintage, Moet & Chandon 1900 Vintage, Sparkling Moselle, Lobster Salad

Chicken in Aspic Ham Tongue Boneless Turkey Spiced Beef Corned Beef Sirloin of Beef Crispe Jellies French Benedictine, Marsala, Creme De Minthe, Liqueur Brandy, Meringues.

EXTENSION OF NINE-HOUR LAW.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 28.—The hearing of the interstate commerce commission on the application for an extension of the nine-hour law was resumed to-day. Mr. Dollard, representing the Union Pacific system, has stated that it would be impossible for his line at various remote stations to supply accommodations to a third operator, H. E. Perham, president of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers made a statement to the committee that he had received information from points along the Union Pacific to the effect that it was entirely possible for the extra operator to be provided with the extra accommodations at the stations named by Mr. Dollard. In support of this statement he put on the stand E. L. Stump, general chairman of the Union Pacific Telegraphers, who stated in brief that in his opinion accommodation could be furnished for the necessary additional operator at all of the stations mentioned in Mr. Dollard's statement.

ALL POINTS WILL SOON BE GUARDED

Dominion Immigration Order in Council is Being Rigorously Enforced.

Ottawa, Feb. 28.—In answer to a question put by a member in the House yesterday Hon. Oliver said that the two Japanese arrested by the provincial authorities under the National Act are being deported by the Dominion immigration officers because of an infringement of the order in council to keep out immigrants who do not come direct.

At present he explained there was no system of inspection along the railway line and at railway points to keep out these immigrants, but that was now being arranged for. The first object of the order was to exclude those coming in at ocean landing points.

ENLARGING PLANT AT LITTLE BERTHA

Reduction Works is Contemplated for Mine at Bannock City.

(Special Correspondence). Grand Forks, Feb. 27.—Following many reports to this effect an extensive shipment of mining machinery was here a few days ago from Spokane, the "Little Bertha" property at Bannock City, 13 miles up the north fork of Kettle river. This machinery has already been hauled to the mine, and is being installed by D. McLean, of Spokane, who is also interested in the property.

The machinery now being installed consists of a gasoline compressor plant and a hoist. The management of this mine has also just let a contract to Joseph Fringe to sink another 100 feet in the 80-foot incline shaft already sunk on this property. It is expected that when this shaft is sunk to a total depth of some 200 feet a vast amount of high grade ore can then practically be blocked out, when an estimate can be made, and if sufficient ore is in sight to warrant it the question of erecting a reduction works at the mine will then be taken up.

It is also stated to-day that several other rich properties at Bannock City will resume operations in the early spring, among which will be the well-known "Richmond" property which lies close to the "Bertha" mine, and is owned by Chief of Police A. E. Savage, of this city.

GOVERNMENT FAILS TO REDEEM PROMISE

Premier McBride's Reason for Not Aiding Unemployed at Nanaimo.

Nanaimo, Feb. 28.—An interesting special meeting of the city council was held last night. Some time ago the government had undertaken to provide for the unemployed at Nanaimo. The council has been in correspondence with the provincial government on the matter, and somehow understanding arose, as a result of which the premier wired Mayor Plants to the effect that in view of the council's action as reported in the local papers the government had withdrawn its offer of work here for several hundred idle men from the mines.

At the council meeting last night the council maintained that it had been in correspondence with the provincial government in this matter, and that in any event newspaper reports were a clumsy excuse for the government to hide behind to withdraw a promise. Mayor Plants, a leading Conservative of Nanaimo and a possible candidate in the coming election, severely condemned the government saying it was apparent they did not wish to aid the unemployed. The unemployed, on the other hand, laid the blame on the council for the government's action. Finally it was decided to send a committee from the council and one from the unemployed and they will act in conjunction and see the premier to-day in Victoria and ask that relief work be opened at once at Nanaimo.

PASTOR ON TRIAL

Enunciated Doctrine Contrary to Those of Methodist Church.

Winnipeg, Feb. 28.—Rev. Arthur Basham, a pastor at Holmfirth, Man., appeared before the leading ministers as a church court, as the result of a series of sermons preached recently in which the reverend gentleman preached a doctrine contrary to the well-defined one of the Methodist church, and one that, if continued, would have a tendency to lead churchmen from the fold. The hearing of the case was secret.

The Times Nature Club

Bird Study. The only way to learn about the birds is to go where the birds are, to keep perfectly quiet, to move very gently, and to talk or with someone who will not talk.

It is very interesting to read about birds and to look at their pictures. It does not amount to much. An endeavor is being made to interest people in the birds through this club, but unless the person who reads this goes into the woods, the fields or the garden and there watches the birds himself or herself, this department will not be of much value.

There is no hobby that is so cheap, and at the same time gives so much pleasure as this study of the birds or other wild things around us. All one needs is a good pair of eyes and a notebook and pencil. It is possible to do without the notebook and pencil, but it is much better to have them. To write down what one sees impresses it upon the memory, and the information is often recalled later on when making further investigations.

Some people go out and never see anything unless it is a dog fight or something exciting like that. They trample under foot hundreds of wonderful things that they never dream are so near them. There are hundreds of tragedies enacted in the garden that are never noticed. The writer has been living right in the heart of the city, yet there are two little birds that seem to make their home in a small pine tree in the garden, and numbers of other visit the place. In the office the sparrows often come to the window ledge and eat the crumbs placed there for them. Anyone who is fond of the birds can learn a good deal about them.

It is always an advantage to use a pair of field glasses if you have them, when going out to watch the birds, but if you have none and are in earnest you can learn almost as much without them. An occasional trip to the museum to make comparisons is almost necessary.

Almost all the inhabitants of the forest move without noise, but none so stealthily and so perfectly silent as the lynx. When watching for his prey he will lie crouched on the branch of a tree or on a rock with his legs always ready for a spring should any of the smaller or less fierce inhabitants of its care, but the lynx of the mountains, scientifically known as Bailey's lynx, a sort of cross between the Canada lynx and the wild cat.

For ten minutes or more Dick watched him giving a glance now and then at the woodpecker's hole to see how the digging was getting on. Then a very faint squeak was heard beneath some brambles. Both the bird and the boy were very much alert. The squeak was repeated just a little louder and clearer to the edge of the bush, where the bird sat. The cruel eyes seemed, perhaps in Dick's imagination, to grow more cruel. A moment later the grass on the edge of the bush could be seen to move. At the same moment the shrike darted from his perch and had the little furry creature in his curve bill. There was a much louder squeak than before, which ended almost as soon as it began.

Suddenly something dropped on the catcher and caught. Dropped from one of the contortions of the mountain alder. A cat, but not of the domestic variety, had been sitting there, lying there, or crouching there, call it what you will, for it was all three. For ten minutes he had had the shrike in his power, yet he had not moved to take advantage of the prey at the moment of the shrike's triumph he had silently allowed himself to fall feet downward, not to avert a tragedy, but to enact a double one.

As the lynx dropped Dick gave an involuntary start. The lynx saw him and letting go the bird and the mouse, he crouched backwards with a snarl. Seeing that the boy did not move and that he looked unoffensive, he again seized the bird and mouse and with a rumbling growl made off into the thickets.

To say that Dick was startled would be but putting it mildly, but besides being startled he was elated. He had never expected to see anything like this. How he would thrill the boys on Monday when he told his tale in school. The shrike story in itself would have been a good one, but now he would be the hero of the day. Although frightened he had used his eyes, and had noted that this was not the Canada lynx, with its tufts of hair on the tips of its ears, but the lynx of the mountains, scientifically known as Bailey's lynx, a sort of cross between the Canada lynx and the wild cat.

AMATEUR ACTING ENJOYED AT DUNCAN

Dramatic Entertainment Was Productive of Good His-trionic Ability.

Duncan, Feb. 27.—A dramatic entertainment was given in the Duncan opera house last night under the direction of S. M. Dighton.

The first part of the programme was a comedy in one act, entitled "Barbara." The leading part was well taken by Miss F. Miles, who has a clear, pleasing voice, and whose stage manager is graceful and natural. S. M. Dighton gave the presentation of the benevolent country doctor. Barbara was supported by her relative to have been drowned in infancy, and the doctor comes to tell of a fortune which has been discovered in the event of her death, went to her brother Cecil. Barbara remains unknown so that Cecil may inherit the fortune and marry. The character, Cecil, the bashful suitor, who is at last playfully teased by Barbara into boldness, was taken by Mr. Souper.

Miss R. Norie made an attractive Lilla Lesland, Cecil's sweetheart. The play is a comedy for everyone excepting Barbara. Miss Miles' acting of the part showed finer shades of feeling than is usual in an amateur performance.

In the interval between the first and second parts of the programme Miss Lola Herman played two selections on the violin, which were very much enjoyed.

"A Model of a Wife," a farce in one act, kept the audience in fits of laughter. The character of Mr. Stump, painter and drawing master, and his wife, was taken by S. M. Dighton. Mr. Berrington made an exceedingly good Frenchman. He took the part and he certainly acted it. Mrs. H. de Molin as Mrs. Stump, was good. Mrs. Kennington, as the artist's niece, was bright and attractive, and Mrs. Stepany made a pretty model.

Every seat in the opera house was taken, and many of those present will come to the second performance which takes place on Monday evening. After the play there was a supper, followed by the proceeds of both performances will be divided between the Duncan and the Cowichan Lawn Tennis Clubs. Movements in District.

W. Gatt, proprietor of the Alderia hotel, has sold out to a new owner. His leaves Duncan to open a hotel on one of the Gulf Islands.

The Sabian school has been closed because of the prevalence of measles. Miss Mannie Devereux, the teacher, is spending her holidays in Victoria.

INSURANCE SECURITIES. Bill Amending U. S. Law is Signed by Governor Hughes.

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 28.—Governor Hughes to-day signed the bill of assemblyman Hanna amending section 100 of the so-called Armstrong Insurance laws so as to permit insurance companies to hold bonds on which there has been default in interest. The bill reorganizes committees for the purpose of protecting their securities.

The specific instance for which the law was amended was the Third Avenue railroad in New York city, which is now in the hands of the receivers appointed by the U. S. court and for which a protective committee of bondholders has been named. Three life insurance companies, the Mutual Life, the New York Life and Equitable hold of it, it is stated, about \$5,000,000 in bonds of the company.

INCREASED PAY FOR SOLDIERS. Washington, D. C., Feb. 28.—The house of representatives yesterday adopted a special rule restoring to the Army Appropriation bill the provision for an increase in pay for enlisted men and non-commissioned officers.

JAPANESE PRIESTS ON CHINA COAST

Another Foreign Problem Disturbs Awakening Empire—"Supernatural Activity."

Hongkong, Feb. 28.—While the Chinese province of Chekiang is excited over the construction of railways under a foreign loan, the adjacent provinces of Fukien, just to the south, and almost parallel with Formosa, is suffering from another trouble which is giving the Chinese authorities much food for thought. In a sense the origin of the anxiety is the same, for there is a foreigner in each difficulty, but in the case of Fukien the foreigner is Japanese.

It would appear that the remarkable activity of the Japanese in pacifying and developing Formosa had cast a shadow of gloom over the province on the coast line of China nearest to the island, for during the last few months there have been increasing numbers of Japanese appearing in Fukien.

Most of these Japanese are going about as Japanese Buddhists bonzes or priests, trying to convert the people. So numerous have they become that the authorities are alarmed at the prospect of so much material for future mischief, have enacted the provincial viceroys for not taking more effective steps to put a stop to the immigration, and in consequence, stricter measures are being adopted to make the province less attractive to the religious visitors.

China is so sensitive just now on the subject of foreign aggression that she regards any enterprise of the Japanese within her boundaries with deep suspicion. The success of the Japanese in the past decade has awakened China to a desire to emulate her progress, but the initial steps are more difficult, and the time is not yet when the authorities in Peking can feel that they have the empire so organized that general development can proceed in the strength of union. Hence the watchful eye that is kept on the "almost supernatural activity" of Japan. In the case of Fukien province it is not unnatural, under the circumstances, that there should be a widespread doubt as to the bona fides of these wandering bonzes. Many officials regard them with suspicion, and in consequence, stricter measures are being adopted to make the province less attractive to the religious visitors.

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W. Sloan Reviewians in P. G. Cox's

Ottawa, Feb. 28.—W. Sloan (The Atlantic), on motion to the House of Commons, said: In accordance with a few days ago to discuss a matter of importance, viz: the seizure of the schooner Carlotta G. C. 1907, and other matters.

Canadian pelagic sealing in the North Pacific ocean.

PRIESTS ON CHINA COAST

Foreign Problem Dis-wakening Empire—Natural Activity.

Feb. 23.—While the Chinese of Chekiang is excited instruction of railways un-

the Japanese in pacifying the province had cast a shadow of surplus energy on the of China nearest to the is-

the Japanese are going, Japanese Buddhists bonzes or- to convert the people. Some have become that cities in Pekin, alarmed at

THEORY OF HEREDITY

Dr Jordan of Stanford or "Dissipation and ugles Against it."

San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 23.—In an before a mass meeting under- of the recently organized

LIVES LOST IN REVOLVER DUEL

Loggers Engage in Fatal Combat Over Children's Quarrel.

N. Y., Feb. 29.—Three men in a battle with revolvers in el in the loggers' camp of on & Williams Bros. on Rose

WINNIPEG'S BIG LOAN.

Winnipeg, Feb. 29.—The city council included in secret session negotia-

Hague Should Deal With Sealing Problem

W. Sloan Reviews Unfair Position of Canadians in Pelagic Operations—Carlotta G. Cox Seizure—Value of Industry

Ottawa, Feb. 23.—W. Sloan (Comox-Atlin), on motion to go into supply in the House of Commons last night,

The question is one which has long been a source of conflicting interest be- tween the United States and Canada.

"Restrictive regulations have also been imposed upon our whalers, but without having the desired effect.

The Behring Sea question was also one of those which received the considera-

"This proposal was not favored by Canada, as it was felt that our present rights should not be further relinquished

"The humiliating feature of this may be more fully understood when it is re-

Mr. Sloan then reviewed the efforts made by the British and American governments to procure the adhesion

The treaty between Great Britain and Japan, ratified July 17th, 1884, marked

Japan would at that time, no doubt, have readily consented to respect the regulations adopted for the protection

rather than jeopardize the treaty which was to give her a new status.

It is difficult to understand Great Britain's failure to protect the Canadian pelagic sealers with so favorable an opportunity presented, especially

"The Hon. Eilhu Root, the present secretary of state, has stated on many occasions his friendly interest in Canada,

"When the herds had again recaptured the killing could then be super-

Japan being allies of Great Britain, it might even be reasonable to suppose

"I do not know if the report was well founded or otherwise. It is immaterial,

"The vessels of the Japanese fleet not only took thousands of seals within the territorial waters of the United States

"On page 12: 'The Japanese pelagic fleet which operated in the Behring Sea during the summer consisted of at least

All the seals killed with the exception of two were females. When it is remembered that the killing of female seals is universally condemned,

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indicate: 1906, average skins per vessel, 775; 1907, average skins per vessel, 359; 1907, average skins per vessel, 359.

This government is in nowise responsible for the bringing into existence of these discriminating restrictions, but I trust, Mr. Speaker, that this govern-

"What I contend for is this, Mr. Speaker, that so long as unrestricted pelagic sealing is recognized, as in the case of Japan, then Canada should have the same rights.

"The submission, however, of the fur seal fisheries, which I have been discussing, to the Hague tribunal, would I think be received with favor,

"This proposal will preserve to Canada with equal rights to the seas with the other nations of the world and relieve us of our present disabilities.

"Because we refuse to recognize the property rights to the fur seal in the open sea, which is claimed by the United States, our attitude has been referred to as 'unneighborly, in that it is destroying a valuable industry

"I have shown the value to the world of the fur seal fisheries of the north Pacific ocean. I have pointed out the urgency of action being taken to save the valuable animal from total extinction.

"I have suggested the Hague tribunal as competent and unbiased to deal with this question.

"In conclusion, Mr. Speaker, the destruction of the fur seal species would be unwarranted, furthermore it would be an unnatural, immoral and unparliamentary policy.

"The protection and conservation of the fur seals of the north Pacific ocean is an obligation due to posterity by the nations of to-day who are directly responsible and directly interested.

RELIGION WINS IN ROMAN SCHOOLS

Rome, Feb. 23.—The cabinet was victorious yesterday in its opposition to the abolition of religious teachings in the schools.

THE CITY'S BILL IS MUTILATED

COMMITTEE DEALS WITH ROUGH HANDS

Rights Asked for by Victoria Are Struck Out of Measure.

(From Friday's Daily.) The private bills committee of the legislature met again this morning and considered the bill to amend the Victoria Water Works Act.

Stuart Henderson wanted to know if the chairman had any indirect interest in connection with the companies, which Mr. McPhillips said that his private business was no concern to the committee.

Proceeding to business, E. V. Bodwell called R. H. Sperling, general manager of the B. C. Electric Company, to give evidence before the committee.

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"Mr. Taylor wanted to know if the electric company, because it contributed to the revenue of the city, claimed the right to override the wishes of the citizens of the city who also paid more heavily for the same services.

"L. G. McPhillips, K. C. was the next witness. He was asked by Mr. Bodwell, whether he would either accept or refuse the same, or give notice to the council that they will require the purchase price of their property to be submitted to arbitration.

"In case the notice referred to in the preceding subsection be given by such company, the price to be paid for such property shall be referred to the award of three arbitrators who are to be appointed by the parties giving the notice, one by the council, and the third to be either agreed upon between the arbitrators appointed by the parties, or in the event of an award being made under the arbitration hereinafore referred to, such price shall be paid or secured before any further proceedings are taken by the council under the powers contained in the next preceding section and sub-sections of this act.

"Mr. Taylor contended that it was impossible to read into the statute now that this withholding of the exclusive right did not permit the municipality to go into competition.

"The chairman suggested that in 1884 the municipality had not the power to embark in such an enterprise.

"Parker Williams took exception to the words of Mr. Ross, who had criticized the words protecting the rights to public ownership as words 'fired in by an irresponsible person.' It was

vident that this person, if that was the case, had an advanced view of the situation.

Mr. Henderson pointed out that in view of the fact that municipalities had not the power to enter into such an enterprise at that time took away the effect of this section.

A. P. Luxton, K. C., representing the Esquimalt Waterworks Company held that the municipality had ample power to go to Sooke lake now without other legislation.

Mr. McPhillips wished to know just what the city would be agreeable to. He wanted to know if the city would compensate the Esquimalt company for its enterprise if it was deemed wise to do so.

Mr. Taylor said the city wanted to have a free hand in the matter. It had been specified in the act of incorporation of the Esquimalt company by which the rights of the city were reserved.

W. E. Oliver, reeve of Oak Bay, wanted to know if the committee fully understood what he wanted when he was informed that his views could be heard as the sections came up.

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"The committee further specified that the Esquimalt Water Works Co. to be property was expropriated it should be under the provisions of the Water Clauses' act.

that the work be commenced within two and finished within eight years, it being provided that every precaution should be taken not to damage the company's property.

CANNERS TO POSE BOOMING OF SHUSWAP

Would Endanger Work of Propagating Salmon in Spawning Beds.

Vancouver, Feb. 23.—Considering that the application of the Shuswap and Thompson River Booming Company to the Dominion government for permission to build dams and booming grounds on the Shuswap and Thompson rivers would, if unrestrictedly granted, endanger the work of propagating salmon in those streams and tributaries, the salmon canners of the Fraser river will oppose the petition.

The Thompson and Shuswap rivers, their tributaries and sources are among the finest natural spawning grounds for salmon in this province, and were obstructions permitted thousands of square miles of spawning grounds would be cut off from the fish.

In memory of the brave Canadian boys from Victoria who met death at the hands of the Boers at Modder River, Orange Free State, on Sunday, February 18th, 1900.

I hear the toll of mournful bells, the beat of muffled drum, The measured tread of martial feet, slow moving as they come,

Eight years ago they faced the foe by Modder's stream and plain. And now their stalwart manly forms are numbered with the slain.

LE ROI DECLARES ANOTHER DIVIDEND Consolidated Mining Company Has Good Showing During Past Year.

Rossland, Feb. 27.—A London cable to-day announces a dividend of two shillings for Le Roi No. 2, making a total of dividends since 1905 of fourteen shillings.

UNPARALLELED FOR TWENTY-THREE YEARS Dominion House Still Sitting, Owing to Conservative Obstruction Methods.

Ottawa, Feb. 23.—At noon to-day there were no signs of an adjournment of the House. About 3 o'clock Hon. S. Fisher, who was leading the House, was relieved by Hon. W. S. Fielding, and Hon. G. Foster took the place of T. S. Sproule.

It was further specified by the committee that any action undertaken by the city should be at the instance of the city council and not of the rate commissioner.

STAMPEDING TO NEW GOLD FIELD

LINLAY RIVER STRIKE REMARKABLY RICH

Arrival in Hazelton Says Gravel Goes \$1 to \$3 a Pan.

Hazelton, Feb. 27.—Confirming all previous reports of the remarkable richness of the gravel dirt in the new placer gold fields on the Finlay river, in northeastern British Columbia, James Bates, a prospector, reached here yesterday. He came out via the government trail, built by the Mounted Police last year.

The news has created a sensation here, and scores of people are preparing to join in the stampede as soon as they can get outfitted.

A dozen people have already left here for the new gold fields. Thus far four different outfits have arrived here from outside points on their way to the Finlay river.

SAXE-COUBOURG-REUSS WEDDING IN GERMANY Prince of Bulgaria Was Married to Princess Eleonore at Cobourg.

Cobourg, Germany, Feb. 23.—Prince Ferdinand of Bulgaria, was united in marriage this morning to Eleonore Caroline Gasparine Louise, Princess of Reuss. At the conclusion of the religious and civil ceremonies which followed, the wedding party left for Gera, the seat of the younger branch of the Reuss family.

Princess Eleonore is a daughter of Prince Henry, fourth son of Tsar Nicholas, and she was born near Soultz Hau, Prussia, in 1860. She is a member of the younger branch of the Reuss family.

GUNLAYERS' TESTS ON H. M. S SHEARWATER Sloop Stationed at Esquimalt Made Good Showing Last Year.

London, Feb. 12.—The return of the heavy gunlayers' tests of the year 1907, which has just been published by the admiralty in the form of a parliamentary Blue Book, shows that the sloop Shearwater was fourth amongst the special service vessels and tenders, grouped together for classification, their number being twelve in all.

OFFERED ALDERSHOT COMMAND Brigadier General Otter of Toronto May Take Charge of Fifth Infantry Brigade.

Ottawa, Feb. 23.—A dispatch received from the secretary of state for the Colonies says that Brigadier General Otter of Toronto has been offered the command of the Fifth Infantry Brigade at Aldershot.

PROCEEDINGS OF LEGISLATURE MANY BILLS WERE ADVANCED IN HOUSE

Business Transacted by Members During the Sitting on Saturday Afternoon.

The legislature yesterday afternoon was occupied with the consideration of a few items in the estimates committee.

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Mr. Macdonald thought there was surely some basis. He criticised the mode in which the government had made of these lands at Point Gray.

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Mr. Carter-Cotton said there had been no breaking away from the land laws of the province in the government returning one-quarter interest to the purchasers of the land.

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Similkameen's Needs. John Oliver wanted a statement of the demands for Similkameen. He figured out that \$50 a mile was being used for repairs there, the vote being \$55,750.

Mr. Oliver then proceeded to compare Cranbrook with Similkameen. The areas were about the same. Cranbrook got a vote of \$5,000 only. This was not another example of the fact that these estimates were framed without any idea of equity or justice.

The vote passed.

Skeena's Claim. On the Skeena district vote of \$29,000, Dr. Kerwin said he wanted to protest as strongly as he could. At Atlin, Cariboo and Lillooet were excepted, Skeena was larger than the rest of the province. The district stood in need of a large expenditure.

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Bridges. Dr. King pleaded for a bridge at Wardner.

Mr. Brewster wanted to know if a bridge was provided for Lawson's creek.

This would be built, it was promised.

Van Andia Wharf. Mr. Brewster wanted to know if the Van Andia wharf would be put in order.

This, it was promised, would be done.

Ferry Votes Short. Mark Eagleton wanted to know why the appropriation for Churn creek ferry was cut down to \$450. It would be impossible to get a man to stay there for that.

It was promised to change this to \$900, the same as last year.

Several other mistakes were discovered, including the ferry at Twenty-Mile Post, above Lillooet. These it was promised would be righted.

Coyotes Useful. Stuart Henderson wanted the bounty on coyotes increased, as they do damage to the feathered game.

Hon. Dr. Young, however, said that while he favored destroying the coyotes in the north, he had been met by the objection in the southern part of the province that these animals did good by destroying the small vermin.

Rossland's Claim. On the vote of \$3,000 to the city of Rossland, J. A. Macdonald pointed out the peculiar position of Rossland. That

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Robert Gladstone, the home secretary, declared that he personally favored the principle of the bill, but he said that public opinion would have moved before an effect could be given to it. The opponents to the bill had no objection to the vote of the bill being taken, and as its opponents assented to its reference to a committee of the whole House, the bill is daily shelved for the present.

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ing the vote of \$7,000 additional to the provincial police.

The attorney-general explained that there had been a large increase in officers in the north. The attempt to capture Simon Gun-a-noot had cost a lot of money.

Mr. Henderson said that the conduct of the Northwest Mounted police, which cost only about \$60,000 for each of the provinces.

The attorney-general said that there was no comparison between the cost in this province and the prairies. The expenses in connection with the provincial police could not be kept down. There were constant demands.

G. R. Naden wanted to know if there was truth in the report that the search after Gun-a-noot was to be dropped.

The attorney-general said he regretted to say that it was true. Two expeditions had been dispatched to capture him, but without success. Gun-a-noot was an Indian who brought in large quantities of furs, and was able to maintain himself for a long time. Every effort would be made to bring the Indian to justice.

Mr. Naden said that knowing the conditions in that country it was worthwhile to attempt to capture Simon in the way adopted.

Dr. Kergin said that Gun-a-noot knew the country as no white man knew it. He had caches in various parts, and it would be difficult to capture him. He thought that he should be captured at all costs, however, in the interests of order. There had been an increase in lawlessness among the Indians in that north country since the escape of Gun-a-noot.

The attorney-general did not know that fifty parties stood a better chance of being successful than two expeditions.

Parker Williams wanted to know what the nature of the crime was and the motive.

The attorney-general explained that the two victims had been found shot in the back.

Mr. Williams wanted to know if the crime was not committed as a result of the immoral practices of these men with white blood in them with the Indian women. If so he thought these Indians had as much right as Harry Thaw to act as he did. He thought the search might be dropped.

John Jardine agreed with dropping it. He contended that the government should take every step possible to stop the use of whiskey among the Indians. The attorney-general did not know what had been the interests of justice to discuss the matter in the House.

John Oliver said it was the duty of the legislature to bring these men to justice. When the men were brought to trial the merits of the case could be gone into. It was necessary to bring these men to justice in the interests

of law and order in the province.

Dr. Kergin agreed with the view taken by Mr. Oliver and said that there was no doubt that the fact that the Indians were drunk at the time reflected discredit upon the government's administration of the laws.

On the item of \$20,000 additional for Richmond Mr. Oliver wanted information.

He was informed that \$15,000 was for relief work.

Mr. Oliver wanted to know if the major portion of this was not expended between Vancouver and South Vancouver and was not in front of one lot largely which contributed little to the revenues. Mr. Oliver thought that the work for unemployed might just as well have been expended at Point Grey as at lot 301.

Hon. Mr. Cotton said that the government could not well insist that lot 301 should join a municipality. There were about 400 acres in it and it had been sub-divided and roads should be provided. The residents had contributed about \$100 to the revenues.

Mr. Oliver pointed out that lot 301 was getting five times as much as was contributed to the province's revenues.

Mr. Williams alluded to the fact that in Ladysmith the government forces that place to form a municipality before money was given. Only one road was provided. In Richmond, however, a different condition prevailed and it was announced that nothing could be done to force an area to join a municipality.

On the increased vote to Slokan Mr. Williams alluded to the fact that aid was to be given to erecting a smelter in connection with the local industry. Slokan was in a depressed condition, so that the expenditure in that district was not needed. He pointed out that when the district was represented by an opposition member little was given, but now that a Conservative represented it the situation was changed. He could see no other explanation for it but that there had been a change in the representation.

W. Hunter defended the vote as necessary.

On the Cariboo roads Mr. Yorston pressed for assistance in building a road into Chilcotin and in and in various other districts.

G. R. Naden wanted to know if the vote for bridges of \$40,000 included the Kettle River bridge. He explained the condition. The Kettle River ran nearly due south for about 40 miles and then turned east at about right angles. Rock Creek came in at that bend. There was a small community at Rock Creek in the Similkameen. This was a very small community. In the Greenwood riding there was a large community. About 80 per cent of the business was done at that place. Last year it was proposed a bridge would be added to meet the convenience of the people. He had agreed that he did not care where the bridge was as long as it served the largest number of people. He had suggested that the engineer should be on the ground to settle upon the point. Later Mr. Naden said he saw the correspondent on the matter. On June 29th, 1907, a letter was written by L. W. Shattford, stating that with the road superintendent he had

some over the ground and gave a site which he said would be the best for the Similkameen riding. The Greenwood people would probably try to have it built in Greenwood riding but "I have your assurance that it will be built in Similkameen and have assured my friends to that effect," the letter said.

The public works engineer had promised him (Mr. Naden) he would not have the work done until he inspected the ground. Before the engineer got there, however, \$1,800 was spent on it. There could be no doubt that the work was commenced before the engineer got there so as to ensure the work being done there.

The engineer went down and when he saw the location, stopped the work and called upon an engineer to make a survey.

A message to the chief commissioner was read in which a series of resolutions from the Conservative committee at Rock Bay set forth that the bridge was being constructed in the most convenient place for the Similkameen; that it should be located in line with the promise given to the member for Similkameen; that it should be in Similkameen riding; and that the engineer of the public works department should be dismissed if he persisted in altering the location of the bridge.

A plan was shown of the report from an engineer of available sites on the river for bridges. The public works engineer had initiated the site in the Greenwood riding as the most suitable. A memo was also read of the report by F. J. Fulton, Chief Commissioner, in which site No. 1 should be the one contemplated. This was in the Similkameen district and was the most expensive place. The public works engineer had said that the bridge in the Similkameen would cost \$2,000 less than the one in Greenwood. There had been more money wasted he felt safe in saying than was expended altogether in Greenwood.

The community to Greenwood had to travel one mile out of their way to cross the bridge and one mile back on the other side. This was altogether for the purpose of having the work done in the Similkameen riding.

The only member of the government who was in the district was the premier. The responsibility rested between the premier and the member for Similkameen. That part of the province had been debauched by this. This money was spent at the instance of the premier and Shattford to satisfy political purposes.

If money were properly spent in the province there would be no need of Ottawa for better terms. This money was expended pure and simple for political purposes to debauch a constituency it could be described as to the extent of \$2,000.

L. W. Shattford said this was not serious. The bridge was being ordered to accommodate the residents at Rock Creek. This was not built at the time. Later Mr. Shattford said it was ordered that Mr. Naden had during the election promised that if he was elected the bridge would be built in Greenwood riding.

Mr. Naden rising, said he had made no such promise.

Mr. Shattford said that he accepted this denial. Continuing he said that provision was made for this. The place where the bridge was being built is in the Similkameen riding. It is a number of roads converging there. It had formerly been the site of a post office until D. Ross had it abandoned.

Mr. Naden contended that the bridge was not being built where it would serve the greatest number. What was the object of keeping a public works engineer if his opinion was no use. There was only one site on one side of this bridge in the Similkameen riding used the bridge. It was used for the greater part by the people of Greenwood.

The premier said this was the first time he had been charged with bribery or corruption. He had never promised the people of Rock Creek before an election that this bridge would be built.

John Oliver pointed out that the bridge was used largely by the people of Greenwood. The member for Similkameen had urged that the member for Greenwood be elected because of the promise given to have the bridge built in Greenwood. If that was so it only went to show that the people wanted the bridge where the member for Greenwood proposed it should be built. The resolution passed by the Conservative Association at Rock Creek had not provided that the bridge be built where it was in the interests of the whole community, but simply that it would suit the residents of Similkameen riding. It was not a question of interest at all or of expense but simply for political purposes.

Mr. Yorston said that he had stated that the tender put in had been for \$150. He found that it was \$1,000. A certain cheque had been sent with the tender for \$50. This included all the work in connection with it, signed Alfred Carson, government supporter. Among the referees were Chas. Wilson. A tender of Mr. Strand for a lower figure had been turned down because apparently he was not a government supporter. The agent had estimated the cost at \$180 or \$200. The note was \$100. There was an additional vote of \$250 for building and maintenance.

Mr. Strand had tendered and had been given the work it would have been carried out according to contract. He had in fact been given the work. Mr. Strand was competent and the member for the spot who could understand the plans. Mr. Strand would have done the work for \$150 as he was a conscientious man. Capt. Brown who carried out the work was an able captain, but knew nothing about the building of the ferry and did not in the first instance understand the plans. Mr. Strand did not get the work he believed because it was given to the government supporters in the district. While the road superintendent was nominally in charge of the work yet an employer had wired down to know who was superintendent as he was apparently bothered to know who really was in charge. The ferry has cost too much.

He hoped the government would put a sober man in charge of the work. There was danger unless this was done. He should be competent and sober.

In reply to a question Mr. Yorston said that he understood that Mr. Strand had given instructions that a certain gentleman was to receive the preference.

The chief commissioner said that when the order was not in it referred to the work which was under way.

Mr. Yorston pointed out that it was a matter to take over the material at cost price.

The item passed.

This completed the supplementaries and the committee rose.

The house adjourned until 2:30.

In the House on Saturday afternoon the bill of the greatest public importance was that respecting the G. T. P. A number of other bills were advanced a stage or two.

The government introduced a number of bills, most of them being of an unimportant character.

The civil service bill came for consideration again, Parker Williams op-

posing the superannuation scheme unless it were made to apply to all classes of the community. The debate was again adjourned.

The bill to provide for a loan of \$10,000 to the zinc smelter at Nelson was explained by the premier and was supported by the leader of the opposition. More information was called for by the leader of the opposition relative to the Bulkley valley survey before passing the bill. He wanted maps produced and the debate was adjourned for this purpose.

Press Gallery, Feb. 29.

Upon assembling in the afternoon a bill respecting the Grand Trunk Pacific railway was introduced by message from His Honor the Lieut-Governor.

John Oliver wanted some information before the committee should report it to the House.

Premier McBride explained some of the details of the bill and assured the officials of the company had assured the government that the bill was necessary if immediate construction was to take place in the province.

The bill was read by the House and passed its first reading.

New Bills.

A bill to amend the Shops Regulation Act was introduced and passed through various stages up to report.

Hon. W. J. Bowser introduced a bill to amend the Land and Registry Act. A bill introduced by the attorney-general to consolidate and amend the acts respecting judgments passed its first reading.

A bill to amend the Liquor License Act was introduced by the attorney-general and passed its first and second reading.

The following bills were introduced and given their first readings: By Hon. F. J. Fulton, a bill to amend the Timber Measurements Act, 1907, by F. Williams, a bill respecting the payment of wages; by H. C. Brewster, a bill for the better securing of certain mine workers' wages.

Questions Answered.

Parker Williams asked the minister of finance the following questions: 1. In what particular does the Welcome hotel, Vancouver, differ from other hotels or rooming houses? 2. How are the charges for rooms in said Welcome hotel? 3. Have any persons been provided with free accommodation in said hotel during last twelve months? 4. In so, how many, and for what periods? 5. Has the government any knowledge as to what profits accrue from the operation of this institution?

Hon. Mr. Taitou replied as follows: 1. In fact there are no charges made to those in absolute need of food and shelter, one story is provided exclusively for immigrants, another for the very poor, and accommodations are provided for workmen seeking employment. It is also a free labor bureau, through which 1,217 situations were found last year. Prisoners on parole and discharged soldiers and work found for them when possible.

2. Fifteen to thirty-five cents per night.

3. 65.

4. Since last June 258 free beds, 270 free meals, 146 free garments.

5. There is absolutely no profit.

Supply Resolutions.

The resolutions reported from committee of supply were adopted on motion of the minister of finance, and were given their first reading.

Pay of Jurors.

The report on the bill to amend the Jurors Act was given. The premier moved an amendment to increase the pay of jurors from \$2 a day to \$3 a day.

The attorney-general contended that a private member could not introduce such an amendment.

The speaker upheld this point raised by the attorney-general.

Mr. Williams appealed to the attorney-general to amend the act.

The attorney-general said it was a question of privilege to act as jurymen. He recognized that the fee was too small.

Mr. Henderson referred to the fact that in his district jurymen were out of pocket for the travel, the expenses and the cost of living swallowed up more than that allowed.

The report was adopted without the change asked for.

Civil Service Bill.

On the adjourned debate on the second reading of the Civil Service bill, Mr. Williams called attention to the fact that the bill had changed very considerably since it was introduced.

With respect to the examining portion of the bill he hoped that the system would not be introduced in person having to be O. K'ed by some politician. He had found most of civil servants very obliging. He found some time ago that the government was not the servant of the servants decreased as you went up. He thought this had been wiped out somewhat now. The pension scheme prevailing on the continent had but one object, that of preventing strikes. This was the object of the corporation in providing a pension scheme. The C. F. R. had put such a scheme into operation immediately after a strike which extended throughout the system some years ago.

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bill, he thought, would only put away that time. There were pension schemes in some churches for providing for gentlemen of the cloth. Some of them were prepared to take from the widow to provide for the minister, but they never advocated the scheme as one applicable to the whole public. A scheme to provide that no one should go hungry in the province would cost far less than \$200,000.

He moved an amendment expressing the principle that civil servants were not entitled to consideration in the matter of superannuation, and that, therefore, a scheme of general superannuation should be introduced to apply to all classes.

The debate was adjourned on motion of John Oliver.

Provincial Parks.

On the second reading of the bill to provide for the maintenance of provincial parks was explained by Hon. F. Carter-Cotton.

J. A. Macdonald asked if funds were to be provided for these parks, and how the funds were to be raised.

Mr. Cotton said these parks would in reality be government reserves. In the majority of cases the corporation or other persons affected would supply the funds for the upkeep of the parks much in the same way at Victoria provided for the upkeep of Beacon Hill park. The bill passed its second reading.

Return of Papers.

Hon. R. G. Tatlow presented a return of all correspondence between the government and the Salvation Army.

Land Act Bill.

On the second reading of the bill to consolidate and amend the Land Act, Hon. F. J. Fulton said it was principally consolidation which was aimed at. This would do away with having to go through the legislation for ten years past. Referring to the amendments, Hon. Mr. Fulton explained that 30 days were to be allowed pre-emptors and applicants for purchase within which to make their record. This gave the same time as a timber applicant had.

In connection with the timber section the government came to the conclusion that that section would not be dealt with this session. A reserve had been placed on timber. This would be continued until the new legislation was decided upon. By next session it was hoped to be able to introduce a good, sound policy. It had been the intention to do away with all hand loggers' licenses. These licenses were unrestricted and it had been deemed advisable to do away with them. In the north it had been ascertained, however, that some mills required these. The license fee had been fixed at \$50 and was within a limited area in the north of the province. The power had been given to the government to deal with Indian reserve lands. The section gave the government the power to dispose of the province's interest in these Indian reserves. It would be to the advantage of the province to be able to have these lands settled up.

At the present time there was a reservation of a strip of land of one chain in width along the seafloor. This reservation was applicable only after the crown grant issued. The amendment provides for this reservation along all seafloor.

Hand Loggers on Island.

H. C. Brewster called attention to the fact that this bill would do away with hand logging on the west coast of Vancouver Island. He wanted to know if there was any reason why the hand loggers' licenses should be done away with on the west coast. There were many mills upon which this would work a hardship.

The debate was adjourned upon motion of John Oliver.

Loan For Zinc Smelter.

The premier moved the second reading of the bill to authorize a loan of \$10,000 to the Canada Zinc Smelting Company. He said he did not wish it to be regarded as establishing a precedent. Some time ago Robert Irving had explained to him his experiments in zinc smelting. It was represented that if the experiments were successful it would revolutionize the work in the industry. The government at that time

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had authorized the provincial mineralogist to aid in the experiments. The result was that the provincial mineralogist felt encouraged that this would be a practical system. Mr. Irving had interested capital, but required further assistance. The government consulted with the members from the interior, including the leader of the opposition, and as a result of this it was felt that the government was encouraged in going ahead with the aid offered. The present system of smelting was not successful with certain classes of ore. If the process proved successful other smelters would be built. At the present time it was true that the process was somewhat experimental, but it promised to be successful. Electric smelting had come to be an industrial success in various parts of the world, particularly in Sweden. Mr. Irving's process was known as the Sluder Furnace. It was highly endorsed by Dr. Stansell at McGill. About twenty years ago the legislature provided for the erection of a mill in Cariboo. This was a precedent for this. The Dominion government had undertaken some very expensive experiments at the "50s," which under the minister of mines, Hon. Mr. Templeman, had been attended with excellent results. It was a dangerous precedent, but he thought it was warranted.

Mr. Macdonald's Opinion.

J. A. Macdonald thought that while this was rather a dangerous precedent yet with the importance of the object aimed at he thought the bill would meet with the support of the House. The separation of the zinc ores from the lead and the treatment of it was the great difficulty met with. A different process was needed in the case of each of these metals. While lead in the process of smelting sank to the bottom and could be drawn off, zinc required to be vaporized. The zinc was about double the value of the lead in the ores. If this proved successful the province would be justified in even making a grant of \$100,000. This was not asked for, but only a loan.

The bill passed its second reading.

Rock Bay Grant.

On the second reading of the bill to authorize a grant to Victoria of certain crown lands situated in Rock Bay, Victoria Harbor, it was explained that the terms upon which this would be granted would be that of a similar grant made before.

The bill passed its second reading.

Bulkley Valley Map.

The bill respecting the official map of Bulkley valley was, according to the chief commissioner, necessary to correct mistakes made in an old survey.

Settlers' Rights.

G. R. Naden pointed out that in some instances the first settlers in the valley would lose the best part of their land by the change. This would be an injustice. He wanted to know if any representations had been made to the department in this matter. Some cases were brought to his attention. Some of these first settlers pointed out that they were liable to lose the best part of their lands by this.

The chief commissioner said no representation had been made to him in this matter. He thought that the difficulty could be overcome, however, if the bill would be pleased if Mr. Naden would give him advice as to any cases.

John Oliver suggested that care should be taken to avoid trouble. He thought before the bill came into effect that a commission might go into the subject. The matter might be settled upon the ground by a commission. The bill should not be pressed until these steps were taken.

Information Wanted.

J. A. Macdonald said he could not see how this bill could be discussed intelligently without a map showing the old and the new surveys. A bill like this

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CHURCH ROBBER SERVED French Purloiner of Last Gets Reward

Limoges, France, March 2.—Antoine Thomas yesterday sentenced to six years' hard labor. Thomas is a member of the series of sensational crimes in France, the revelation of a sensation in the trial began last week. His son, Francis, together with his brother, Michel, Faure, charged with complicity in the robbery of the French Purloiner of Last Gets Reward

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ACCOUNTANT Action By Minister

Ottawa, March 4.—The department has been minister. This is the aftermath in preparation of return