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TORRENTIAL RAINS DO DAMAGE IN VICTORIA

Low-Lying Sections of City Flooded to Great Inconvenience of Householders—Downpour Heaviest During the Past Twenty Years.

(From Monday's Daily.)
The unprecedentedly heavy rain of the past three days have not only broken all records for the past twenty years, but have caused no inconsiderable amount of damage in the low-lying sections of the city. Traffic has been suspended on the E. & N. railway owing to the washing away of numerous culverts and bridges, and Victoria has been cut off from time to time from communication with the outside world, owing to the breaks in the line not only on the Island, but at points on the Mainland. The storm seems to be general all over the Pacific Northwest, for reports of exceptionally heavy rains come from the Canadian mainland and from Oregon and Washington.

The damage and inconvenience in some sections of the city, due to the extraordinary downpour, are very extensive, though the monetary loss will of course, be small compared with the discomfort to those whose premises are flooded. Residents in the Fairfield estate and at Cloverdale in the northern part of the city in many instances have had to abandon their homes. The lots are covered with water, making approach to the houses almost out of the question.

The Gorge road ravine, which was being filled in, the old bridge having been removed, is in danger of being washed away entirely, and the road has been closed to traffic at that point.

The city officials are making every possible effort to relieve the situation, but little can be accomplished. All day yesterday City Engineer Topp and a large gang of men worked hard to open up temporary drains in the flooded areas, and this morning, acting under instructions from Mayor Hall, Mr. Topp put every available man in the city on the work.

All Turner, chairman of the streets, sewers and bridges committee, is giving all his time and attention to the effort of assisting in the work of relieving a situation which is unprecedented in the history of the city. "I have been here for thirty years," said Mayor Hall this morning, "and I have never seen anything like this. But it is foolish for people to be complaining about the city's lack of preparedness in the matter, for we have never contemplated such a heavy downpour. We are, of course, doing everything possible to relieve those who are suffering from the floods, but we cannot accomplish the impossible. The fact of the matter is that this city is simply suffering in common with all other cities in the Northwest from one of the severest rainfalls in the history of the country." F. Napier Denison, of the meteorological service, gave some interesting



RETRIBUTION.

Pluvius J.—NOW, will you drop politics!

TWENTY-THREE JAPANESE KILLED IN WRECK

Work Train on Great Northern Railway Goes Down An Embankment With Avalanche of Rocks and Earth.

Vancouver, Nov. 29.—Twenty-three dead and fourteen injured is the result of a work train crashing down in an avalanche of earth and rock on the Great Northern when a washout occurred near Sapperton before daylight yesterday. All the killed are Japanese.

One of the injured is Geo. W. Kent, employed at W. H. Malkin's, and how he came to be on the train is a mystery.

The train with forty Japanese and three white men on board was on its way to repair a washout near Sumas, which was holding the incoming owl train. Had the other washout not occurred the fast passenger train would have been the first over the loosened embankment, and the loss of life would have been even heavier.

It will be to-morrow before the line is cleared and all passengers and mail are being transhipped to interurban cars and brought in from New Westminster. The Sumas washout held back the only wrecking train on this division, and it was 9 o'clock this morning before operations to clear the line and remove the dead were commenced. The accident occurred on a curve

ENGINEER AND FIREMAN SUSTAIN INJURIES

Boiler of Locomotive Explodes and Two Men Are Thrown Down Embankment.

Berlin, Ont., Nov. 29.—On Sunday night the boiler of a locomotive, attached to a Grand Trunk freight, blew up near Petersburg. The engine was in charge of Engineer Kincaid and Fireman F. C. Camp, of Stratford. Both men were thrown down an embankment 30 feet. The engineer, though badly bruised, will recover. Fireman Camp may die, being badly scalded. The boiler was thrown forward 120 feet, ripping up tracks at intervals in that distance and tearing holes in the road bed.

CRUSHED TO DEATH.

Seattle, Wash., Nov. 29.—John Blair, a teamster, was almost instantly killed at Fremont Saturday when a carload of poles rolled on him. Blair was on a freight car at the asbestos works, on Ewing street. He had mounted to the top of the load, which was to be dumped, and pulled out the side stakes holding the poles. The pile began to slip and Blair was carried down under the poles. He died shortly after he was removed from the pile.

JUDGES APPOINTED TO COURT OF APPEAL

J. A. Macdonald Is Chief Justice—F. B. Gregory, of This City, Goes on the Supreme Court Bench.

Ottawa, Nov. 29.—The appointments of judges to the new British Columbia Court of Appeals were announced today as follows:
J. A. Macdonald, Chief Justice.
Mr. Justice Irving, of the Supreme Court.
Mr. Justice Martin, of the Supreme Court.
W. A. Gallher.
F. B. Gregory, of Victoria, and Denis Murphy, of Ashcroft, have been appointed to fill the vacancies on the Supreme Court bench.
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ALL TRAFFIC SUSPENDED ON THE E. & N. RAILWAY

Floods Due To Heavy Rainfall Do Extensive Dam- age All Along the Line—Bridges and Culverts Washed Away.

(From Monday's Daily.)
The damage by the floods due to the extraordinary and unprecedented rainfall of the past few days has put the Esquimalt & Nanaimo railway completely out of business. Bridges and culverts along the whole line from Victoria to Cameron Lake have been washed away; no trains are running, and there is small prospect for an early resumption of traffic. A temporary service to East Coast points will be given by the company with the steamer City of Nanaimo and via Vancouver.

"The damage done on the E. & N. is the most serious in the history of the company," said H. E. Beasley, the superintendent, to the Times this morning. "Everything has been washed away that could be effected by the floods, clear through to Cameron lake. We are completely out of business and we certainly cannot do anything in the way of moving freight for at least ten days. We have no idea as to when a passenger service will be resumed."

Replying to questions, Mr. Beasley said that at Koksilah the river has flooded its banks and the low-lying section of land is all wash. At Ladysmith a trestle 300 feet long and 60 feet high has gone down. At Haalam creek the big bridge has been washed away, and at the site of the Sillis, Brock and Marble Works a trestle 200 feet long has also succumbed to the pressure of the water. At hundreds of other points

CHINESE RIOT OVER REMOVAL OF THE JOSS

Police Called in to Quell Dis- turbance Last Night.

In another effort to settle the differences of the two factions in regard to the removal of the Chinese joss house in Chinatown, a row broke out last night in the Chinese school house, Fisgard street, where the parties were assembled to take action on the matter.

A hurry call to the police asked for assistance to quell the riot, and was responded to by Detective George Far-
due and a squad of police, who on arrival found the fighting had stopped and the disputants had dispersed.
The trouble in Chinatown broke out some time ago, when an endeavor was made by the merchant section of the community to have the joss removed. To this there was strong opposition by the working classes who swarmed the joss one Sunday where the merchants had established a ballot box and called on the residents to decide the matter by vote. The laboring section swarmed the building and smashed the ballot box and a few Chinese heads in the course of operations, and the matter was let rest at that for the time being.
Yesterday a second attempt was made by the merchants of Chinatown to get the joss removed, and the meeting was swarmed by the opposing faction. Several heads were badly damaged, but by the time the police arrived the disturbance had finished and the meeting stopped. A special police guard was left to watch events, but was not called on to interfere as Chinatown remained quiet all night.

WILL BUILD POWER PLANT.

Toronto, Nov. 29.—It is semi-officially announced here that the construction of the power works by the hydro-electric commission at Port Arthur will be proceeded with at once in spite of the injunction proceedings against the municipality itself.

WANT TRUCKS TO CARRY LIGHTS

TRAM COMPANY OBJECTS TO PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Danger of Collisions Should By- Law Be Altered as Sug- gested.

(From Monday's Daily.)
At this evening's meeting of the city council a proposal will be lodged by the B. C. Electric Railway Company against the proposal of the city to amend the Hired Vehicles by-law, permitting heavily loaded trucks to carry no lights after nightfall. It will be recalled that a week ago the council was petitioned to make such amendment by the truck and dray companies of the city. They pointed out that where lights are carried on heavily loaded vehicles it has been found impossible to keep the lamps burning, as because of the jolting of the vehicles, the oil was spilled. This argument appeared to the board and the request of the petitioners was granted. At this evening's meeting it had been intended to make the necessary amendment to the by-law. But now that a protest has been lodged by the B. C. Electric Railway Company, it is likely that no action will be taken in the matter and the former motion rescinded.

Mr. Goward, in his communication to the board, which will be read this evening, points out that very frequently in the past serious accidents have occurred between street cars and vehicles which have been on the car tracks without lights. It is impossible for a driver of a car to see any considerable distance ahead of him on a dark or foggy night and should heavily laden trucks be moving on the car tracks, as is often the case, just when a car is approaching, there would be serious liability to accident. The B. C. Electric Railway Company would like to be relieved of all responsibility in the mat-
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J. A. MACDONALD, APPOINTED CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE COURT OF APPEAL FOR THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

CROFTON TO BE THE TERMINUS

COWICHAN LEADER CONFIRMS THE NEWS

Says East Coast Port Will Be Utilized as Lumber Ship- ping Port.

(From Monday's Daily.)
Corroboration of the news published a few days ago by the Times, to the effect that the C.P.R. contemplates making Crofton the east coast terminus of the Cowichan Bay railway, comes from Duncan, the Cowichan Leader in its issue of Saturday last having the following:

"We are in a position to announce this week as the result of information received from what claims to be, and we have every reason to believe in an authoritative source, that the tidewater terminus of the proposed Cowichan Lake branch of the E. & N. railway has been decided upon and will be located at Crofton."

It was at first thought that Cowichan Bay would be the site of the sawmill and pulp plant which is to be located at the salt-water terminus of the line, but it is pointed out that Crofton affords a much more desirable location for a townsite and for lumber yards than can be found at the bay. The harbor at this point is said to be superior, also, while the fact that the houses necessary to home the workmen and their families are already built at Crofton has had something to do in deciding the company in favor of the former smelter town.

The residents of Cowichan, however, will be glad to learn that the importance and possibilities of that locality has not been altogether overlooked, and a branch line of railway will be constructed from Crofton to Cowichan and also Mill Bay, the route following the shore line rather closely from point to point.

The American Securities Company will construct a large mill at Crofton, and the lumber industry will give em-

ployment to probably 400 workmen at that point. It is stated that options have been secured upon the smelter and considerable other property at Crofton.

The line of railway which the C.P.R. will construct is in furtherance with the agreement which the company has entered into with the American Securities Corporation, which has acquired 54,000 acres of the finest timber lands on Vancouver Island. Both companies have had survey parties in the field for some weeks, and considerable progress has been made with the project despite the very unfavorable weather.

E. B. Kurten, president of the American Securities Company, said to the Times just before his departure for New York a few weeks ago, that it was intended to go ahead with the enterprise with all possible speed, and the C.P.R. would lose no time in the construction of its railway. The choice of the east coast terminus of the line will expedite matters. Crofton will prove an admirable site for the milling company, as houses are already there ready for the workers who will be employed.

BUILDING PERMITS BEHIND THIS MONTH

Big Increase for the Eleven Months Over Last Year.

While the building increase of the city for the eleven months of last year totals about \$600,000, the permits issued for this month are considerably behind the figures of last year and also away behind those of last month.

With but one day to go, the total building permits issued during the present month amount to but \$52,725 as against \$104,710 issued for November, 1908. These figures will not be altered much before the close of this month, so that November, 1909, is over \$50,000 behind November last year.

For the eleven months of last year the total permits issued amounted to \$1,017,715, while this year the total was \$1,000,870.

Watson Clark this morning received a permit for a small building in the Oaklands district to cost \$300.

J. SAVAGE PURCHASES VALUABLE PROPERTY

He Will Fit Up New Home on St. Charles Street at Once.

A real estate deal took place recently by which the residence on St. Charles street, occupied for a long time by W. Wilson, passed into the hands of James Savage, of the Pacific Coast Coal Company. The property was bought some time ago by E. S. Smith, formerly of Winnipeg. He has been occupying the house, but has vacated on the purchase by Mr. Savage.

The new owner will remodel the building. He has an architect at work on the plans now. The building will be made practically a new one before he moves into it. It will probably be several months before the work is completed. The property includes two acres of land, and is one of the most desirable residential sites in the city.

MCBRIDE GOVERNMENT SWEEPS THE COUNTRY

REVIEW OF SITUATION THROUGHOUT THE PROVINCE

Clean Sweep By The Conservatives In Every Constituency Save Two—John Jardine's Remarkably Fine Run in Esquimalt District.

(From Friday's Daily.)
One of the most notable campaigns in the history of Canada terminated last night when the McBride government practically swept British Columbia, capturing every seat excepting five or six, divided between Liberals and Socialists.

The election of only two Liberals is certain, namely, H. Brewster in Alberni, and John Jardine in Esquimalt. There is a possibility that Mark Eagleston, who represented the constituency of Lillooet in the last House, may be in the next legislature also. The election results are curiously similar to those attending the last general provincial election in Alberta, excepting only that it was the Liberals who captured almost all the seats there and the Conservatives who elected only one member, Premier Rutherford being returned by a crushing majority.

Leader John Oliver went down to defeat both in Delta and in Victoria, while Premier McBride was elected in both Yale and Victoria. Charles Munro met defeat in Chilliwack, and Stuart Henderson in Yale. Messrs. Yorston and Jones, who represented the government in the last term, both seem to have gone down, as did Dr. Kergin in Skeena. All the ministers were returned. Victoria and Vancouver returned a solid ticket in support of the government. The Socialists held Nanaimo and Ladysmith, but Mr. McInnis, their colleague of last session, was defeated in Grand Forks by E. Miller, the Conservative. Socialists may be returned in Comox, however, in which event the Socialists will number as many in the next House as in the last.

The return of the government was anticipated, but even its friends scarcely hoped for such a "grand slam" as the returns indicated. Perhaps the man who best understood the desperate fight which the Liberal party had on its hands was its leader, John Oliver. With all the knowledge of the hopelessness of the fight, suddenly thrust upon him within a few days of his assumption of the leadership, Mr. Oliver threw himself wholeheartedly into the fight, not sparing himself supposedly in order to cover as much of the province as he could, and to assist his candidates to capture their seats. There was only one candidate of whose fate he seemed careless and that man was himself. He gave practically no time to either Delta or Victoria, in both of which he was a candidate, fighting like the honest soldier he is for a cause, and not for his own safety. Many a strong Conservative to-day has expressed the hope that some way will be found of seating the Liberal leader in the next House, for without him the province lacks its great safeguard against spoliation and corruption.

In a general way the return of the government by such a large majority arose from two or three causes. The first of these, taking precedence even of the premier's railway policy, was the superb organization of the Conservative party throughout the province, the work largely of the ex-commissioner of lands and works, R. F. Green. The consummate machinery he has perfected has expedited the administration of even those who strongly differ with his methods, and think their influence on the electorate to be pernicious. The raw material has always lain ready to hand. In a province like British Columbia where there are so few municipalities, and where there is so much direct patronage, the weapons in the hands of a government which will not scruple to use them are tremendous. The licensing system, the police system, the road bosses, the government agents—all this army of officials paid by the taxpayers, constitutes a standing committee for three hundred, and sixtysix days in the year, to strengthen the government's defences. In the fight Messrs. Manson, Wright and Cawley all dropped government jobs to run in the McBride interests. The ministerial itinerant system, whereby one or more members of the cabinet are travelling through the country constantly on "departmental" business, also is a great aid in the same connection.

Over against this the Liberals had an organization so weak as to be described only as haphazard. That in Victoria was hurriedly completed and did excellent work, but there was no time to handle the campaign as it should have been handled. In Esquimalt, thanks largely to the fine work of J. C. Macintosh, John Jardine had a stone wall organization against which the government candidate threw himself in vain. In Alberni the personal popularity and splendid record of H. C. Brewster triumphed over every other consideration. But there was no connected work, little literature, and worst of all no time to have the issues properly ventilated.

The premier took advantage of all legitimate aids, and of many which cannot be so described. No temporary triumph will ever justify his indecent rushing of the polling date, his misleading statements in regard to his contract with Mackenzie & Mann, his snatching of a verdict on a contract which he failed to disclose, and his holding of the lists till within a few days of election. He disregarded all the principles upon which politicians hope to build an enduring reputation was never more clearly shown, and the methods employed throughout were in

strong accordance with his well known dictum, "the thing is when you get in to stay in."

The defeat of men like Messrs. Oliver and Munro, who have done so much to protect the interests of the people, and the triumph of others who virtually hold office because of the work of the men mentioned, is a cynical commentary on the prizes of politics and of the rare luck in which some men play.

Usually after a campaign there are ugly charges of crookedness, and yesterday was unusually fruitful in these. There is little profit, perhaps, in advertising these matters, but it would be extraordinary if a party with the machinery in the form of a perfect organization, and with a large campaign fund, such as the Conservatives undoubtedly had, would not use them to the limit.

The situation created by the practical wiping out of the opposition is one which has created a great deal of uneasiness even to those who accorded the government their support. It is recognized that it now lies in the power of the government to make any kind of a contract with Mackenzie & Mann that it likes, the forces of criticism or of opposition in the legislature being practically eliminated. In fact it is a victory which has overshoot itself.

The results in the various constituencies follow:

ALBERNI	
Brewster Morgan (C.)	40
Clayoquot (L.)	14
Ucluelet (L.)	10
Sanford (L.)	4
Alberni (L.)	4
New Alberni (L.)	37
Parksville (L.)	20
Nanose Bay (L.)	24
Wellington (L.)	39
Total	169
With 12 places to hear from.	
Result in 1907—H. C. Brewster (L.), 236; W. J. Mason (C.), 204; James Cartwright (Soc.), 43.	
ATLIN	
Hon. H. E. Young (C.) elected.	
Result in 1907—H. E. Young (C.), 41; John Irving (L.), 23.	
CARIBOO	
Stanley (L.)	23
Quensel (L.)	19
Fraser Lake (L.)	3
Nechaco (L.)	1
Barkerville (L.)	26
Total	72
With 12 places to hear from.	
Result in 1907—Henry Jones (L.), 184; J. McK. Yorston (L.), 183; Charles Wilson (C.), 152; L. J. Champion (C.), 135.	
CHILLIWACK	
Munro Cawley (C.)	110
Upper Sumas (L.)	17
Abbotsford (L.)	38
St. Lehman (L.)	28
Clayburn (L.)	17
Aberdeen (L.)	17
Total	229
With 12 places to hear from.	
Result in 1907—C. W. Munro (L.), 331; S. A. Cawley (C.), 240.	
COLUMBIA	
Parson (C.)	155
Result in 1907—H. G. Parson (C.), 254; W. C. Wells (L.), 185.	
COMOX	
Cumberland (L.)	36
Courtenay (L.)	26
Union Bay (L.)	13
Denman Island (L.)	18
Total	93
With 15 places to hear from.	
Result in 1907—Robert Grant (C.), 372; J. E. Bennett (L.), 292.	
COWICHAN	
Evans Hayward (L.)	12
Cobble Hill (L.)	20
Shawigan (L.)	20
Cowichan Station (L.)	15
Duncan (L.)	35
Somenos (L.)	16
Crofton (L.)	4
Total	134
With one place to hear from.	
Result in 1907—W. H. Hayward (C.), 123; J. N. Evans (L.), 105.	
CRANBROOK	
Macdonald Caven Fitch (L.)	4
Yahk (L.)	21
Moyle (L.)	4
Watsburg (L.)	4
Rock Creek Mill (L.)	14
Fort Steele (L.)	15
Crother's Mill (L.)	4
Wycliffe (L.)	21
Marysville (L.)	38
Kinrossley (L.)	3
Cranbrook (L.)	78
Total	204
With two places to hear from.	
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CAUGHT!

DECISIVE BATTLE EXPECTED SOON NICARAGUAN PRESIDENT IS HEMMED IN CAPITAL

Provisions Are Scarce and State of Anarchy Prevails in City.

New Orleans, La., Nov. 26.—There is much rejoicing among revolutionary forces in Nicaragua, according to passengers arriving yesterday on the steamer Marietta direct from Bluefields. Followers of General Estrada are elated over what they claim has thus far proved a successful advance against the government of Zelaya and are sanguine, predicting the fall of Managua in a short time.

This hopefulness has been strengthened by the attitude of the United States threatening a demand on Zelaya for reparation for the death of the two Americans, Groce and Cannon.

The revolutionists have received a formidable supply of arms and ammunition from the United States. Ready to Strike.

Colon, Canal Zone, Nov. 26.—News of a decisive battle between the forces of President Zelaya and General Sanez marking the success or defeat of the Nicaraguan revolution is expected momentarily.

It is believed that the battle must be fought within or near Managua, the capital, in which Zelaya has fortified himself.

The revolutionary army has closed in upon the city, and word received here indicates that Sanez is ready to strike his hardest blow.

If the insurgents capture the capital they believe that the United States government at Washington will immediately recognize officially the provisional government established by Estrada.

FIVE DEAD AND TEN INJURED AUTO AND TROLLEY CARS IN COLLISION

It is Feared Woman and Child Will Not Recover.

Los Angeles, Cal., Nov. 26.—In a collision between an automobile and a trolley car on the Los Angeles and Santa Ana line at Latin station, six miles from the city, last night, five persons were killed and two others are thought to be dying to-day.

The dead are: Nicholas Jacobs, real estate dealer of Los Angeles; two daughters and two sons of Jacobs. Mrs. Jacobs and her two-months-old baby are suffering from concussion of the brain and other injuries and have slight chances for recovery.

Two other sons of Jacobs, Peter and John, and Miss Josephine Solon escaped with slight injuries by jumping.

While a car, in which the injured and the bodies of those who were killed, had been placed, was proceeding to the city from the scene of the accident it collided with a car on the Central avenue line, in Los Angeles, and eight more persons were injured, some of them seriously.

These are: J. Fletcher and Mrs. Fletcher, E. Gillette, Mrs. J. J. Schenk, M. L. Parkhurst, John Ferrell, William O. Spring and Mrs. Spring. Two children of Mr. and Mrs. Spring also were slightly injured.

The first accident occurred at a crossing when the automobile in which the Jacobs family were returning to the city after spending Thanksgiving day with friends at Watts, was driven upon the track directly in front of the swiftly moving Santa Ana car. The automobile was hurled forty feet by the big passenger coach.

Jacobs and his four children, Anthony, aged 6; Clement, 4; Kate, 18; Marnie, 16 years old, were dead when the horrified passengers on the car reached them.

Mrs. Jacobs, who held the babe in her arms, was thrown probably fifty feet.

Miss Josephine Solon, who leaped from the automobile just as it was struck by the car, was taken to a hospital suffering from internal injuries and a broken wrist. She may not recover.

It was at the same crossing where the automobile accident occurred last night that five persons were killed in a similar mishap one year ago.

STEAMERS IN NORTH DELAYED BY STORM

Number of Vessels Compelled to Seek Shelter From Gale.

Skagway, Alaska, Nov. 25.—For the past four days a terrific north wind has been raging down Lynn canal and Gastineau channel. The Georgia is storm bound between Sitka and Juneau and the Rustler, which left Juneau last Monday for Skagway, was unable to proceed farther than Shelter Island and is anchored there. The Canadian Pacific freighter Princess Ena also left Juneau on Monday for Skagway, and is storm-bound near Benjamin Cove. The Humboldt, reaching here last night, had a rough trip and her superstructure was badly battered.

FIVE DROWN WHEN LAUNCH CAPSIZES

Victims Include Four Members of Family Who Were Going to Wedding.

Muskegon, Mich., Nov. 25.—Five persons were drowned in Muskegon lake yesterday when the pleasure launch Olga, carrying nine young people, capsized as the result of a panic following a gasoline explosion.

Four of those who lost their lives were members of one family. They were on their way to a wedding.

Within 150 feet of the landing the gasoline exploded. The girls became panic stricken and all rushed to the stern, capsizing the boat.

President Zelaya has been shut up in the capital for eleven days. The presidential palace has been surrounded by a picked guard and practically has been turned into a fortress.

Martial law is all that has prevented an outbreak on the part of the citizens. It is stated. Hundreds of persons suspected of sympathizing with provisional President Estrada have been arrested. The jails are overflowing.

It is impossible to communicate directly with Managua by telegraph or mail without government permission, and this permission recently was withdrawn.

Foreign newspapers are barred from the mails and letters are all being

FOUR CONSERVATIVES WIN IN CITY OF VICTORIA

Capital in Line With Rest of Province in According Renewed Support to the McBride Administration—A Heavy Vote Polled—Busy Scenes at Polls.

(From Friday's Daily.)
McBride, Hon. R. (C.).....2,507
Davey (C.).....2,615
Behnsen (C.).....2,507
Thomson (C.).....2,474
Morley (L.).....2,226
Oliver, John (L.).....2,121
Drury (L.).....2,038
Houston (L.).....1,881
Oliver, George (S.)..... 601
Spoiled ballots—99.

Result in 1907—Richard McBride (C.), 1,607; Frederick Davey (C.), 1,491; H. F. Behnsen (C.), 1,488; H. B. Thomson (C.), 1,371; R. L. Drury (L.), 1,198; W. G. Cameron (L.), 1,158; R. Hall (L.), 1,092; J. D. McInnis (L.), 1,025; Dr. E. Hall (Lab.), 858; J. Watters (Soc.), 441; A. Johnson (Lab.), 434; W. H. Marcon (Soc.), 365.

Victoria city, in common with a majority of the constituencies throughout the province, once again swallowed the bait of a railway policy and returned a solid ticket in favor of Conservative government. The result in this city was distinctly disappointing to the Liberals, who, while they had no hopes whatever of carrying the country, believed that Premier McBride would suffer a reverse in this city. The "machine" worked too well to allow of that, however, and the "Big Four"—Hon. Richard McBride, H. W. F. Behnsen, Frederick Davey and E. B. Thomson—once again represent Victoria in the Legislature.

Regret at the defeat of John Oliver, the leader of the Liberals, is not confined to members of his party. Many Conservatives, now that the contest is over, think that his presence in the Legislature would have exerted a salutary influence. Liberals in Victoria do not disguise their regret nor their surprise at his defeat. That one who stood so long in the front of the electorate of this constituency should have met defeat suggests that the vote which was polled in this constituency yesterday was not entirely an untrammeled one. A. J. Drury, the independent Liberal candidate, developed a strength in excess of the others on the Liberal ticket which surprised even his supporters.

An Exciting Day.
The election proved one of the most interesting in the history of Victoria. There was very little excitement, but the supporters of both parties were exceptionally active, with the result that all day long the scenes in front of the polling booths at the Victoria Transfer Company's stables were of the most animated character. Weather conditions were somewhat unfavorable, but as a result of hard work by both Liberal and Conservative organizations a very large percentage of the total number of electors on the list were induced to cast their ballots.

The Liberals had their committee rooms in a building on Fort street, just opposite Copas & Young's, while the Conservatives had quarters on Broughton street, at the rear of Welier Bros' factory. The Liberal organization, while small, was very efficient, but it could not be compared for a moment to the elaborate "machine" which had been framed up by the Conservatives.

The Polling Booth.
That serious complications did not eventuate at the polling booths is due more to luck than good management, for the arrangements for the recording of the vote were in every respect satisfactory. There were officials and attendants in abundance, but the quarters were cramped to such an extent that at times it appeared that the most hopeless confusion would ensue. On another occasion it is to be hoped that more space will be arranged for. C. S. Baxter and his deputies, however, were unobtrusive in their efforts to conduct the proceedings in an orderly and regular fashion, and they are deserving of credit for the success which they achieved under conditions which were most discouraging.

A large force of special constables was on duty and the best of order was kept during the entire day.

Crowds surrounded the polling booths from the time the polls opened until they closed, and while there were many heated discussions by little knots of electors here and there, the best of good feeling generally prevailed, and there was no incident of an unpleasant character.

Counting the Ballots.
When the polls were declared closed promptly at 7 o'clock by the returning officer a considerable delay ensued before the work of counting the votes could be undertaken. It took a long time to clear the premises of persons who had no legal right to be there, and some considerable number of people cast their ballots after the doors had been shut, as under the act they had a perfect right to do this notwithstanding that it was past 7 o'clock.

It was 7:30 before the deputy returning officers commenced to empty their boxes and see that the proper number of ballots was enclosed. This process occupied half an hour and it was

thus 8 o'clock before the actual work of counting was commenced. In the meantime large crowds stood outside the polling booth and in front of the newspaper offices on Broad street.

Those inside the polling booth were not kept long in doubt as to what the result of the elections in Victoria was going to be, for it soon became apparent that the Conservative ticket would win out. There were, however, some strange mixtures on the tickets. Some electors voted for McBride, John Oliver, Morley and Drury; others would vote for Premier McBride and for Oliver, the Socialist, and others again would have the two Oliver on their ballots—apparently in an effort to make sure that they had got the right man. The final figures were available about 9 o'clock, but previously the progress of the count had been communicated to the newspaper offices and from them out to the screens.

Big Crowds Interfered.
Great crowds assembled on Broad street in front of the newspaper offices shortly after the polls were closed, and there they remained until nearly 11 o'clock. At times the congestion was so great on the street that traffic was suspended and it was, indeed, almost impossible for one to make one's way to the entrance to the newspaper offices. The crowds were in excellent humor, but it was remarked that there was a lack of that boisterous enthusiasm which might have been expected under the circumstances, considering the crushing nature of the defeat from them out to the screens.

The Times, owing to its splendid special facilities which had been arranged for, was enabled to give bulletins of results from many of the smaller constituencies before 10 o'clock. A stereopticon was utilized, throwing the figures on a large screen which had been placed on the face of the Driard building opposite the Times office. The smaller constituencies before 10 o'clock. A stereopticon was utilized, throwing the figures on a large screen which had been placed on the face of the Driard building opposite the Times office.

The procession, reforming, traversed the block and halted at the Victoria theatre on View street. The theatre was soon filled and the premier's appearance on the platform, accompanied by the other members of the Conservative ticket and a group of his prominent supporters, was the signal for a scene of enthusiasm. Hon. Richard McBride proceeded first to thank his supporters for the splendid service they had rendered the party and the press of the city which had supported his government at the polls, and then to carry out to the letter everything that he had promised the people of Victoria during his campaign addresses.

Short speeches were also made by the other members-elect, and R. F. Green, Wm. B. Fox and G. E. Barnard, M. P. Mr. Thomson declared that the government was determined to make Victoria one of the leading cities on the Pacific coast. Mr. Green gave credit for the great victory to E. E. Leeson and W. H. Price. The latter was loudly called for and made a suitable response.

Liberals Have Meeting.
The Liberals held an impromptu meeting at the committee rooms where the results of the elections became known, and despite the fact that their party had sustained a crushing defeat in every constituency in the province, save two, there were large numbers in the committee rooms when W. E. Laird, the chairman of the campaign committee, mounted a table and made a few remarks. Mr. Laird said that while of course all regretted that the battle had gone as it had, they had the satisfaction of knowing they had put up a spirited fight in Victoria. They were working under a great handicap, and they had had ranged against them one of the most proficient campaign organizations to be found in the whole Dominion. The Liberals were defeated but not conquered.

R. L. Drury was loudly cheered when he rose to make a few remarks. He thanked all those who had worked so hard in his interests. He had not sought to be a candidate, but having entered the arena he had put up the best fight possible, and had no regrets at his decision to stand for the interests of the people, notwithstanding that he was defeated. He would, if necessary, run again in the interests of good government. He had, he must confess, grave misgivings about the future of British Columbia now that there were

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MATTER AGAIN UP AT CITY COUNCIL

Douglas Street Owners Willing to Leave Choice of Material With City Engineer.

The city council, sitting as a streets, sewers and bridges committee, Friday evening again wrestled with the pavement problem and some advancement was made towards its solution.

The members of the board were pleased at this action, as the owners on Douglas street had retroactively reserved the right to name the type of paving material to be utilized.

HOW VICTORIA WON METHODIST CONFERENCE

Sending of Telegrams at Crucial Moment Secured Big Convention.

T. Albert Moore, secretary of the Methodist conference, which at its session in Toronto a few weeks ago decided upon selecting Victoria as the point to hold the quadrennial general conference of 1910, was in the city a few days ago, and while here conveyed to local parties a piece of very pleasing information.

It will be recalled that when it became known here that rival cities were putting up a strenuous contest for the conference, Mr. McGaffey got busy and arranged that the wires should be kept hot with telegrams urging the claims of Victoria.

Mr. Moore relates that when the messages were received, John Lake, the treasurer of the conference, was addressing the assembly, urging the claims of another city, but he was so impressed with the case for Victoria as put in the telegrams, that he there and then frankly confessed that Victoria was in his opinion the better city.

Another clergyman who had already spoken in favor of Ottawa, on receiving a telegram from the city, rose and instantly stated that as a result of it, although he had spoken against the selection of Victoria, he would have to support her claim. Thus the battle was won.

This incident is cited as a further illustration of the wisdom of prompt action on the part of any community in any scheme aiming at the advancement of the interests of the city.

KILLED IN AUTO WRECK. Niagara Falls, Nov. 27.—O. A. Watson, aged 31, of Hawkinsville, Georgia, was instantly killed here in an automobile accident. He lost control of the machine, which crashed against a telephone pole. Watson's skull was smashed, while his companion, Lewis Harris, of this city, was severely injured.

LIGHT CARGO ON BELLEROPHON

BLUE FUNNEL LINER DELAYED BY GALE

Chief Engineer Collins Gone to Have Charge of New Steamer.

A much smaller cargo than usual arrived on Saturday on the blue funnel liner Bellerophon from Liverpool and the Orient. While practically all the steamers for a long time past have been carrying eight and ten thousand tons, there was but 4,500 tons came this morning, and of that only 500 tons is for Victoria.

The passengers were all Chinese and numbered 80, many of whom will be sent on to the United States and other ports. The movement of Orientals at present is in the opposite direction, all the steamers which have sailed recently having taken big loads of them to the Orient.

The Bellerophon encountered the same gale that delayed the Empress of China and the Oceano, she was for several days buffeted by an easterly gale, and during some of the time it became necessary to slow down so that about thirteen hours was lost. The steamer left a few hours after one of the Osaka Shiohnen Kaisha freighters, but that boat has not yet reported.

The Bellerophon has a new engineer in charge of her machinery on this trip, Chief Engineer Collins having gone to look after the new vessel, the Protosalaus. It is expected that this craft will be out here in the spring.

News was brought from the East of great improvements being made in the harbor of Taipeh. The breakwater and pier is being extended so that in the near future vessels as large as the Minnesota will be able to dock there.

After discharging her Chinese passengers at this port the Bellerophon left for Puget Sound.

NEGLECT CAUSES WRECK

Saskatoon, Sask., Nov. 27.—Inquiries at St. Paul hospital yesterday elicited the news that Engineer Shuttleworth, who had his hip fractured in the wreck of the other day in the C. N. R. yards, is recovering. His hurt is not serious, but very painful.

ACCUSED OF BIGAMY

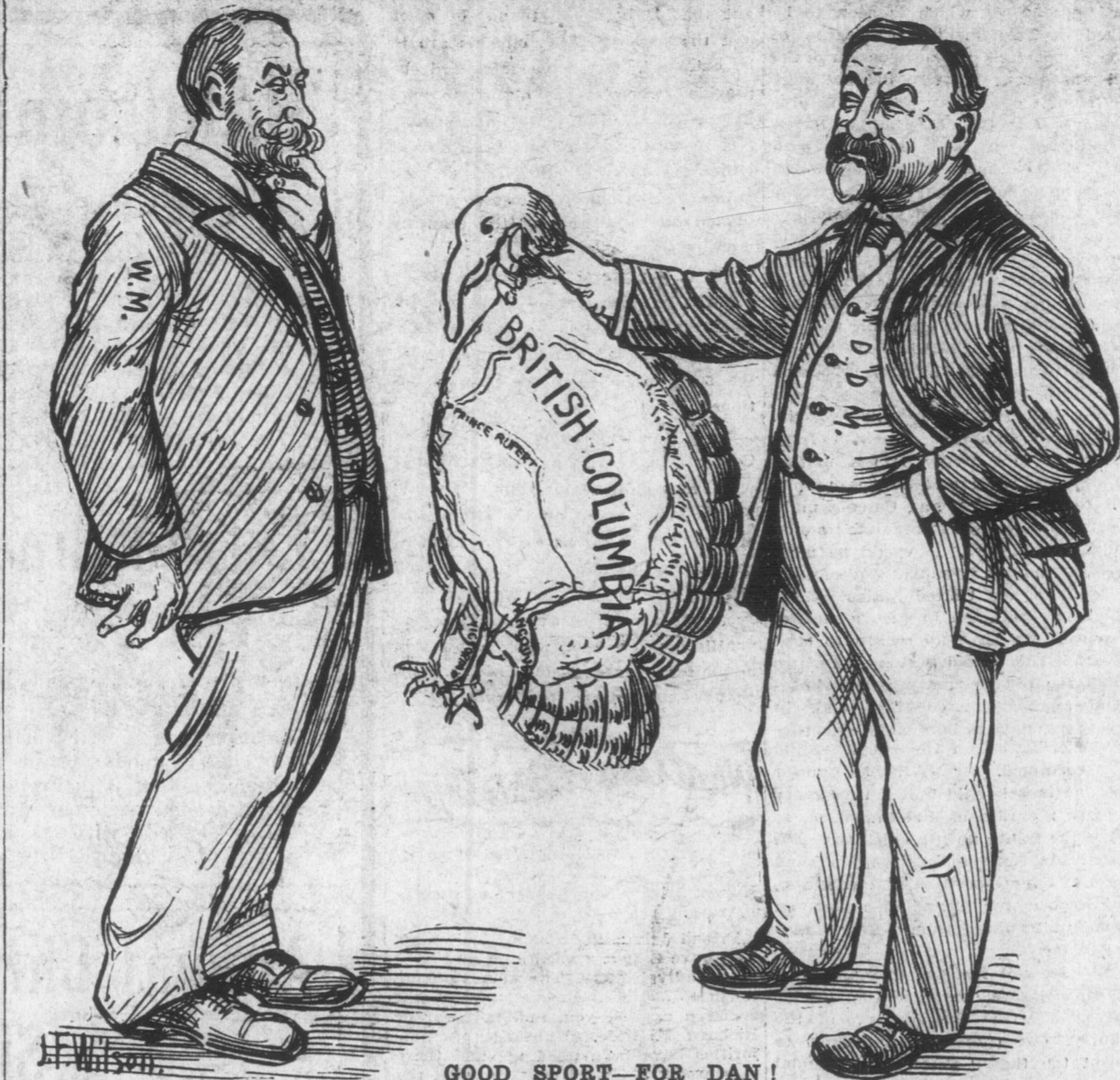
Wainwright, Alta., Nov. 27.—Helen McGregor, charged with bigamy, was arraigned before J. P. Gregory yesterday. After all the evidence had been submitted she was committed to Fort Saskatchewan to await trial before the Supreme court. R. G. Wilson, of Fort Victoria, who was admitted having married in 1898 under the name of Gatalina Sterling, and William A. Gallinger, of this place, who married her in October last, were both in court.

ORIGIN OF FIRE ON STEAMER A MYSTERY

Inquiry Into Destruction of the St. Croix Continued at San Francisco.

San Francisco, Cal., Nov. 27.—The origin of the fire that destroyed the steamship St. Croix off Point Duane on November 20th, imperiling the lives of more than 100 passengers, has remained a mystery, although several officers of the vessel, several members of the crew and some of the passengers were put through a searching examination yesterday by Federal Inspectors of Steam Vessels Bulger and Bolles. Every question asked by the inspectors was framed with the object of eliciting information that might indicate the cause of the disaster, but not a statement was made that seems to throw any light on the matter.

From the statement of Tird Mate Warner that the fire appeared to be in the vicinity of the liquor locker, and that some of the electric wires of the ship passed through the locker, it is possible that a conclusion as to the cause of the blaze may be drawn. Warner said that on a former occasion the fuses had blown out and the ship had been left in darkness. The examination was resumed to-day.



Dan Mack, it's late for Thanksgiving and early for Christmas, but here's a fine bird I got in the West.

BIG MASONIC FUNCTION HERE CELEBRATE THE ORDER'S FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

Ceremonies to Include Dedication of New Wing Just Completed.

On Tuesday, December 14th next, one of the most interesting and memorable Masonic functions in the history of British Columbia will be held in Victoria, the occasion being the celebration of the dual events of the opening of the new wing of the temple and the fiftieth anniversary of the introduction of Freemasonry into this province.

For weeks past a committee of the grand lodge has been making arrangements for the function and invitations are now being sent out by E. B. Fawcett, master of Esquimalt lodge, No. 24, and T. A. Fox, master of lodge No. 49, Victoria.

ANXIOUS TO SETTLE DISPUTE WITH CHILE

United States Would Welcome Selection of King Edward as Arbitrator.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 27.—It is generally understood that the state department will welcome any move that will bring about an adjudication of the Alsop claim and the selection of King Edward as arbitrator, is entirely satisfactory. The question, so far as the American government views it, is clear and unmistakable and no fear is felt that an unbiased arbitrator such as King Edward is known to be will not settle the affair in favor of the Alsop claimants.

THE ALSOP CLAIM

Proposal to Ask King Edward to Act as Arbitrator. Santiago, Chile, Nov. 27.—William Pierpont, American charge d'affaires yesterday made a proposal to the Chilean government that the Alsop claim be submitted to the arbitration of King Edward, who is friendly to both sides. The proposal was accepted and the two countries will ask the British monarch to act as arbitrator.

BANKER SENT TO PRISON

Former Vice-President Gets Ten Years For Stealing \$185,000. Madison, Wis., Nov. 27.—Phil Allen, Jr., ex-vice-president of the First National Bank of Ingersoll Point, Wisconsin, yesterday pleaded guilty to stealing \$185,000 of the institution's funds and was sentenced to serve ten years in the federal prison at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

COMMITTED FOR TRIAL

Debridge, Ont., Nov. 27.—Archibald McLaughlin has been committed to stand trial at the March assizes on the charge of murdering his wife and two children.

DEATH ON SATURDAY OF MRS. W. W. NORTHCOTT

Estemed Pioneer Resident Passes Away After Brief Illness.

Very great regret was expressed Saturday when it became known that death had claimed another esteemed pioneer resident of Victoria in the person of Olive Cronke Northcott, beloved wife of Wm. W. Northcott, city assessor. While deceased, had been in indifferent health for some time it was only within the past few days that her illness took a serious turn, and therefore the news of her death came as a great shock to the members of her family and her large circle of acquaintances.

The late Mrs. Northcott was born at Kingston Mills, in the county of Frontenac (then Canada) in 1839. Her family moved to Belleville, Ont., in 1862. There she was married two years later, where Mr. Northcott continued to reside until 1884, when he removed to this city, where the family has resided ever since.

EDMONTON THREATENED WITH COAL FAMINE

Strike of Miners Likely to Result in the Closing of Schools.

Winnipeg, Nov. 27.—Two hundred miners employed in the Stanley mines around Edmonton, Alberta, struck work last night, being dissatisfied with conditions. Already a coal famine threatens the city of Edmonton, and the schools and power house will have to be closed owing to lack of fuel.

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FINE ENTERPRISE OF DOUGLAS ST. OWNERS Urge City Council to Join Hands in Lighting of That Thoroughfare.

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AMERICAN VICE-CONSUL MISSING RUMOR HE IS HELD PRISONER BY ZELAYA

Gunboat Princeton Ordered to Join Vicksburg in Nicaraguan Waters.

New Orleans, La., Nov. 27.—Dispatches received here to-day state that the American Vice-Consul Caldera, stationed at Managua, has been imprisoned by the forces of President Zelaya. The rumor, however, has not been confirmed.

According to the message Caldera has been missing for some time, and it is generally believed that he has been imprisoned.

Ordered to Corinto. Washington, D. C., Nov. 27.—The gunboat Princeton has been ordered by the navy department to sail for Corinto, Nicaragua, to join the gunboat Vicksburg, already at that port. The Princeton is at the Bremerton navy yard undergoing repairs.

On her way down the coast the Princeton will stop at San Francisco. Some time ago it was arranged that the Princeton should relieve the Vicksburg on the western coast of Central America, and it is in conformity with these plans that the Princeton is now ordered to Nicaragua. The Vicksburg, however, will remain at or near Corinto until peace is restored.

Watching Struggle. Mexico City, Nov. 27.—The department of foreign relations has declined either to affirm or deny reports in the Mexican press that Mexican Minister Bartolomeo Carvajal Bossa, accredited to the governments of Costa Rica and Nicaragua, had been instructed to proceed from his post in Costa Rica to Nicaragua.

Mexican newspapers publish reports that the minister, now in Costa Rica, will go to Nicaragua so soon as the secretary of legation here on leave, can relieve him, and that he will make first hand reports of affairs in Nicaragua to his government. Newspapers here also assert that such action indicates that Mexico is taking a deep interest in developments in Central America.

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TRAVELLERS' SECRETARY

St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 27.—Frank Rainbow, of Davenport, Iowa, was chosen yesterday to be national secretary and treasurer of the Travellers' Protective Association.

LARGE HAILSTONES

Los Angeles, Nov. 27.—Hailstones as large as walnuts fell in various portions of this city yesterday during a period of ten minutes. A sleet storm followed a sudden fall in the temperature, the sleet remaining on the ground for some time, affording an unusual sight for Southern Californians.

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Business firms doing business on Government street, adjacent to the site of the Royal bank which is in course of erection, again complained that the barriers which had been erected by the contractors for the building greatly interfered with their trade, and they feared that their Christmas business would be seriously affected.

Ald. Turner, chairman of the committee, said that the matter had already been reported on by the city engineer, and he did not know what could be done to relieve the situation. The contractors were not exceeding their legal rights in maintaining such a barrier, and while anybody regretted that the business of the firms in adjacent premises was being interfered with apparently nothing could be done. The complainants will be so notified.

The city engineer in reply to the complaint of the B. C. Land and Investment Company, respecting the condition of the block pavement on Bastion Square, reported that the only thing which could be done to remedy the grievance would be to fill the holes in the pavement with a mixture of asphalt and stone chips. After considering the matter, the board decided to instruct the engineer to use new blocks to treat the street instead of the mixture he proposed.

Mr. Bryson reported that there were a number of streets in various sections of the city in a bad state of repair, and he asked what should be done about it. The board came to the conclusion that nothing whatever could be done, as there were no funds available. In respect to Herald street, which is said to be in a deplorable condition, it was decided to circumvent the deficit by doing \$400 worth of work on the roadway right away and charge the same against the local improvement, which will be done later.

HORSE THIEF ARRESTED

Man Arrested in British Columbia Committed For Trial at Saskatoon.

Saskatoon, Sask., Nov. 27.—Corporal Summers, R. N. W. M. P., has arrived in the city from Nakuson, B. C., where there to bring to this city Albert Vondale, charged with having stolen a team of horses, wagon and harness from Matt Jordan on October 22nd. The case was brought up before Captain Walker yesterday, and after evidence had been submitted, the prisoner was committed to stand his trial at the coming sitting of the Supreme court. The prisoner admitted his guilt.

ALLEGED PERJURY

Barrie, Ont., Nov. 27.—Mrs. Theresa Guthrie and her daughter, Clara Guthrie, were in the police court here formally charged with perjury in their depositions at the fire inquest as to their visits to Allendale. The information was laid by Attorney Cotter.

TORY MEMBERS TAKEN TO TASK

ENTHUSIASM DAMPENED BY FEDERAL MINISTERS

B. C. Representatives Indulge in Mild Jubilation Over McBride Victory.

Ottawa, Nov. 27.—The House of Commons had a taste of British Columbia politics yesterday afternoon, when the conservative members from that province interrupted the ordinary course of business to indulge in a little crowing over the triumph of their party at the polls. To enable his colleagues in the opposition to "demonstrate," J. D. Taylor, New Westminster, had to fall back on two questions that had already been disposed of, but they served his purpose, and the opposition had their burrah, though the jubilation was somewhat modified when Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Hon. W. S. Fielding replied.

Mr. Taylor professed to be greatly concerned over a paragraph he had observed in the press to the effect that a Liberal organization in British Columbia had passed a resolution recommending the Dominion government to appoint P. C. Wade as lieutenant-governor of the province. Mr. Wade was a Liberal candidate in the recent elections, and Mr. Taylor based on these two circumstances an assumption that Mr. Wade had been persuaded to enter the campaign under a promise of reward. Having objected to anybody else offering the government advice, Mr. Taylor proceeded to give some, and it was to the effect that inasmuch as Mr. Wade had made an attack on the McBride administration, that gentleman was unfit to be entrusted with the office of lieutenant-governor.

Finally Mr. Taylor renewed his protest against the delay in the appointment of judges to the new Court of Appeals in British Columbia.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier declined to be held responsible for any recommendations which might be made by outside organizations. "We are responsible," he said, "for any action we might take, and once we had made the appointment referred to it will be open to approval or criticism, but not before."

Sir Wilfrid noted that Mr. Taylor had objected to a Liberal organization offering advice to the government, but if that body was open to rebuke what was to be said of the honorable gentleman himself when he presumed to advise the government not to appoint Mr. Wade.

"It shall be our duty to canvass the condition of the things in British Columbia and make the best appointment of a lieutenant-governor, and I have no hesitation in saying that the appointment will be satisfactory, even in spite of the criticism of my honorable friend."

Mr. Burrell, Yale-Cariboo, alluded to rumors that J. A. Macdonald, former leader of the opposition in British Columbia, was slated for the chief justiceship of the Court of Appeal, and to the fact that he had taken part in the campaign. He assumed that the two things were connected, and that Mr. Macdonald was to get a judgeship as a reward for his services in the campaign.

R. L. Borden also took it for granted that Mr. Wade had been promised the lieutenant-governorship as an inducement to take part in the campaign as a Liberal candidate, a suggestion which called forth a sharp denial from the premier. It was not made, nor even hinted at, declared Sir Wilfrid.

Mr. Borden then added a word of protest against the delay in the appointment of Court of Appeal judges, characterizing the delay as intolerable and disgraceful.

KILLED BY EXPLOSION OF ACETYLENE GAS

One Man is Dead and Five Others Also Sustain Injuries.

Ferry Sound, Nov. 27.—By an explosion of acetylene gas at the marine department gas manufactory here Jas. Kerr, an employee, received injuries from which he died four hours after, and A. Jones, foreman, was so seriously injured that his recovery is doubtful. It is thought he has lost his eyesight. Mr. Braise, agent of the marine department here, was also injured, but not seriously.

The accident happened while the storage tanks were being charged for lighthouse and gas buoys. The exact cause of the explosion is not ascertained. A small shed covering the gas generator and the apparatus in which Kerr and Jones were blown to pieces. James Kerr was an old resident of this place and the father of a large family. Jones was unmarried and formerly lived in Ottawa.

WILL REOPEN MINT

Denver, Colo., Nov. 27.—The Denver mint, which was shut down last July because of a surplus of all denominations of gold coins, will open the first of the year with between \$18,000,000 and \$20,000,000 in gold bullion on hand, according to an announcement to-day by Superintendent Frank Downer.

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THE ELECTIONS.

The result of the election held Thursday was surprising, not to say startling. The most sanguine Liberal in the province hardly expected, after summing up the situation in his mind, to carry a majority of the constituencies. Neither did he anticipate such a veritable landslide. The sweeping victory, in our opinion, may be ascribed to four primal causes: The thorough disorganization of the Liberal party, the change of leadership of the Liberal party just on the eve of the election, the superb organization of the Conservative party, and the railway policy brought down by the Premier.

The last of the forces mentioned was probably the most potent of the influences working in and determining the mind of the electorate. The people are determined to have railways. They are at present not in the mood to consider that railways may be procured at too great a price. They accepted the assurance of the Prime Minister that the construction of the Canadian Northern Railway from the Yellowhead Pass to the west coast of Vancouver Island will not cost them a cent. Mr. McBride, in our opinion, has assumed a great responsibility, a responsibility greater, probably, than he realizes. There is not a competent authority in the Dominion, outside of political spheres of influence, who believes that the province of British Columbia will not eventually be called upon to assume the full liability it has undertaken. The call will not come for several years—certainly not during the term of the legislature elected Thursday. That depends upon the rate at which construction is carried on, and Messrs. Mackenzie & Mann are never in a great hurry about implementing their undertakings. During the term of construction the interest on moneys expended will all be charged up against capital account. The bondholders will collect their dues, but they will not be paid from funds earned in the transportation of passengers or goods. The Pacific Coast extension of the Canadian Northern is not to be completed, according to the agreement which is to be amplified into a contract, for four years from the date of the contract's execution. That length of time, and more, must therefore elapse before we shall know with anything approaching to certainty what the financial result, as far as the province is concerned, of the railway policy is going to be.

In the meantime we ask our readers, Conservatives as well as Liberals, not to forget that Victoria's chief representative, who is the head of the government, has given his most solemn assurance that the Canadian Northern Railway is to be continued from Vancouver to English Bluff, or to a point in the neighborhood thereof, thence by a first-class passenger, mail, express and freight ferry to some point on Vancouver Island, and on to Victoria. It is quite true that the opposition had a railway policy also; but, whatever the merits of that policy, it did not possess the appealing attraction of being presented by a party in power, and therefore in a position to carry it out. It was indefinite, also, in the respect that there was no actual transportation company behind it. The electors, naturally we think, accepted the "concrete proposition."

The difficulties encountered by the Liberals in the campaign can all be overcome. They should be faced immediately. The strength of Liberalism in British Columbia is not truly represented by the number of members elected yesterday to sit in the House. The contests in Victoria and Vancouver, and in most of the ridings outside of the large centres, were close considering the conditions under which the campaign was waged, which conditions we shall probably have occasion to allude to more specifically later on. The fortunes of the party have reached the lowest ebb. They can be built upon a strong and sure foundation if organization be undertaken in a systematic and business-like manner. "Getting in" is but a secondary consideration in the mind of the public man or of the party whose chief concern is the true interests of the country. The remnant of the opposition in the legislature will unquestionably do its best to keep the overwhelming government forces in check should they be inclined to run into a riot of extravagance, recklessness and dissipation; but it is absolutely necessary that that opposition should be augmented with as little delay as possible. Therein lies the duty of the Liberal party.

THE OPPOSITION LEADER.

The Times could hardly have the audacity to see its opinion above the judgment of such a large majority of the electors of British Columbia and maintain that the result of the elec-

tions held Thursday is to be deplored. We did our best for what we believed to be the better cause. Our judgment has been set aside, and we abide the consequences with resignation, and with cheerfulness. But one result of the contest, we think, will be sincerely regretted by all men, Conservative or Liberal, whose partisanship does not blind them to an acknowledged principle inherent in our system of constitutional government, that a strong opposition is as necessary to good government as a strong administration.

The opposition is not only shattered, but its leader is among the fallen. We say it is a most unfortunate thing for the province that John Oliver, upon whose home constituency a concentrated fire was maintained while he was absent upon his specially important and arduous duties as leader, should have been defeated. It cannot be counted to the credit of the farmers of the Delta that they did not stand, loyal and true, behind one whose public career has reflected such unusual honor upon them and such acknowledged benefits to the province at large.

We know what the natural inclination of Mr. Oliver must be under such discouraging circumstances. There has never been anything of material value for him in political life. Indeed there is no question that he has suffered in pocket as a consequence of the active, self-sacrificing part he has taken in public affairs. He will feel like washing his hands of the whole political business and giving his time and attention entirely to his own private business. No one could blame Mr. Oliver if he were to adopt such a course; but we feel that such a resolution would be received with sincere regret throughout the province. It would be little short of a calamity if British Columbia were to be permanently deprived of his services. We hope a way may be found of securing Mr. Oliver's return to the Legislature and to the active leadership of his party. The Premier has been elected for two constituencies, having defeated one of the Liberal leaders in Yale. The loss of Stuart Henderson will of course be severely felt by the opposition also. But we know Mr. Henderson will consent to stand aside temporarily to do the province a service. If Mr. Oliver will agree to stand, he ought to be permitted to go in for Yale by acclamation. There would be nothing derogatory to the pride of the Liberal leader in accepting such an arrangement. There is the precedent set in the case of Carleton, Ontario, to justify such a course of action. When Mr. Borden was defeated in Halifax in the Dominion elections of 1904, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, feeling that the loss of his services as opposition leader would not be in the interests of the country, exercised his great influence and prevented any opposition being raised to the election of Mr. Borden in Carleton.

A strong effort should be made to induce Mr. Oliver to continue in public life.

AN EXTRAORDINARY SUGGESTION

We have a most profound esteem, indeed a deep affection, for the American people. We recognize that the nation is the greatest that is or ever has been on the face of the earth. We realize that bounds cannot be set to the future possibilities of that nation from a material, a political, and from a moral point of view. Its influence upon contemporary nations in the future is bound to be beyond present human conception. But, with all that, we are not inclined to take the position that the United States shall be permitted to dominate the public life of Canada to the extent of dictating our relations, political or commercial, with sister nations, and particularly with the Mother of Nations.

Yet that is the position the Conservative party of Canada, which never loses an opportunity of impugning the loyalty of the Liberal party, has assumed on the question of the ratification of the commercial treaty recently negotiated with France. The suggestion of Mr. G. E. Foster and other Tory leaders that before passing the treaty a commission should be sent to Washington for the purpose of finding out whether the government of the United States would consider that treaty as a discrimination against Americans has excited not only wonder, but passion, throughout the length and breadth of Canada. It is virtually an admission that the United States should be accepted as the permanent dictator of the fiscal policy of Canada.

As a sample of Eastern newspaper comment upon the extraordinary position of the Conservative party, we quote the following very emphatic article from the Hamilton Times: "In the House of Commons yesterday leading members of the Opposition openly committed their party to the advocacy of the theory that Canadian trade policy should be governed from Washington. This extraordinary theory was laid down by Mr. Monk, and found support from Hon. Mr. Foster and Mr. Lennox. Even Mr. Borden, while verbally disclaiming a willingness to allow the United States to dictate Canada's commercial policy, seemed willing to get down on his knees along with his leading lieutenants. "The exhibition of un-Canadianism was made when the Minister of Finance introduced a resolution approving of the Franco-Canadian treaty,

the approval of which is soon to be asked of Parliament. Assurance of ample opportunity for discussion of the bill was given; but that did not meet Mr. Monk's objections. Mr. Monk professed to fear the effect of the Payne tariff upon our trade relations with the United States, and he begged the Government not to deal with the treaty until it had ascertained what interpretation United States authorities would place upon it. In other words, Canada should not make an advantageous commercial arrangement with another country without first obtaining the permission of the United States! This humiliating course was also advocated by Mr. Foster.

"Hon. Mr. Fielding, speaking for the Government, utterly dissented from this view. The treaty was a matter for the Canadian and French people, and for them alone, and Canada must insist upon its right to regulate its own commercial affairs. It would be most unseemly for the Canadian Government to approach the United States soliciting their permission in such a matter. Moreover, we have no reason to suppose that the United States authorities would regard the treaty as discriminating against that country; and, in any event, it is to be doubted whether any information on the subject could be ascertained. Sir Wilfrid Laurier very pertinently said that if this treaty is to be regarded as discrimination, so might the treaty now in existence. Mr. W. F. Maclean took strong ground against the Opposition's contention, and argued for Canadian action on Canadian business from purely Canadian reasons.

"We are not inclined to think that the Opposition's course in this matter will meet with the support of the country. Our people are not likely to accept the theory that in commercial matters Canada is to play the part of a tail wagged by the United States dog."

MR. OLIVER'S LETTER.

Mr. Oliver has issued the following letter to his supporters: Ladner, B. C., Nov. 28, 1909. Gentlemen,—Kindly oblige me by conveying through the columns of your paper my hearty thanks to all those who accorded me their support in the elections just past.

Although defeated I am able at least to look back with pleasure upon the generous and whole-hearted manner in which my supporters put their time and influence at my service. I also desire to thank all those throughout the province who fought for the candidates on what has proved to be the losing side. Everywhere those who had faith in the policies of the Liberal party have made a clean, hard fight; that the result is, as it is, is in no way attributable to any lack of vigor or enthusiasm on their part.

Again conveying my heartfelt thanks to all those who worked and voted for myself or for the policies of the party which honored me by choosing me as its leader, I am,

Yours truly,

JOHN OLIVER.

The leader of the Opposition has been confined to his home by an attack of grippe contracted during the campaign. It is stated, however, that there is no foundation for a report in a Mainland paper that Mr. Oliver has signified his intention of retiring from political life. This will be welcome news not only to the members of his own party, but to a great number of men who oppose him in politics, but who do not undervalue his great services to the province.

A BOARD OF CONTROL.

A petition is being circulated for signatures, looking to such steps as will substitute for our present aldermanic system a Board of Control. The change sought by the gentlemen who are responsible for the petition is to place the administrative machinery of the city in the hands of the Mayor and two Controllers, elected by the people, who will give most of their time to the business of the city. As we understand the wording of the petition it is intended by this means to relieve the aldermen of much of the work now imposed upon them, and to make their office honorary. We do not recall that the petition so states, but as we understand it is also proposed to elect these Controllers for a longer term than one year.

No one recognizes the weakness of the present system more than the Times. None are more anxious for improvement. We think it can be improved, but we sincerely hope that when the citizens decide on a change there will be a free discussion of the whole situation, and a careful scrutiny of the trend of reform in municipal matters over the whole continent before the electors ask for any other system.

This is a large subject and we propose to return to it. It is just as well, however, to recognize that while the aldermanic system has its weaknesses it has no monopoly of them. There are obvious disadvantages in electing a new governing body every year. But there are also disadvantages in giving any number of men wide powers for more than one year, and it is most import-

ant that if both the tenure of office and the powers of the officials are to be extended, that some safeguard be provided whereby the electorate may have a check on City Hall activities. It seems to us that any extension of either the term of office, or of the powers of the officials, must be accompanied by safeguards of the kind we mention.

Nor is it quite clear that a Board of Control, as such bodies are at present constituted, would be as efficient as a Board of elected Commissioners, with the safeguards which we have mentioned.

We are not opposing the Board of Control idea, because we believe that with reasonable limitations it would be an improvement on the aldermanic system. But so far as we have investigated the matter, the Commissioner idea seems preferable. And in any event we hope there will be a thorough ventilation of the whole subject of municipal government before the changes mentioned are sought.

What Other People Think

AN OPEN LETTER.

Honest John Oliver, Leader and Statesman.

Friend John: Your hand, old man. You have fought a good fight and have been badly beaten. The country from north to south, from east to west, has declared against you, and in favor of Richard McBride. Unheard of majorities have been piled up, and there is scarcely a Liberal left to tell the tale. Jardine and Brewster will have the whole field of debate open to them. Your opponents and theirs are making merry over their victory.

Down and out, you say. Neter, man, never. The country needs you more than ever it did. Shall the watchdog be silenced because the enemies of his master's goods are more numerous than before? Shall the sentry be dismissed because a great battle has been fought and lost? Think you that Kelen Island schemes, that Columbia and Western land grants, that Adolphe Caron deals are matters of history only?

Nonsense, man, you know better. The same men are at the helm. The same plotting brains are ready to slich the country's resources. We want you—the people want you to care for their interests. Let your party of course do it. It did. The word was passed around. Liberals are in favor of local option, the Conservatives oppose. Vote down John Oliver; never mind voting against local option with the government. So the most powerful commercial interests of the province stood in hostile array against every candidate of yours. From the standpoint of their selfish interests they were right, absolutely right.

Railway policy went out. Of course it did, man. Propose a railway to exploit the north pole via the Yukon and the people would bite at the bait. Do you remember how the British Pacific Railway scheme captured the city of Victoria? Do you recollect the stuffed ballots, the triumph of everything but reason and right? Of course you do. The only good thing about it was that it was never meant seriously, and when concrete proposals were made in the House, even the government balked. Don't worry, man, over this business. You will be in the legislature before the rails are laid at the western end. Defeat is never your enemy. Why, of course, if you know anybody who will endorse my notes for \$21,000,000, as the government proposes to do for Mackenzie & Mann, for a specious commercial undertaking, will allow you a very handsome discount on the transaction. A cool million will be freely offered to all comers, and no questions asked. How much in cold cash was the contract that Dan Mann took away in his pocket worth? A hundred thousand dollars? Nonsense, man, five times that amount. Of course you do not know the contributors to the election fund. Only a few are in the secrets of the Hall and you are not one of the few. You can guess, though, and guess fairly well.

Justice, righteousness, honesty, people's welfare, moral and social reform all lost? Nonsense, old fellow. A sore defeat is sometimes needed to quicken action, strengthen resolve, and plan greater campaigns. Your name is as welcome as ever among the ranks of Liberalism. Your counsels are needed here as ever. You are wanted in every constituency of the province to guide and direct. Stay with the game for God's sake. There are many ready to take your job. None better have offered; no one more unselfish; no one truer has appeared on the horizon. Your work is not done; it has only begun. The next fight is already on. You must lead it. The province wants you. The people want you. Liberalism wants you. I believe also—I say it reverently—that Providence wants you. Your hand, John.

ONE OF THE "OUTS."

JOLLIFFE ACTIVE.

Cruiser Keeping American Vessels From Poaching in Canadian Waters.

Fishing schooner Manhattan brought word to Vancouver that the fisheries protection steamer William Jolliffe is very active in northern waters and is on the alert to prevent poaching by about steamer from the other side. The Kestral is rather slow, but the poachers find they are up against a different proposition with the William Jolliffe. She is a Liverpool ocean-going tug which was brought to this coast a year or so ago for salvage purposes, and she steams 15 knots. She can tow a ship at 10½ knots, and is now under charter to the department of marine. She is at present commanded by Capt. Ledwell, formerly chief officer on the Kestral, and she is throwing some bad scares into the Sound halibut steamer which are flitting with the three-mile limit.

Handsomely Tailored Costumes Regular Values, \$25 to \$35 \$16.75 WEDNESDAY In order to reduce our present heavy stock of \$25 and \$35 suits we have decided to place the entire lot on sale Wednesday at \$16.75. These represent the greatest collection of man tailored costumes offered this season. The materials they are made of is decidedly varied, including broadeloths, diagonals, worsteds and serges, in all the season's very latest shades. Some are lined with rich mercerized lining, beautifully trimmed with jet buttons, while others are strictly plain tailored, in all a lot to choose from to suit every lady. The values were \$25 to \$35. Christmas sale Wednesday \$16.75

Extraordinary Bargains, Silk Robes Reg. Values \$65 and \$75 for \$25 Just figure it out for yourself for a moment and you will readily realize the stupendousness of this offering. Of course there is not an extraordinary large assortment, but the five we mention here is well worthy a trip to the store, if it were only to familiarize yourself with the class of goods. One is in fine taffeta of a golden brown hue with heavy self color applique, another is in French grey, with heavy self color lace and applique, another in heavy braid design, while one is in cream messaline silk with handsome applique, and a beautiful black silk robe with fancy drawn work stripe and insertion. Regular prices were \$75. Christmas sale Wednesday \$25

Annual Christmas Sale of Beautiful Silks Wednesday Wednesday opens Christmas month with remarkable bargains in silks. This sale includes hundreds of yards of beautiful silk in exquisite shades and effects. In many cases the prices are less than half which you would usually pay for them. Most of these are in 7 and 8 yard lengths, so that quick action is necessary. Regular values from \$1.25 up to \$4.75. Christmas sale price Wednesday \$1.00

Christmas Sale of Dress Lengths Wednesday Wednesday we are placing on sale a fine line of dress goods at decisive savings indeed. These include a large variety of French manufacture. All this season's latest effects. DRESS PATTERNS, regular value \$17.50. Christmas Sale Wednesday, \$5.00 DRESS PATTERNS, 8 yards long of fine quality Bedford cord, with self color, sat-in stripe, colors of moss, plum, navy. Regular value \$17.50. Wednesday \$5.00 DRESS PATTERNS in fine fancy colored stripe effect, in shades of seal, brown, olive, plum, brown and wisteria. Regular \$17.50. Wednesday \$5.00

Handsome and Captivating Effects in Silk Dress Lengths Regular \$55 and \$75 for \$25 Any lady wishing to purchase a beautiful silk dress length for practically a third of its real value had better be down at the Big Store early on Wednesday morning, as we are placing a limited quantity on sale. They are all 44 inches wide, there being from 8 to 11 yards in each length. They are in pure white, pink and blue. Short, Dresden effect, fancy flowered designs, black and colored peacock. The regular values were \$55 and \$75. Wednesday \$25.00

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JUDGES APPOINTED TO COURT OF APPEAL The appointment of the judges to the Court of Appeal is in accordance with the act creating the court which was passed by the British Columbia Legislature in 1907, but was not brought into force until a few weeks ago. The new court will hear all appeals in future. According to the act the sittings are held alternately in Victoria and Vancouver; in Victoria in January and June, and in Vancouver in April and November. The first sitting will, it is expected, be in Victoria on Tuesday, January 4th. The Court of Appeal as now named will consist of Hon. J. A. Macdonald, chief justice of the Court of Appeal; Mr. Justice Irving, Mr. Justice Martin and Mr. Justice Gallihir. The Supreme Court of the province will consist of Chief Justice Hunter, Mr. Justice Morrison, Mr. Justice Clement, Mr. Justice Gregory and Mr. Justice Murphy. Under the statute Chief Justice Hunter retains the title of Chief Justice of British Columbia as long as he remains in office. On his vacating office, however, the Chief Justice of the Court of Appeal becomes the Chief Justice of British Columbia and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court accordingly so styled. James Alexander Macdonald, LL.B., K. C., the new chief justice of the Appellate court, was born in 1858, in Huron County, Ont. He was educated at the public schools and the Collegiate Institute at Stratford, Ont., and at the Toronto University and Osgoode Hall, Toronto. He entered the law firm of Fullerton, Cook, Wallace & Macdonald, Toronto, in 1880, but removed to Rossland in 1890, where he took up the practice of his profession. He was first elected to the legislature at the general elections in 1903, and was subsequently elected leader of the Liberal party in this province. He was re-elected to the legislature of 1907, but a short time ago relinquished the leadership and retired from politics. William Alfred Gallihir is a native of Bruce County, Ont., where he was born in 1880. He practiced law for a considerable period at Nelson and was elected to the House of Commons at the general elections of 1900, and was re-elected at the general elections of 1906. J. B. Gregory is a native of Fredericton, New Brunswick, where he was born some forty-five years ago. He comes of a distinguished legal family, his father, Mr. Justice Gregory, now retired, having long been an ornament to the bench and bar of that province. Colonel Gregory came to Victoria some twenty years ago, and for a time was law partner with A. L. Beives, K. C., and on the latter retiring he became associated with Thornton Fell, the firm, known as Fell & Gregory, existing down to the present. Col. Gregory was for years prominent in militia matters in Victoria, commanding the Fifth Regiment for some years. Denis Murphy is a native of British Columbia, and secured his legal training in this city. He sat in the legislature for a number of terms, representing Yale, and in the Prior ministry, which held office from November 21st, 1902, to June 10th, 1903, he held the portfolio of provincial secretary for a brief period. Mr. Murphy has a reputation as a public speaker, and enjoys a large practice at Ashcroft, where he has resided for some years. HAVE NARROW ESCAPE. Port Townsend, Wash., Nov. 29.—With their launch, the Swedes, waterlogged, and themselves thoroughly exhausted from a long battle to keep afloat in a raging storm after their engines had been disabled and a floating log had put a hole in the hull of the vessel, two Seattle upholsterers, McGee and Trenwith by name, were brought here on Saturday night by the Sims fishing schooner Alice. The men and the disabled launch were found afloat in the tide rip off Marrowstone Point five hours after the accident occurred. LIBERAL CANDIDATE. Quebec, Nov. 29.—Louis Dupuis was unanimously chosen as the Liberal standard bearer to contest Kamouraska county in the coming bye-election for the Provincial Legislature. KISSES AFTERWARD. He—Give me a kiss to bind the bargain. She—It's a ring that usually binds the bargain.

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ALL-RED ROUTE BEING CONSIDERED

IMPORTANT STEP TO ITS COMPLETION

Irish Railway to Be a Valuable Link in the Scheme.

The London Standard, in its issue of November 12th, has the following respecting the All-Red fast mail steamship service, a brief outline of which has already appeared in the cable dispatches:

The government has decided to grant £135,000 towards the cost of constructing the additional piece of necessary railway from Collooney, in the county of Sligo, Ireland, to Blackwood Bay, in the county of Mayo, on the west coast. London will, by the construction of this railway, be linked to Blackwood Bay by means of the railway to the West of England, ferry steamers to the East coast of Ireland, and by an unbroken railway across Ireland. The distance from London to Blackwood Bay—551 miles—can thus be covered without change in 14 hours. From Blackwood Bay to Halifax, in Canada, the journey will last but three and a-half days. This section of railway is part of the scheme, already before ministers for approval for an All-Red route to Australia, New Zealand, and Hong-kong, and to a certain extent, therefore, it helps the larger proposal.

With this decision on the part of the government, the early opening of the All-Red route becomes almost assured. It is interesting to recall, in this connection, that when the premiers of overseas states, at the recent conference, were discussing the general prospect of an accelerated mail and passenger service at the Colonial office, a special parliamentary committee was receiving evidence, examining documents, and studying the detailed plans and estimates for this proposed railway. The bill, for which the sanction of parliament was sought, and out of which the projected investigation of the committee arose, was known as the "Collooney, Ballina, and Belmullet railways and piers bill." The premier recognized that this short line was the key to the whole scheme, since the nearest accessible European harbor to Canada lies in Blackwood Bay. If only this port could be connected by rail with the general railway systems of the country, and thus with the railway system of England, Scotland, and the Continent, the problem which claimed so much of the premier's time would at once be solved; Transatlantic travelling would lose half its inconveniences and more than half its expenses; Great Britain and her colonies would be bound by a golden chain, in which Ireland would form the strongest link. Resolutions were received by the government from many public bodies in the country, and unanimous support was accorded the idea by all the Irish members. The parliamentary committee reported in its favor, and the proposed line of railway was sanctioned.

The recognition of this line by the British government will be the signal for the commencement of the railway. Once the route is open the approximate time-table for the journey to Australia and New Zealand will be: Leave London (say) December 1st, 7 p.m. Arrive Blackwood, December 2nd, 9 a.m.; leave 10 a.m. Arrive Halifax, December 9th, 6 to 8 p.m.; leave 10 p.m. Arrive Vancouver, December 9th, 10 p.m.; leave midnight. Arrive Honolulu, December 15th, 6 a.m.; leave noon. Arrive Suva, December 21st, noon; leave 6 p.m. Arrive Auckland, December 24th, 7 a.m.; leave noon. Arrive Sydney, December 27th, 6 a.m. This means a journey from London to New Zealand in 22 days 11 hours, and from London to Sydney in 25 days 11 hours, or well under the month.

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KING MANUEL Portugal's Monarch Pays Visit to French Capital. Paris, Nov. 27.—King Manuel of Portugal arrived here Saturday morning to keep afloat in a... He sat in the legislative assembly... He is a native of British descent... He is a native of British descent... He is a native of British descent...

Wash., Nov. 29.—With thoroughly waterlogged... thoroughly exhausted... they had put a hole in the vessel... they had put a hole in the vessel... they had put a hole in the vessel...

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FEARS RETALIATION BY THE DOMINION

U. S. Congressman Anxious to Avert Trouble Over Tariff.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 29.—Congressman Mann, who was chairman of the special committee on wood pulp and print paper of the last congress, and who prepared the provisions on these items, as first reported to the House by the Payne tariff bill, but who was overruled by Congress in the final passage of the tariff bill, takes the position that the country may well be alarmed at the danger of a tariff war with Canada growing out of the tariff on wood pulp and print paper under the Payne act.

Mr. Mann has prepared, and at the beginning of the forthcoming session of Congress will introduce several bills and joint resolutions relating to this subject. One of these resolutions provides that the maximum tariff of the United States shall be held not to apply to wood pulp and print paper imported from Canada.

Mr. Mann has prepared and will introduce a bill which provides that wood pulp and print paper shall be admitted free of duty when imported from Canada, being the product thereof, on the condition precedent that Canada, or the province in which the wood pulp or printing paper is manufactured shall not forbid or restrict or impose any import duty or export license fee upon printing paper, mechanically ground wood pulp or wood used in the manufacture of wood pulp.

The measures when introduced will be referred by the speaker to the committee of ways and means, but Mr. Mann may make a fight in the House to have them referred to the committee on interstate and foreign commerce, of which he is the new chairman.

Mr. Mann says that unless some legislation such as he proposes be adopted, or a reciprocal treaty with Canada be agreed to, Canada, smarting under the injustice of the Payne tariff law, is likely to forbid the exportation of pulp wood from Canada to the United States.

VANCOUVER MAN IS ELECTROCUTED

Live Wire Comes into Contact With Bread Basket Carried by Driver.

As he stepped into the premises at the rear of Glencoe Lodge, Vancouver, Saturday evening, carrying bread from Hoy's delivery wagon, Charles E. Pearce came into contact with a live wire and was instantly killed. The accident happened about 6.30 o'clock. Pearce was coming into the back yard of the Lodge from his cart with a metal bread-basket over his arms, when a swinging telephone wire struck the basket, and the man fell to the ground, electrocuted instantaneously.

It appears that the wire from one of the telephone poles had snapped during the day, and somewhere in the city touched a high-power wire, at once converting it into a messenger of death. The metal bread-basket and the damp clothing of the man only added to the death-dealing powers of the connection. Pearce was an employee of Charles Hoy & Son, was aged about 39 years and leaves a wife and two children.

BORNE TO THE GRAVE WITH NAVAL HONORS

Funeral on Saturday of the Late Capt. Edward Barkley, R. N.

(From Monday's Daily.) At Quamichan on Saturday the funeral of the late Captain Edward Barkley, R. N., took place, deceased being accorded full naval honors through the arrangement with Capt. Parry, of H. M. S. Egeria, Esquimaux. The naval party consisted of six blue-jackets and six marines, with sergeant and bugler, and the services were very impressive. Despite a heavy rain which was falling nearly all the residents of the village besides many friends of the deceased from other parts of the island crowded St. Peter's church, where services were conducted by the Bishop of Columbia, assisted by Archdeacon Scriven and Rev. J. A. Leakey, rector of Cowichan. The full choir was in attendance. The chief mourners were R. Barkley and Major C. E. Barnes.

ROCKEFELLER'S GUARDS FIRE AT COUNT

Nobleman Enters Oil King's Home and is Promptly Ejected.

Cleveland, Ohio, Nov. 29.—In an unsuccessful attempt to gain the ear of John D. Rockefeller at Forest Hill, Count De Vries, nobleman, of Amsterdam, Holland, was fired upon twice before being ejected from the Rockefeller mansion. Since Wednesday the count has been making daily attempts to see the head of the Standard Oil Company, with intent to interest him in a project for draining the Zuyder Zee. In a huge rented automobile, De Vries approached the Euclid avenue entrance to the grounds at high speed. The astonished gatekeeper shouted to him to stop. De Vries continued through the open gates and about the winding driveway toward the house at the top of the hill.

He was fired upon as he neared the house. Leaving his automobile, he mounted the steps and entered the door, followed by a squad of guards, who came on the run. Before De Vries could enter Rockefeller's study, however, he was collared by the butler and by Caretaker Knapp and ejected. While the excitement was at its height Rockefeller was 100 yards away on the golf links, unaware of the failure of the Zuyder Zee project.

Count De Vries has announced that he will make further attempts to see Rockefeller.

GRAND BANQUET TO CHINESE CONSUL

Lee Mong Kow Entertains Many Distinguished Guests at Dinner.

(From Monday's Daily.) A grand banquet was given on Saturday night by Lee Mong Kow, of the customs department, in honor of Ouyang King, the recently appointed Chinese consul to Western Canada. The affair was held at the Empress hotel, where a large number of the friends of Mr. Lee partook of an excellent dinner.

The guest of the evening was welcomed by the host of the evening in a happy speech, in which he referred to the improved trade relations existing between Canada and China. Other toasts were replied to respectively by Abraham E. Smith, U. S. consul; His Worship Mayor Hall, H. D. Helmcken, K. C., J. C. Newbury, Judge Harrison, Fred W. Peters, K. C., Dr. G. L. Milne, Gordon Smith, T. D. Veitch, Charles Wilson, David Lew, Kwoo Yuen (president of the Chinese chamber of commerce), Wong Shun Lin (president of the Chinese board of trade).

Those invited were: Hon. Ouyang King, Chinese consul; Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Veitch, Mr. and Mrs. N. Hardie, Mrs. Moresby, Mr. W. C. Moresby, Major and Mrs. Dupont, Mr. W. H. Campbell, His Lordship Bishop of Columbia and Mrs. Ferrin, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Davey, Hon. and Mrs. A. E. Smith and Miss Smith, Hon. and Mrs. F. Peters, His Hon. Judge and Mrs. Harrison, His Worship Mayor and Mrs. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey Booth, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Helmcken, Dr. and Mrs. G. L. Milne, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Chetham, Mr. J. C. Newbury and Miss Newbury, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Smith, Mr. J. A. Burford, Mrs. M. Leonard, Mr. Lee, Mr. Mar Chan, Mr. Ho Man, Mr. Quon Yen, Mr. K. J. Lee Dye, Miss Dymock, Lee Dye, Mr. Wong Boo Sun, Mr. Lee Wey, Mr. Lee Fook Key, Mr. Lim Duck Sow, Mr. Lim Sam, Mr. Wong Wai, Mr. Wong Soon Kang, Mr. Chang Chingan, Mr. Lee Kee, Mr. D. C. Lew, Mr. Lee Sik Yew, Mr. Chow Kong, Mr. Lee Gee Wing, Mr. Soto Mori, Mr. Lee Cheong, Miss Kumyee Lee Cheong, Mr. Tim Kee, Mr. Wong Jun Wai, Mr. Lore Jun, Mr. Jong Hoole, Mr. Gee Lai, Mr. Chu Sack Lun, Mr. Cheu Soy Kee, Mr. Mar Eop Lan, Master Lee Yook Quan, Miss Lee Yut Wah, Mr. Mar Art.

TUNNEL THROUGH THE ANDES COMPLETED

Is Five Miles Long and is the Highest in the World.

Santiago de Chile, Nov. 29.—The tunnel of the Trans-Andine railway was completed Saturday, and the event was made the occasion of a great celebration. The Trans-Andine railway project was approved by the Chilean congress in 1903, and the first section of the railway was opened in 1906. This section reaches from Arica to the foot of the Andes, where the tunnel begins. The Chilean section of the tunnel was opened March 25th, 1908, and the work of piercing the Andes mountains has progressed rapidly. American methods and machinery being used.

The tunnel is five miles long and the highest in the world. The line now reaches to the summits of the Cordillera, and will join a railroad of the same gauge from Mendoza. The Trans-Andine line will continue on to La Paz, Bolivia.

The completed line from Arica to La Paz will be about 300 miles long, and will cost in the neighborhood of \$15,000,000.

SHIRTWAIST MAKERS WIN

Over One Hundred Manufacturers Grant Demands of Employees.

New York, Nov. 29.—One hundred and nineteen shirtwaist manufacturers capitulated Saturday to the demands made by their 15,000 striking shirtwaist girl employees and the 15,000 girls went back to work, victorious. At the same time twelve leaders of the strike were sent to Philadelphia by the union armed with authority to call a general strike in all the shirtwaist makers in that city if it is found, as suspected, that the New York manufacturers are turning over their work to that town.

The leaders said that 15,000 operatives would possibly go on strike in Philadelphia if the strike is called. Meanwhile the manufacturers gathered at the Hoffman House and about five hundred of them voted to continue the fight for open shops. The officers of the Manufacturers' Association state that 700 makers of shirtwaists had signed what was virtually an oath to keep closed until the strikers came with a petition to be allowed to work under open shop rules.

From all sections come reports that even though the price of oats is much in excess of this time last year, still farmers are holding this crop in the confident belief that the price of fifty cents to sixty cents per bushel, as ruling last spring, will maintain next year. Even wheat is being held by large numbers, who expect that the price next spring will again reach \$1.50 per bushel for seed wheat.

Advertisement for Campbell's clothing store. Features the text 'We ourselves the better serve by serving others best' and 'Campbell THE FASHION CENTRE.' A large 'ANNOUNCEMENT' section follows, detailing the store's Christmas business, stock, and merchandise. It includes a list of invited guests for a banquet at the Chinese Consul and a photograph of a woman in a long dress.

Advertisement for Angus Campbell & Co. 1040 Govt. St. Features the text 'We ourselves the better serve by serving others best' and 'The Ladies' Store'.

NOT LAWFULLY DRUNK BUT MUST PAY FINE

Good Samaritan Who Helps Friends Contributes to City's Funds.

(From Monday's Daily.) "I don't think you were lawfully drunk," said a witness in the police court this morning, when questioned by defendant, who was on remand from Saturday charged with being drunk on Friday, on Johnson street, but the evidence of witness failed to obtain an acquittal and accused was fined \$5.

Accused said he was helping a friend who was drunk to his home when a constable arrested them both, and asked them to come to the police station for an hour or two. Accused having denied he was drunk obtained a remand to get witnesses.

One other drunk paid his fine and saluted the magistrate and everyone in court on leaving.

ROBBERS AND OFFICERS FIGHT

Man Who Had Blown Open Safe Killed After Chase.

Bemidji, Minn., Nov. 29.—A robber, whose name is said to be "Jim" Smith, was killed and Deputy Sheriff Andrew Johnson was perhaps fatally wounded in a fight between officers and two robbers who had blown open a safe in the village of Puposey, seventeen miles northward of here. Word was received from Puposey that the robbers were going toward Bemidji on a railroad speeder. Sheriff Hazen, Deputy Sheriff Johnson and Policeman Allen Banner went to the Great Northern bridge, a mile west of Bemidji, to watch for them. The robbers left the speeder near the bridge and walked towards Hazen and Johnson, who were concealed at the south end of the bridge.

When the men had approached to within ten feet of Deputy Sheriff Johnson he ordered them to halt, and was shot. In the ensuing fight the robber supposed to be Smith was killed.

SEARCHING FOR BROKEN CABLE IN ATLANTIC

One End Has Been Buoyed and Steamer Will Continue Work.

Halifax, Nov. 29.—After being engaged over two months grappling for the broken cable in mid-Atlantic the steamer Cambric has arrived in port to take on coal and stores, after which she will return to seek the cable for which she has been searching since last September. One end of the cable was picked up and buoyed, but so far owing to adverse weather the steamer has been unable to secure the other end although it was picked up a dozen times. The cable each time has been broken owing to the heavy seas running, until now there is a gap of forty-six miles between the two ends. The cable lies in 2,250 fathoms of water.

BIG STRIKE IN MINE AT AINSWORTH

Twenty Feet of High Grade Silver-Lead Ore Uncovered in the United.

Nelson, Nov. 29.—The biggest strike in Kootenay for years has been made at the United mine in Ainsworth, one of the Highlands United properties. Twenty feet of high grade silver-lead has been uncovered already. It is one of the oldest mines in the country and was one of the first shipping mines in Kootenay.

Development in the past has often been abandoned owing to uncontrollable water. The mine is owned in Nelson and New York.

Litigation is conspicuous by its rarity in both Supreme and County Courts at present, and has been for some time. There are few cases down for hearing, and the Supreme Court judges are mostly occupied with Mainland business.

WANT TRUCKS TO CARRY LIGHTS

ter should the council hold to its determination to amend the by-law to meet the wishes of the truckmen.

Other matters which may engage the attention of the board this evening are Assistant Engineer Bryson's report on the proposition to bring water from Sooke lake, the regrading of Spring Ridge, in the vicinity of the gravel pits, and the ever-present paving question. City Engineer Topp will, it is expected, announce his decision of the proposed pavement which is to be laid on Douglas street, between Humboldt and Courtenay.

ALLEGED FRAUDS

Los Angeles, Cal., Nov. 29.—Siegel E. Skinner, formerly a non-commissioned officer in the regular army service in the Philippines, and for the past two years a litigant in the local land office, was arrested by the United States marshal upon an indictment charging him with impersonating a government officer and defrauding the government. It is alleged that Skinner started numerous contests upon tracts in the Imperial valley upon the ground that the assignments were fraudulent. He got purchasers of his claims to these lands, it is asserted.

NEW RECORD ON TYPEWRITER

St. Joseph, Mo., Nov. 29.—H. Otis Blaisdell, of New York, who made a new world's record in a fifteen-minute contest on a typewriter, made a new record Saturday for an hour, by writing 5,184 words, or an average of 102 a minute. The previous record, 3,600 words, was made on September 30th, in New York, by Miss Rose L. Fritz. The record was made before the Missouri valley commercial teachers' convention.

A Hull fisherman named Joseph Burgess owes his death to an aching tooth. He had it extracted at the infirmary. Subsequently his neck began to swell, and he had to be admitted to the infirmary as an in-patient. A physician said that the germs which had led to the swelling got in through the tooth cavity, and set up tissue poisoning. It was not a common occurrence, but it had been known to happen before. The jury found that no blame attached to the medical staff of the institution.

Advertisement for 'The Family Cash Grocery' located at the corner of Yates and Douglas Streets. Features the text 'Four Weeks Until Christmas' and a list of products including raisins, sultana, valencia, and various other goods.

LIFEBOATS AND OCCUPANTS SAFE

SURVIVORS OF THE ARGO ARE PICKED UP

Three Perished When Steamer Grounded Off Tillamook Bay.

Portland, Ore., Nov. 29.—A lifeboat containing Captain Snyder, one passenger and nine members of the crew of the steamer Argo, who put off from the vessel when the craft was about to founder off Tillamook Bay on Friday night, reached the Columbia River lightship on Saturday. The eleven occupants were taken aboard the lightship.

The news of the safety of the missing boat, which had been practically given up for lost, was taken to Astoria by the tug Walula, which arrived Saturday. The Walula was able to get close enough to the lightship to talk with persons aboard the vessel through a megaphone, but the sea was too rough to permit her taking off the shipwrecked men.

The lifeboat in charge of Capt. Snyder was in the raging sea all Friday night. Another boat in charge of Mate Johnson was rescued by the gasoline schooner Oshkosh. This reduces the loss of life to four people, and possibly three. There seems to be some question as to whether there were two or only one Italian on board. If there were two Italians the death list will reach four.

The known dead are: Mrs. L. A. Holdrege, Portland; Miss Hunter, aged 6, Napa, Cal.; Henry Wickman, member of the Garibaldi life-saving crew.

The following list accounts for all on board the Argo.

Missing—Unknown Victim. Escaped in boat of Capt. Levi Snyder and now safe on the Columbia River lightship—Capt. Snyder, Chief Engineer J. H. Snyder, Purser W. A. Stinson, A. Mecklinberg, sailor; Leslie, sailor; Mr. Graves, steward; Thomas Russell, assistant engineer; Tony Delbert, passenger; an unnamed passenger who boarded the Argo at Astoria; two unnamed members of the crew.

Rescued by lifeboat: Mrs. W. C. King; Leona Hunter, aged 11, sister of Nellie. Escaped in Mate J. A. Johnson's boat and picked up by the gasoline schooner Oshkosh; Mate Johnson, L. A. Holdrege, Portland, passenger; W. C. King, passenger; George Hunter, passenger; Honolulu colored cook; Howard Wolfe, A. E. Millard, E. Salmonson, two members of crew, names not learned.

MANY LOOKING FOR HOMES ON ISLAND

Possibilities Very Attractive to Easterners—C. C. Chapman Here.

C. C. Chapman, Portland's publicity agent, arrived from Seattle on this afternoon's boat and in the morning he and Ernest McGaffey, secretary of the Vancouver Island Development League, leave for Nanaimo. Mr. Chapman has come over at the invitation of the Nanaimo branch league to deliver an address. While on the island he will also address the Millstone River Valley League at East Wallington. Mr. McGaffey's desk is piled high with letters from easterners on both sides of the line who are anxious to know what opportunities there are for fruit-growing and poultry raising on the individual scale on the island. This morning one of Mr. McGaffey's callers was a gentleman from Ontario who is interested in the possibilities and who will probably settle in the vicinity of the city.

THE STORM

The wild wind blows, the bunk house rocks, The lumber's tossed around; The rain is smoking with the spray, And seething white is Queen Charlotte Sound.

The dark cloud hangs, the sun's obscured, The rain in torrents pour, And madly does the billows dash Upon Triangle's shore.

O, fisher folk, if thou perchance No haven safe has found, I fear that some poor fisherman In the waters cruel have drowned.

A smashed up dory on the beach May some day tell the tale That some frail craft was caught and lost While in this autumn gale.

And over there where Cape Scott lies, Across the treacherous side, All rippled and churned with overfalls, No boat could safely ride.

The Stwanih keeps to his smoky shack, The deer to shelter go, But God help the hardy fisherman When a storm like this doth blow.

CHARLES GARDNER. —The remains of Lee Chu Gim, a local Celestial, who died here a few days ago, will be sent on Thursday to the Flowery Kingdom on the Blue Funnel liner, Onaka.

—The funeral of the late Miss Cassie Phillips took place this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the family residence, Lake District, and at 2:30 o'clock at St. Luke's church, Cedar Hill. Interment took place in Ross Bay cemetery.

—The English opera singers and symphony orchestra gave a high-class concert in the Victoria theatre on Saturday evening. The presentation of scenes from the opera "Martha" was of the very best. The orchestra provided an excellent accompaniment throughout the evening. The attendance was small, however, due no doubt in large part to the heavy rain.

EXPORT LUMBER ADVANCED ONE DOLLAR

Another Increase in Price May Be Made Next Month.

The improvement of late of the export lumber business has made it possible for the British Columbia mills to advance the rates for all grades one dollar a thousand feet. Hitherto there has been very keen competition, and the mills have been selling with the very lowest margin of profit possible. The high price of logs has, however, made it impossible to continue selling at the present rate, and the result is that they have agreed to advance. If the market remains another dollar will not be added at the end of next month.

The advance in the export rate has not yet affected the local market. The local market is still in a state of uncertainty, but it is quite probable that an advance will be made by local contractors. For this reason orders are being placed ahead, and there is a tendency among those intending to build to push their plans ahead so that they may escape the higher prices.

BOXING TOURNAMENT ON NEW YEAR'S NIGHT

Empress Athletic Club Will Six Bouts at A. O. U. W. Hall.

"Activity" is the motto of the Empress Athletic Club, which, not content with a five-mile road race for Christmas day, has now arranged a boxing tournament for New Year's night. The permission of the authorities for the tournament has been received and the bouts are arranged to take place in the A.O.U.W. hall, where the boxers will meet in a series of three-round bouts with a five-minute rest between rounds for the finish if the referee is not satisfied that one of the contestants is the best.

New blood will be in the ring this winter and give some of the local boxers a change for new honors. The Empress club, besides promoting the affair, will put in three men from their own club. These are Ward, a lightweight; Riley, a bantam; and Lane, others who will box are Hill, Bailey, Cohen and probably Johnson. Other names are being considered and will be announced as soon as they are signed up. There will be five or six bouts altogether and more if the sport is sufficient. Victoria can't put on a good tournament with local boxers, and the last one held under the auspices of the B.C.A.A.U. will not be forgotten as among the best boxing entertainments of the city. The matches in the coming tournament will be made as near equal weights as possible. The club is to try to get men beforehand and put them against others that are thought to be about equal in strength and science. This will give the public eighteen rounds at least of exciting and clever boxing. Officials will be selected later and the first bout will commence at 8:30 o'clock sharp.

JEBSEN LINER

Ella to Sail Dec. 10th From This Port For Central America. Messrs. Gardner Johnson & Co., agents for the Jensen line, have issued the latest time table for the steamer Ella, of the Jensen fleet. She will sail from Victoria on the 10th December, and is due to San Francisco on the 13th. Salina Cruz will be reached on the 17th, and Corinto on January 2nd. The steamer is due back here on January 15th.

TIDE TABLE

Table with columns for Date, Time of High Water, Time of Low Water, and other tide-related data for Victoria, November 1909.

The time used in Pacific Standard for the 12th Meridian west. It is counted from 0 to 24 hours, from midnight to midnight. The figures for height serve to distinguish high water from low water.

The height is in feet and tenths of a foot, above the average level of the lowest low water in each month of the year. This level is half a foot lower than the datum to which all soundings on the Admiralty chart of Victoria harbor are reduced.

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BIG BLOCK FOR BASTION STREET

Joseph Sayward Purchases Property

Six Story Office Building Will Be Erected in Near Future.

(From Monday's Daily.) Another big business block is to be erected on Government street. Joseph Sayward, who owns the small block where the Army and Navy cigar store stands at the corner of Government and Bastion streets, has now acquired the adjoining property right through to Langley street. This gives a very large frontage on Bastion street, and for that reason is a particularly valuable property. On this Mr. Sayward will erect a six-story building, the ground floor of which will be used for stores and the rest for office purposes.

This is another case where a Victorian is aroused to the possibilities of the business in the city, and is about to take advantage of it. The growth of the city, and the constantly increasing value of properties in the centre has made it unprofitable to continue with small buildings. Pemberton & Sons have led the way with the largest office block in British Columbia and others inspired by the lead given them are following suit.

Another deal which has just been reported is the sale of the block bounded by Fort, Vancouver and Meares streets. This has just been acquired by a local syndicate for \$10,000.

THE WEATHER LIARS

(New York Times.) Snowed dry day in Pasadena and they said they hadn't seen a Day like that in mid-December far back as they could remember.

Said such weather at that season was quite out of sense and reason. But while this day might be frightful, other days were quite delightful.

Pasadena, they said whether good or bad, was done for weather. But the weather I had sampled there was simply unaccountable.

Since they really hadn't seen a Day like that, so rough and mean a Day since they knew Pasadena!

In Seattle it was soaking and they told me, without joking, That they hadn't had November like that since they could remember.

Said that time of year precisely all the days were ordered nicely. And that if it rained a little, it was dry rain—dry and brittle.

It came down so straight, to tell a truth you needed no umbrella just whether it rained or not.

And they were quite right. They had had such beastly weather in the past ten years together!

Up in Denver it was stifling, and they told me they'd been rifting. Weather records and they'd never had such sultry weather ever.

It got hot, they said, but whether it was hot or cold the weather Was so dry you didn't suffer; but just now the heat was rougher.

Than you would believe it could be and much hotter than it should be. On the mountain air was tonic as a fountain.

Of long youth, but just at present it was any thing but pleasant. In a climate cool and airy And unusual—oh, yes, very!

In Chicago it was sleeting, and they told me with their greeting That in early Fall was very out of place—so extraordinary.

They admitted it was frightful, but their Falls should be delightful. And the local weather station in the fore-gone generation Had no records that were like it; 'twas just last week it was so nice, they said, and now the streets were icy.

And for years they could remember not another such September. All their years, they said in talking. They had never seen such walking! It was positively shocking!

They informed me down in Boston that they'd never seen such frost on trees and windows in October, and the days so damp and sober;

Said they hoped I wouldn't set a wrong impression; there was yet a Foot-antumnal, a season, clearing, warm and pleasant, soon appearing;

Said that good old Massachusetts couldn't justly afford to lose its Firm and lasting reputation; through this weather aberration; They had had pleasure in confiding. Seen the sun so long in hiding!

How these cheerful local liars Blaze with patriotic airs As they tell us, all together, That they can't remember whether They've had ever such queer weather!

—On Saturday afternoon last at Vancouver, at the Church of the Holy Rosary, the marriage of Miss Mabel Power and Dr. Stuart Ross was celebrated. Rev. Father Conolly officiating. There were present only the most intimate friends of the couple, including Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. Tate McEwan Robertson, Miss Mabel Robertson, Mrs. Arthur Dave and Mr. A. Whiteside. On the conclusion of the ceremony Dr. and Mrs. Ross took for this city, and after a brief honeymoon trip they will take up their residence in the Granville mansions, Vancouver.

—One of the most pleasing social events of last week at Vancouver was the dance on Thursday evening under the auspices of the Lord Nelson Chapter of the Daughters of Empire. There were some 200 guests present. The decorations were on a most elaborate scale. The pink and white ballroom was transformed with the effective arrangement of great Union Jacks and numerous smaller flags. The orchestra was hidden behind a bank of palms, and a corner was reserved with rugs and divans for the two chaperones d'honneur, Mrs. Northman, president of the order, and Mrs. Arthur Van Koughnet, the first organizing secretary.

OFFICIAL FIGURES OF VOTE IN CITY

Returning Officer Baxter Issues Statement Giving Electors' Choice.

C. S. Baxter, who acted as returning officer for the provincial elections in this city, has issued his official statement. The total number of votes cast was 5,411. There were 54 rejected ballots and 42 spoiled. There were five tendered ballots. The vote for the various candidates was as follows:

Table listing candidates and their vote counts: McBride (2856), Davey (2508), Behnen (2497), Thomson (2465), Morley (2218), Oliver, John (2216), Drury (2031), Houston (1875), and others.

The official returns for the plebiscite are: For..... 2372, Against..... 1776, Rejected..... 62, Spoiled..... 4.

LOCAL MARKETS

Table listing various market goods and their prices: Wheat, Flour, Sugar, Coffee, Tea, etc.

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Table listing various market goods and their prices: Apples, Peaches, etc.

Table listing various market goods and their prices: Potatoes, etc.

TO PLAY UNDER ENGLISH RULES

ISLAND LEAGUE AND UNION AT DEADLOCK

Esquimalt Drops Out—A. O. F. Admitted—Schedule Drawn.

The decision of the Island Association Football League to play its 1909-10 schedule under the English rules and not under the rules of the B.C.A.A.U. was adhered to by that organization at the meeting held at the Driarg hotel on Saturday night, when delegates from both the Island town clubs and from the Victoria West and A.O.F. clubs were present to hear President Dan O'Sullivan of the B.C.A.A.U. on the subjects of the union and its rules.

The deadlock between the two bodies continues, and there is very little likelihood of the football league giving way to the union's desires of registering its players with the union.

The football league is affiliated with the B. C. Football League, which is affiliated with the English Football Association, and the delegates to Saturday night's meeting held that the B. C. Football League was in existence before the B.C.A.A.U. was formed, and therefore the players owe allegiance to the football league and not to the amateur union.

Having heard Mr. O'Sullivan on the rules restricting amateurs under the B.C.A.A.U. rules, the delegates, with one exception, were of the opinion that the British Columbia amateur rules are too strict, and came to the conclusion that the union will sooner or later have to loosen up. The secretary of the union explained that the Island league was an amateur body, but that it would not bear a professional crooked or a professional boxer from playing amateur soccer, and asked the president of the amateur union for a statement in regard to football players' standing if they played strictly amateur, and were not registered with the union. Mr. O'Sullivan's reply was that they would not be regarded as amateurs unless affiliated with the union.

George O'Neil of the Victoria West club read a letter from Will Ellis of the Vancouver Soccer Association, saying that the same trouble had occurred in Vancouver, and that the football teams there had broken away from the B.C.A.A.U., as the union's amateur definition had been found too strict in the Terminal City.

After a general discussion Mr. O'Sullivan was informed that at its last meeting the Island league had embodied in its constitution a clause that the B.C.A.A.U. would not be recognized, and that clause would have to stand, as it could not be altered until the next general meeting, as provided by its constitution. The Island league will therefore be played under the Old Country rules, and the next step in the matter will have to be taken by the B.C.A.A.U.

Just what this step will be it is difficult to say, as the Island league announced it was an amateur body in the meaning of the English league, but Mr. O'Sullivan holds the union now has power to professionalize all men playing in the league, and so prevent them taking part in any amateur sports during the summer. This would principally affect Victoria West, which was always a strictly amateur association before the formation of the B.C.A.A.U., and it would also affect the A.O.F. soccer players, Nanaimo and Ladysmith have track men on their teams, and these Mr. O'Sullivan said will be affected also. So it looks as if there will be some wholesale professionalizing done. Should this be the case the soccer players of the Island league intend to fight the matter out, and it was said after Saturday night's meeting they would probably form another amateur union if Vancouver would combine with them in doing so.

Should this be done the new body would adopt the amateur definition that allows professionals and amateurs to play together. The following schedule was drawn for the season:

Dec. 18—Ladysmith v. Victoria West. Dec. 18—A.O.F. v. Nanaimo. Dec. 25—Victoria West v. O.A.F. Jan. 1—Nanaimo v. Victoria West. Jan. 2—Nanaimo v. A.O.F. Jan. 15—Ladysmith v. Victoria. Jan. 15—A.O.F. v. Victoria West. Jan. 22—Victoria West v. Ladysmith. Feb. 5—Victoria West v. Ladysmith. Feb. 12—Nanaimo v. Ladysmith. Feb. 19—Ladysmith v. A.O.F. Feb. 26—Victoria West v. Ladysmith.

All the matches to be played on the grounds of the first-named club. Second Division. In the second division there are two teams, Victoria West and Ladysmith. These will play one home and home game each, which will decide the second division championship.

MOTORING DISTANCES. The following shows the distances from Victoria of different points on Vancouver Island:

Table listing distances to various locations: Alberni (113), Colwood (8), Cowichan (38), Comox (38), Duncan (48), Goldstream (11), Ladysmith (39), Nanaimo (78), Shawnigan (37), etc.

—The concert and dance given by the Esquimalt Athletic Association on Friday evening last proved to be a most enjoyable event. The concert given in the early part of the evening was of a high order. After it dancing was indulged in until a late hour.

CONSOLIDATION OF FOUR RAILWAYS

Officers Appointed for New System Which Has Nearly 3,000 Miles of Lines.

Chicago, Nov. 29.—Official announcement has been made of the consolidation under one management of the Chicago & Alton, the Toledo, St. Louis & Western (Clover Leaf) lines with the Minneapolis & St. Louis and Iowa Central railroads.

Officers with jurisdiction over all four roads were appointed to take office on December 1st. Headquarters will be in Chicago. The consolidation makes a system of 2,770 miles of railroad with terminals in Chicago, St. Louis, Peoria, Minneapolis, St. Paul, Kansas City, Sioux City and Springfield, Ill.

AIMING TO STIMULATE INTEREST IN INSTITUTE

Ralph S. Bond Coming Here on Important Imperial Mission.

(From Monday's Daily.) In a few days Mrs. D'Alton McCarthy, 1334 Elford street, will entertain a distinguished guest in the person of Ralph S. Bond, a Fellow of the Royal Colonial Institute, of London, who is touring Canada in an effort to stimulate interest in the work of the Institute. He is accompanied by Mrs. Bond.

The Royal Colonial Institute, by disseminating knowledge respecting the various portions of the Empire, has done much to promote the cause of its permanent unity. The Institute building is a fine structure in Northumberland avenue, leading out of Trafalgar Square, erected in 1882 at a total cost of about \$250,000. It affords a convenient place of meeting where Canadians, Australians, South Africans and men from India, New Zealand and all parts of the Empire have an opportunity of meeting one another.

There are nearly 5,000 Fellows of the Institute in all parts of the world, but whilst there are over 1,000 Fellows residing in South Africa there are in Canada less than 150, and it is thought that if the good work of the Institute were only better known in Canada, it would lead to a great increase in the number of Fellows residing in the Dominion. An effort will probably be made to have Mr. Bond address the Canadian Club while here.

VANCOUVER BANKERS DEFEAT LOCAL TEAM

Basketball Match Played Between City Aggregations on Saturday Night.

A basketball game was played between the local bank team and the Vancouver bankers on Saturday night at the roller rink and resulted in a win for the Terminal City aggregation by a score of 19 points to 13. The game was marked with considerable rough work, and a number of the players were laid out for a few minutes.

In the first half the Victoria team had the best of the argument and their opponents scored 10 points to 8. Holmby being responsible for most of the goals made by the local team, while Robertson was the head scorer for the mainland team.

Just before the start of the second half the light over Victoria's basket went out and during this half the locals scored but three points. Owing to the darkness they could not see the basket. Their opponents, however, scored 10 points in this half.

Those who scored for their respective teams were: Vancouver—Robertson, 13; Sweeney, 12; Nesbitt, 11; Victoria—Holmby, 9; Harris, 2, and Newmarsh, 2. The line-up of the two teams was as follows: Vancouver—Guards, Sweeney and Storey, centre; Black; forwards, Nesbitt and Robertson. Victoria—Guards, Archibald and Rome; centre, Newmarsh; forwards, Holden and Harris. Leo Sweeney acted as referee.

—Great preparations are being made for the annual ball to be given by the staff of the Empress hotel. An energetic committee has been selected to make all arrangements. The affair last year proved most successful, but this one is expected to surpass the former one.

—The funeral of the late Archie Emery took place yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the family residence, 418 Perry street, where the Rev. Mr. Miller conducted an impressive service and gave words of comfort to the bereaved family. The hymns, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" and "Nearer My God to Thee," were sung. There was a large attendance of sympathizing friends and many flowers were presented. The following acted as pallbearers: K. Williams, A. Cooksley, R. Truman, A. Holmes, A. Stewart and N. K. Nelson.

—Word has been received in this city announcing the death yesterday at Portland, Ore., of Mrs. A. Lewis. Deceased is survived by her husband and one son, who are residents of Victoria. The son leaves to-morrow for the Ross City to attend the funeral.

—F. R. Stewart & Co. commenced business in their new building this morning, which is situated on Yates street a little below the late place of business, affords more room and the firm's goods can be better arranged. The office is also much larger.

LANDSLIDES ON CANADIAN PACIFIC

NUMBER OF PASSENGER TRAINS ARE DELAYED

Officials Hope to Have Line in Operation Again To-night.

(Special to the Times.) Vancouver, Nov. 29.—Yesterday's No. 97, due at Vancouver at 12:20 from Montreal, is at Lytton with two slides between there and Vancouver. Yesterday's No. 1, due at midnight, is also at Lytton. To-day's 97 was turned back east from Spence's bridge, and passengers and baggage transferred to No. 97 at Lytton. The Agassiz local that left here yesterday morning was brought back here at midnight last night as it could not get through.

There are landslides at China Bar, Lytton, Spuzzan, Kefer, Barnet and North Bend, all between here and Kamloops. No trains have arrived in Vancouver over the C. P. R. since Saturday night, and in all probability none will arrive before to-morrow morning, though the officials talk of 8 o'clock to-night.

The Agassiz local is off of the list altogether for the time being. No passenger trains will leave for the east until this evening at the very earliest.

WOLVES LEAD IN CUP COMPETITIONS

Second Round Starts To-morrow—Victoria Won Telegraphic League.

In the Fitzpatrick & McConnell cup competition at the bowling alleys the Wolves have won the first round with the Bears second. The finals of the first round were played Saturday night, the Wolves winning two out of three games from the Lions. Gibson, of the winners, was high score with 215, and A. H. Popham high average with 184.

The manager will start on the second round of this competition to-morrow night, the Wolves and the Bears leading off. The scores of Saturday's match were:

Table showing scores for Wolves and Bears in the Fitzpatrick & McConnell cup competition.

The standing of the teams for the first round:

Table showing scores for Wolves and Bears in the telegraphic league.

RUGBY MEN PLAY PRACTICE MATCH

Full Turnout of Both Teams at Royal Park on Saturday.

In a slipping and sliding and skidding and gliding contest the Rugby men of the city braved the elements Saturday and practiced at the Royal Athletic park, the Victoria team beating the Bays by three tries.

The game was not a serious one, and playing time was out down to fifteen minutes each way. The game served as a wet weather practice and may help out the team for the match against Vancouver at the Royal park next Saturday.

There was a full turnout of players on both teams, and the play while it lasted was earnest and thorough. The teams will practice again to-morrow night, and hold a last work out on Thursday night, when the final selection of the team will take place.

The men who turned out were: Victoria, J. B. A. Johnson, Full back; Victoria, Lovry Nason, Three-quarters; McEuglen Beddrott, Forwards; Meredith Thompson, Full back; Young Scott, Half backs; A. Gillespie, Campbell, Newcombe, Leo Sweeney, Forwards; Hopped Jeffs, Half backs; Arbutk, Miller, Ward, Forwards; Helmshe, Kennedy, Forwards; Mason, Wilson, Forwards; R. Gillespie, Turner, Forwards; S. Gillespie, Robson, Forwards; Spencer.

—The football match played on Saturday between the Central and South teams, resulted in a tie, neither side securing a goal. R. Campbell acted as referee, and kept all the boys in check.

—Losing a little box containing half-a-dozen of the old town crew of St. Leonard, near Limoges, announced his loss to the public, appealing for the return of the money. Finding his appeal in vain, he took to his bed, and was found dead there, killed by grief.

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MUCH DAMAGE BY SATURDAY'S GALE... Princess Charlotte Damaged Wharf at Port Townsend When Making Landing.

Port Townsend, Nov. 28.—The heaviest weather of the year swept the lower Puget Sound yesterday, lashing the waters into tremendous seas of such severity that navigation was limited to the runs of regular scheduled steamers, every movement of which was attended with danger.

Last night the schooner Willie R. Hume, which arrived from Antofagasta October 28th and has been at anchor in the bay, waiting to shift to Everett, started to drive before the savage blasts, though both anchors and an ample quantity of chain were out. The vessel made for the shore at an ever-increasing speed and is now piled up on the beach between the cannery wharves. The ground there is soft and it is not believed that the Hume has been seriously injured, and an effort to tow her will be made at high tide to-morrow.

The barkentine Kohala, due to be towed to Bellingham by the powerful tug Goliath, is stormbound here. In the launch Sweden of Everett, with power broken down by seas that had been shipped, James Trenworth and Andrew McGee were rescued off Marrowstone point by the power boat Pilot and Alice. The launch was stove in by floating logs driven by big seas, and from the exertion of hours of baling to keep afloat the men were nearly prostrated when picked up by the Alice. The launch was towed here, but sank at her moorings immediately after arrival.

Government officers on launches in making the passage on the bay to inspect the British steamer Bellerophon, arriving from Liverpool, accomplished their duties only at great hazard and with a thorough drenching. Before a wind ranging from thirty to forty miles an hour and continuing throughout the day the Sound waters were driven into seas of ocean size and violence. The Canadian Pacific railway steamer Princess Charlotte effected her regular landing at the Union wharf only after severely damaging that structure and destroying the water mains used in supplying fresh water to ships.

Capt. Sam Barlow, of the steamer Rosalie, reports the sea and wind at the upper end of the Strait of Fuca as of unusual violence. Capt. Charles Brysden, of the steamer Iroquois, an arrival two hours late, describes the storm met on the run from Vancouver as the most severe in his experience of several years in these waters. For two hours the steamer was barely able to proceed, being at best in the heavy places but two miles an hour. The vessel was running into seas that swept entirely over the Iroquois.

THREE MURDERED. Frontenac, Kan., Nov. 27.—A lonely road a mile north of here was the scene of a triple murder, and an assault on a woman. The dead are: Mr. and Mrs. William Bork, Germans, of Frontenac, and their son, 2½ years old. The attack on Mrs. Bork is the supposed motive of the crime. Bork was presumably killed while trying to defend his wife. The child probably was slain because the murderer wished to silence him, or feared he had been recognized by the little one. Mr. and Mrs. Bork and their child were last seen alive when they started to drive home to Frontenac from the home of Mrs. Bork's mother, at a point two miles in the country.

FREIGHT TRAIN WRECKED. Saskatoon, Sask., Nov. 27.—A C. N. R. freight train bound north jumped the rails between Hanley and Dundas this morning, and the most serious wreck that has ever occurred on the line followed. Twelve box cars piled on the top of the locomotive, which was flung on its side across the rails. Some of them are broken into kindling wood. The fireman has disappeared, and it is thought that he is killed and under the wreckage. Others of the crew had to jump for their lives, but only one was injured.

Capt. Arthur H. Scott, of the brigantine Geneva, has had to leave his vessel owing to a severe attack of rheumatism.

The System Is Weak... BOWES' COD LIVER OIL WITH MALT AND HYPOPHOSPHITES... CYRUS H. BOWES CHEMIST, 1225 GOVERNMENT ST. NEAR YATES.

MANY REPORTS READ ON AUXILIARY WORK

Monthly Gathering Hears of Progress in Missionary Effort. The monthly meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of the M.S.C.C. was held in St. Barnabas' school room on Friday afternoon, Mrs. Perrin presiding. Interesting reports were read by Mrs. Cooper, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Hiscocks, Dorcas secretary; Mrs. Toller, literature secretary; Mrs. Thain, Coker, Alert Bay, acknowledging the sale of articles; Mrs. Hiscocks asked that Christmas cheer be sent to mission, and reminded members that donations for the Christmas hamper for Mr. Antle are to be in no later than the second week of December.

Five-minute papers were read by Mrs. Toller on China, Mr. Cooper on a trip to the Holy Land, and Mrs. Thain on the congress to be held in Scotland next year. The St. Andrew's Day observance was brought to the remembrance of members. The study class is to be held at Bishopsclose December 10th. The class is to take the form of a reading circle, each member promising to devote half an hour weekly to missionary intelligence. The December meeting of the auxiliary will be held on December 17th at Bishopsclose.

Wilkerson's,—"The Gift Shop." Old Country Xmas Gifts. Kindly note that the last Parcel Post for Great Britain and United Kingdom closes at Victoria December 3rd, next Friday. Here are three unrivalled suggestions for presents for relatives and friends in the old land. Three things that cannot be procured there and are typical of this country.

Nugget Jewelry Canadian Souvenirs Rose Hat Pins. We cordially invite you to come in and see these articles which we have priced as reasonably as possible for quick sale. Unless it be "Nugget" Jewelry, nothing more appreciative we think than a Victorian grown rose metalized into a hat pin.

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BRITISH STRENGTH IN CHINA WATERS Squadron of 34 Vessels Kept on Other Side of the Pacific. At a time when so much interest is taken in naval matters, especially on the Pacific coast, it is of interest to note the strength of the China squadron, which is to be replaced, or partially so, by new cruisers to which New Zealand will make a contribution. The largest vessels are first class cruisers of which there are four, the King Alfred, flying the flag of Vice-Admiral Sir Hadoworth Lambton, K.C.B., commander-in-chief; the Bedford, now on her way back to China from San Francisco where she attended the Portia festival; the Monmouth, which visited this coast a short time ago; and the Kent.

There are two second class cruisers, of which the Flora is one, two sloops of war, two survey steamers, thirteen river gunboats, eight torpedo boat destroyers, one receiving ship, one dispatch vessel, and a water tank and tug, making in all 34 vessels. Many of the smaller craft are used for patrolling the rivers where British interests are large, the cruisers and the destroyers being the only boats that would prove effective in time of war.

BRITISH MERCHANT FLEET. The annual report for 1908-1909 of Lloyd's Register of British and Foreign Shipping states that at the close of the year ended 30th June, 1909, 10,424 merchant vessels, registering over 20,500,000 tons gross, held classes assigned by the committee. The total tonnage under construction in the United Kingdom at the end of June last was less than 28 per cent. of the amount, building three years before. Classes were assigned by the committee to 550 new vessels. These registered tonnage amounted to 284,864 tons. Of these 451, or 165,728 tons, were steamers, and 89, or 9,285 tons, were sailing ships. Of the total, 470,137 tons, or 28 per cent., were built for the United Kingdom, and 284,847 tons, or 45 per cent., for the British colonies and foreign countries. There are recorded in the register book at the present time 64 vessels fitted with wireless telegraphy, and 262 vessels fitted with submarine signalling apparatus.

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WANT CLOSED DOOR. American Representative Asks That Foreign Vessels Be Excluded From Coal Carrying.

Representative Kahn from California made a plea before President Taft and Secretary Meyer at the White House Wednesday for the ships that lie idle in Oakland creek. Foreign vessels last year carried 163,000 tons of navy coal from the Atlantic seaboard to California City and Puget Sound, and then they loaded up with 163,000 tons of freight out of the Pacific ports. Kahn pleaded that American bottoms should carry coal for the American navy, even if the government had to pay twice as much. He pointed out that the American sailor's wage ranged from \$35 to \$45 a month, whereas the foreign shipowner paid only \$7. The government has been paying the foreigners \$2.20 to \$3.50 a ton for taking the coal around, and the 50 per cent. allowance it has been willing to give American charters has not been sufficient.

FOR SOUTH AFRICA. The ship W. F. Babcock, which has been overhauling at Winslow after a voyage to Guaymas, will proceed to-day to Port Ludlow to load lumber for Capetown, South Africa. The vessel's hull has been cleaned and caulked throughout and painted, and her rigging has been completely overhauled. She arrived at Winslow October 18th last. The Babcock is in charge of Capt. Sterling, who was master of the Great Admiral when that vessel was lost off the Oregon coast some years ago.

ORIGIN OF FIRE! STILL IN DOUBT. The origin of the fire that destroyed the steamship St. Croix off Point Duane on November 20th, imperiling the lives of over 100 passengers and the crew, is as much a mystery as ever, although nearly every officer of the vessel, several members of the crew and some of the passengers were put through a searching examination at Seattle by Federal Inspector of Steam Vessels John K. Bulger and O. F. Boies. Every question asked by the inspectors was framed with the object of eliciting information that might indicate the cause of the disaster, but not a statement was made that seems to throw any light on the matter.

St. Croix Official Inquiry Throws No Light on Subject. Acting upon a letter received from Los Angeles, Bulger called Martin Nett, an officer, as one of the first witnesses. The letter said that Nett had made a statement in the Southern city that he had an idea of how the fire started. Nett denied that he had ever made such a statement, and could add nothing to the knowledge of the fire already obtained. From the statement of Third Mate Harry Warner that the fire appeared to be in the vicinity of the liquor locker, and that some of the electric wires of the ship passed through the locker, it is possible that a conclusion as to the cause of the blaze may be drawn. Warner said that on a former occasion the fuses had blown out and the ship had been left in darkness. The examination is being continued to-morrow.

CONSUMPTION NEARLY EQUALS PRODUCTION. James J. Hill Discusses Increase in Price of Food-stuffs. St. Paul, Minn., Nov. 29.—While not entirely agreeing with the recent statement issued by Bradstreet's, which intimates that the consumption of food products of this country has caught up with this production, James J. Hill, the railway wizard, said that the point nearly had been reached.

SHINGLES FOR CHICAGO BY EASTERN PORTS. Steamer Luckenbach Loads at Bellingham to Compete With Railroads. Bellingham, Nov. 27.—To place 4,000,000 Whatcom County shingles upon the docks of New York the steamship Luckenbach, tramp freighter, arrived in port this morning, dropping anchor in the stream because heavy weather made docking difficult.

This Luckenbach shipment begins an era in Puget Sound lumber and shingle transportation. Great quantities of local lumber are to be laid down in New York by steamships and will be transferred inland to Buffalo and Chicago. Manufacturers have long looked for a way to club the railroads and in the water shipment plan they claim to have it. Shingles only will be carried from here in the Luckenbach's cargo. But a number of lumber shipments are being gotten ready.

The Luckenbach will be the first ship to take Whatcom County shingles through the Straits of Magellan. Shipments of shingles heretofore taken from the Sound to the Atlantic Coast have been passed from the Pacific across the Isthmus of Panama and into the vessels on the other ocean. The four million cargo to be loaded here will be supplied by the Larson Lumber Company and the Consolidated Shingle Company.

The difference in freight cost between rail and water shipments is great. The railroads charge \$24.50 a hundred to carry common lumber from Puget Sound to New York; tramp steamships take common lumber from this coast to New York for \$14 a hundred. To convey this lumber from New York to Buffalo costs \$3.50 a thousand and from New York to Chicago \$5.75, so that Puget Sound common lumber can be shipped by water to Chicago for \$20.75 a thousand.

HEAVY GALE DELAYS STEAMER TEES Vessel Has to Put Back to Banfield Saturday Afternoon.

(From Monday's Daily.) Steamer Tees, which should have arrived here on Saturday evening, did not reach port until yesterday, owing to meeting a heavy gale after she left Banfield on Saturday afternoon. The steamer had to turn and run before the wind, remaining all night at Banfield. While in Victoria there has been a heavy fall of rain, up the West Coast they have been having snow. Nearly all the way up and back the Tees experienced snow storms and the weather was very cold.

Between Cape Beale and Pachena a large number of drifting logs were encountered, and one of them struck the steamer's deck and some broken boom. Port Renfrew harbor was also filled with stumps and logs which had apparently come down the river probably the result of the bursting of a big jam. The passengers who arrived by the steamer numbered something like 60, many of whom were loggers. Dr. C. H. Habbury came from Clayoquot, H. C. Brewster, the Liberal member elect, from Alberni, and Messrs. McCurdy and Donald from Nootka. There were also fifteen men from the San Juan Construction and Development Company.

The Tees brought 200 barrels of oil and 24 cases of whalebone from the whaling stations, and 200 cases of salmon from the Uchucost cannery.

ECONOMIC MINERALS OF THE DOMINION. Handbook Issued by Geological Survey of Canada—Scope of Work. The want of a popular handbook setting forth the geology, and describing the economic minerals of Canada, has long been felt. The Geological Survey, Ottawa, has just published such a work, written by Dr. G. A. Young, with an introductory chapter by the director of the Geological Survey, Mr. R. W. Brock.

Any attempt to describe the geology, configuration, and mineralogy of a country embracing some 3,750,000 square miles must necessarily be limited in scope and fragmentary in character. These limitations are acknowledged by the authors of the handbook; but Mr. Brock points out that the generalizations and estimates made with regard to the extent of Canada's mineral resources are not mere guesses, but are inductions based upon the doctrine of probabilities—reasoning from the known to the unknown. He says in the introduction:

Although it has been said, the greater part of Canada is unexplored, and much of it even unexplored, what is known of its geological structure enables forecasts as to its mineral wealth to be made. As will be seen from the following pages, the country falls naturally into a number of geological provinces, characterized by certain peculiarities in the way of rocks, rock structures, and minerals. The general outlines of these provinces are known. Their southern portions, at least, both in Canada and in the United States, have been more or less developed, demonstrating the mineral possibilities, and it is fair to assume that in the northward unexplored extensions of these provinces, the mineral deposits will also, in some measure, be repeated. Any hesitation one might feel about applying this principle is removed when one compares the results already obtained in the frontier camps, with the corresponding stage in the development of the older mining districts of Canada and the United States, in the same geological province, and when one remembers the discoveries that have followed the opening up of such new sections, and considers that geological explorers report the occurrences of the same minerals and the same geological conditions in the north that characterize that geological province in the south.

A critical examination of this work shows that it contains 154 eminently readable pages of text descriptive of the six geological provinces of Canada, viz.: 1. Appalachian region. 2. St. Lawrence lowlands. 3. Laurentian plateau. 4. Arctic archipelago. 5. Interior continental plain. 6. Cordilleran region.

With mention of the economic minerals found therein; concluding with a chapter on the Glacial period, and supplemented by a copious index. One of the complaints sometimes urged against the government blue-books is, that they are dry and unattractive; this objection, however, can not be set up against this handbook; since not only is it written in a popular style, but the text is illustrated by 32 excellent photo-engravings, and accompanied by two colored maps by James White, F.R.G.S., indicating the known mineral deposits, and economic geology of the Dominion. Mr. Brock's brief recapitulation of the main facts contained in the handbook—accompanied as it is by valuable statistical tables showing the commercial aspect of Canada's mineral resources—is admirably calculated to arouse the casual reader's interest in the subject, and lead to the close reading of Dr. Young's more extended and systematic review. The handbook will doubtless be of great service to the traveller from Europe, to the capitalist, and to the prospector, and is the very thing for the teachers in our educational institutions; since it conveys to the mind a panoramic view of the actual and potential mineral resources of Canada, which, conveyed to the students, is calculated to evoke the sentiment of patriotism, and be useful to them in every walk of life.

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—That E. D. Allen, who was accidentally shot in the woods near the summit two weeks ago, will not regain his sight is the opinion of the medical men who have charge of the case at St. Joseph's hospital. The sight of one eye is completely gone and the sight of the other so seriously impaired that there is small hope of saving it. The patient, however, is in good general health and will recover.

DIED. NORTHCOTT—At the family residence, 228 Menzies street, on the 27th inst., Olive, beloved wife of Wm. W. Northcott, Esq., aged 70 years, a native of Kingston Mills, Ontario.

DEATH ROLL OF FOOTBALL FIELD

TWENTY-NINE DEATHS REPORTED THIS SEASON

Twenty Other Players Sustain Injuries Which May Prove Fatal.

New York, Nov. 28.—A statement prepared to-day following the close of the football season yesterday shows that this year's toll of death from gridiron injuries was 29. Twenty other players were so badly hurt that they may succumb. It is estimated that minor injured numbered 10,000. Following is a list of the dead:

Albert Arend, Marietta, Ohio, kicked in the head in a mass play. Langdon Babcock of Buffalo, fallen upon in a scrimmage and lung tissues torn.

Charles Becker, of Findlay, Ohio, burned under mass play and internally wounded.

Michael Burke, of Shenandoah, Pa., kicked on head while playing at Philadelphia.

Cadet Eugene Byrne, of Buffalo, neck broken in mass play during Harvard-West Point contest.

Archer Christian, of Richmond, Va., internally hurt in scrimmage during Georgetown-University of Virginia game.

Walter Evans, of Des Moines, Iowa, back broken in tackle at Parsons, Iowa. Dominic Defina, of Massillon, Ohio, lungs hurt on football field at Massillon, Ohio.

Ray Graham, of Waterloo, Iowa, bone forced into brain.

Walter Gruber, of Decatur, Ill., internally hurt, in game between club teams.

Walter Luffsey, of Richmond, Va., lungs injured in game.

Russell Hume, of Pittsburg, chest crushed in game.

Harry Houston, of Crawfordsville, Ind., heart failure from over-exertion in game.

Charles Kissam, of Tarrytown, N. Y., internally wounded in game with Mackenzie school.

Charles Jack, of Denver, internally hurt in mass play against Colorado college.

John McArthur, of Wabash, Ind., concussion of the brain in scrimmage against Wabash high school.

Robert Millington, of Pottsville, Pa., kicked in abdomen in game with Shamokin high school.

Samuel Moore, of Camden, N. J., kicked in groin during scrimmage of club eleven.

Clarence Pierce, of Wilmington, Del., fallen upon and stomach injured in club game.

Morrill Ricketts, of Forest, Ill., kicked in head during scrimmage.

Roy Spayback, of Wyandotte, Okla., neck broken while playing with Haskell Indian team.

Charles Stropel, of Cincinnati, concussion of brain received in scrimmage at Carthage, Ohio.

Oryville Sullivan, of Urbana, Ill., broken neck sustained in grammar school game.

Duke Trimble, of Evanston, Ill., blood poisoning following wound received on gridiron.

Raymond Thurston, of Cambridge, Mass., paralysis sustained in game at Exeter.

Roy Vogel, of Damascus, Ohio, ruptured a bloodvessel in head during tackle.

Joseph Walsh, of Albuquerque, N. M., broken back, sustained making tackle at St. Marys, Kansas.

Albert Wiberasske, of West Orange, N. J., neck broken in game with Trinity Chapel team.

Of those seriously wounded, several it is feared, cannot recover. Midshipman Wilson, of Annapolis, is one.

The death list may grow to 35 or 45. In 1908 there were 12 deaths from football injuries. In 1907 there were 14. In no year were so many killed as in 1909.

FOUR CONSERVATIVES WIN IN CITY OF VICTORIA

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no obstacles in the way of these schemes which aimed at frittering away the heritage of the people. W. K. Houston also made a brief speech in which he thanked all his supporters. While he, of course, regretted the result, he would, if necessary, run on another occasion, if the party wished him to do so, as he believed it to be imperative for any good citizen to fight against the evils of bad government whenever called upon to do so.

THE AFTERMATH

Last evening and this morning many Conservatives have expressed the opinion that it is a matter for regret that the government's majority will be so large, as it is likely to prove unwieldy and conducive to the passage of ill-digested legislation. Some of these supporters of the government do not hesitate to say that it would have been better for the province had there been more Liberals elected, and they concede that the House has suffered a loss which will be more apparent as time goes on in not having the services of John Oliver, the Liberal leader—a gentleman who has the respect and the esteem of all parties throughout the province, and who is universally regarded as one of the most competent and able of legislators who ever sat in the legislature of British Columbia.

WILL BE DEPORTED

Winnipeg, Nov. 26.—Max van de Gucht, alleged to be one of the most notorious leaders of the white slave traffic in America, is whirling across the continent in trains bound for Montreal, in charge of a Winnipeg detective where he will be deported to Belgium. He operated here, Seattle, Blaine, Wash., Vancouver and Victoria. In Winnipeg he induced a number of girls to take positions as clerks in cigar and candy stands, run as blinds for women of ill-repute.

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WOMAN AND DAUGHTER KILLED BY POSSE

Shooting Result of Attempt to Arrest Man Accused of Murder.

Williamson, W. Va., Nov. 26.—Mrs. Charles Daniels and her 16-year-old daughter were instantly killed near Devon to-day while defying a posse that had come to their home to arrest the father and son of the family. As Mrs. Daniels and her daughter stood in the doorway of their home and fired at the posse Daniels and his son escaped by a back way. The posse answered the fire and the woman and girl fell dead.

The posse had gone to the Daniels home to arrest Jim Daniels, who, it is alleged, killed George Christian. Since this murder a feud had existed between the two families.

Recently the Christians obtained a warrant for Daniels and a posse, led by members of the Christian family, went to the Daniels home to-day to serve it. As they came near the place the posse saw Mrs. Daniels and her daughter. Leveling shotguns the two women ordered the posse to keep away from the house. Despite the command of the women, the mob advanced and they opened fire. A member of the posse was shot in the arm.

While mother and daughter were endeavoring to stop the progress of the posse, Daniels and his son escaped to the mountain.

As the two women raised their guns to take another shot at the advancing mob, members of the party opened fire and Mrs. Daniels and her daughter fell dead.

The Christians live in Mingo county, West Virginia, and the Daniels in Pike county, Ky.

According to the authorities, George Christian ventured across the West Virginia line three weeks ago and was slain by Jim Daniels.

MAN AND WOMAN SHOT IN STREETCAR

Conductor and Passenger Are Killed as Result of Dispute Over Transfer.

Memphis, Tenn., Nov. 26.—An argument over a street car transfer was responsible to-day for the loss of two lives, when Miss Lily Baker and William Moore, both passengers, were killed.

The car was crowded when Conductor J. T. Lowry and Moore started the argument over a transfer. Becoming angered, Lowry drew a revolver and fired at Moore. His aim was unsteady, however, the bullet striking Miss Baker, killing her instantly. Although a crowd attempted to overpower the conductor he backed into a corner and leveling his revolver at the passengers, held them at bay.

Lowry then fired at Moore again, the bullet striking a vital spot and Moore fell dead in his tracks. In the panic following the shooting several persons were injured.

Lowry escaped during the attending excitement.

REINFORCEMENTS FOR THE INDUSTRIALS

Number of Men Start From McKee's Rock, Pa., for Spokane.

Spokane, Wash., Nov. 26.—Forty members of the Industrial Workers of the World started this morning from McKee's Rock, Pa., for Spokane to assist the fight for free speech.

Eugene V. Debs, the Socialist leader, is expected within a few days.

The Industrialists are meeting with difficulty in reaching Spokane on account of being ditched from freight trains all along the road. Some are straggling in to tell how they were thrown from trains in remote sections of the country and compelled to walk many miles to stations where they could catch trains again.

Citizens of Spokane seem to take more interest in the fight, and it is believed they will soon invoke the initiative and demand a more liberal ordinance than the one prohibiting street speaking.

DEATH OF A. EMERY.

Well Known Young Man of This City Died at St. Joseph's Hospital.

The death occurred Thursday at the St. Joseph's hospital of Archie Emery, son of John Emery, 415 Perry street, James Bay. He was taken to the hospital a week ago suffering from pneumonia, and recently showed signs of rapid improvement when complications set in.

Deceased was 29 years of age and was born in Quebec. Seventeen years ago he, with his parents, came to Victoria. The late Mr. Emery was well known throughout this city, and his host of friends will learn with sad regret the news of his death.

He is survived by his mother and father, three brothers, W. M. and J. R. of this city, and F. E. of Seattle, and four sisters, Mrs. F. J. Schroeder and Mrs. J. G. Mullally, both of this city; Mrs. R. Ritchie, of Nelson, and Mrs. F. Butler, of Seattle.

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REVIEW OF SITUATION THROUGHOUT THE PROVINCE

(Continued from page 2.)

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Result in 1907—James H. King (L.), 473; A. Harvey (C.), 378; Edward Kelly (Soc.), 211.

KASLO

Result in 1907—Neil F. McKay (C.), 233; John Keen (L.), 189.

LILLOOET

Result in 1907—John Oliver (L.), 430; F. C. Mackenzie (C.), 261.

DEWDNEY

Result in 1907—Richard McBride (C.), 854; R. Jardine (L.), 241.

ESQUIMALT

Result in 1907—John Jardine (L.), 187; Chas. E. Pooley, 134.

FERNIE

Result in 1907—W. R. Ross (C.), 359; W. H. Moore (Soc.), 285; William Dicken (L.), 66.

GRAND FORKS

Result in 1907—Mark Eagleson (L.), 123; A. McDonald, 115.

NANAIMO CITY

Result in 1907—J. H. Hawthornthwaite (Soc.), 455; Henry Shepherd (Lab.), 290; Dr. O'Brien (C.), 161.

NELSON CITY

Result in 1907—Dr. G. A. B. Hall (L.), 570; Harry Wright (Con.), 227; E. A. Crause (Lib.), 226; J. H. Matheson (S.), 148.

GREENWOOD

Result in 1907—G. R. Naden (L.), 217; Macdonald (L.), 154; Jackson (C.), 354; Heatherton (S.), 207.

SAANICH

Result in 1907—D. M. Eberts (C.), 275; John Percy (L.), 257.

ROSSLAND CITY

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SLOAN

Result in 1907—Parker Williams (Soc.), 259; J. J. Thomas (L.), 197; J. B. Cairns (C.), 99.

NEW WESTMINSTER CITY

Result in 1907—Thomas Gifford (C.), 675; T. M. Howay (L.), 547; J. S. Rainey (Soc.), 147.

OKANAGAN

Result in 1907—Perry Ellison (C.), 874; Dr. McDonald (L.), 648; F. W. Logie (Soc.), 92.

REVELSTOKE

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YALE

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USES CHILD AS SHIELD FROM BULLETS

Man Who Kidnapped Own Child Caught After Exciting Chase.

Wallawa, Ore., Nov. 26.—Wheeler Southwick, of Joseph, Ore., is in jail at Enterprise to-day, charged with kidnapping his own child. It is said he shot at his wife, grabbed the child and mounted a horse, rode across the country beyond Enterprise, where he was captured.

After his wife had recovered from her fright she notified her relatives by telephone and a posse was formed with the sheriff at its head and started in pursuit.

When finally the pursuer's gained on him, Southwick used his child's body as a shield and held the posse at bay so that they did not dare return his fire.

Southwick had resisted the posse for over an hour when he learned that the sheriff was in the party and surrendered.

Southwick and his wife have been separated for several months.

ENGINEER IS BLAMED FOR FATAL WRECK

Makes a Mistake in His Train Order and Collision Follows.

Spokane, Wash., Nov. 26.—As the result of an investigation as to the cause of the wreck yesterday on the Northern Pacific, it was learned that Engineer Perry Norvell, of the Northern Pacific helper engine, had made a mistake in his train order.

His instructions were to wait at Lind until Northern Pacific train No. 8 and the Great Northern passenger, which was using the Northern Pacific tracks on account of workshits, had reached Lind. Instead of so doing, he departed immediately after the arrival of the Northern Pacific train. His engine collided with that of the Great Northern passenger a mile west of the town.

Engineer Perry Norvell and Fireman Leon Foote, of the Northern Pacific helper engine, are probably fatally injured, and Mal Clerk Adams and a tramp, who was shoveling coal on the Great Northern engine, were badly hurt.

The bodies of Engineer Reamer, Fireman Spangler and Pilot Taylor, of the Great Northern crew, who were killed in the accident, have been shipped to their homes for burial.

The annual Christmas bazaar held by the Ladies' Society of St. Paul's Lutheran church will be given on Thursday evening, December 9th, in the A. O. U. W. hall. An energetic committee is making good preparations for this affair. During the evening an excellent programme will be rendered.

Those in charge extend a cordial invitation to all members of the church and their friends to be present, and promise them a most enjoyable time.

—W. G. Noury wishes the statement to be corrected that he was one of the parties who assisted Mr. Allen, the victim of the shooting accident at the Summit, out of the woods and down to the railway track. Mr. Noury did not see Mr. Allen for an hour after the victim's arrival at the station.

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IMPRISED SUFFRAGETTE

President Taft Will Be Asked to Intervene on Behalf of Miss Paul.

Chicago, Nov. 26.—Mrs. Pankhurst, the English suffragette, announced to-day that petitions are being circulated in which President Taft is asked to intervene on behalf of Miss Paul, the woman suffragette, who is imprisoned in England.

Mrs. Pankhurst declared that history contained many precedents, and that of which President Taft might act, and she believed that he would.

FOUND MURDERED

Pendleton, Ore., Nov. 26.—The finding near Unatilla yesterday of a man's body with the skull crushed, apparently from a blow with a fence post, points almost conclusively to murder.

After the man had been slain his body had been dragged some distance and hidden in a clump of sage brush. There were evidently, it is stated, two men implicated in the crime, and the theory is advanced here that the man came to his death after a quarrel over the use of the range.

New York, Nov. 26.—The local spirit, a man to see that who voted local option official vote officer Baxton For Against Spoiled As the nu vor of the the total in the candida one to the returns have from outside which have that the de against local

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H. C. BREWSTER, THE LIBERAL ELECTED FOR ALBERNI.

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DE FARRIS, COTTON

Barnet 5 16 N. Vancouver 162 227 Eburne 46 82 Fritchton 26 42 Steveston 27 77 Total 276 444 With 14 places to hear from. Result in 1907—F. Carter Cotton (C.), 417; J. A. Weart (L.), 403; Chas. E. Kelly (Soc.), 48.

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ELMHURST, SHATFORD

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SLOAN

Hunter Bennet Harris (C.) (C.) (L.O.) 41 18 0 Roseberry 10 4 1 Sandon 26 32 Sloane 22 24 15 New Denver 45 15 17 Nakup 4 20 1 Total 178 114 35 With seven places to hear from. Result in 1907—W. Hunter (C.), 193; W. Davidson (Lab.), 113; A. B. Dockstader (L.), 81.

VANCOUVER CITY

Bowser (C.) 5,390 Watson (C.) 5,281 MacGowan (C.) 5,199 Tisdall (C.) 5,049 McGuire (C.) 4,738 Senkler (L.) 4,010 MacDonald (L.) 3,982 Wade (L.) 3,883 Campbell (L.) 3,407 Stables (L.) 3,296 Kingsley (S.) 1,883 Pettipiece (S.) 1,337 McKenney (S.) 1,230 McGregor (S.) 1,218 Garvie (S.) 1,215 Result in 1907—W. J. Bowser (C.), 3,230; A. H. B. MasGowan (C.), 3,228; J. F. Garden (C.), 3,148; R. G. Tattow (C.), 3,221; Dr. G. A. McGuire (C.), 3,068; R. P. McLennan (L.), 2,332; Alex. Henderson (L.), 2,312; W. W. B. McInnes (L.), 2,240; J. W. de B. Farris (L.), 2,181; F. F. Neelds (L.), 2,129; J. H. McVity (Soc.), 2,117; T. Kingsley (Soc.), 611; R. P. Pettipiece (Soc.), 601; A. R. Stebbings (Soc.), 598; J. E. Dubberley (Soc.), 585; F. Williams (Lab.), 447; Perry (Lab.), 285.

YALE

Agassiz 50 56 Yale 21 57 Spuzzum 2 3 Camp 12 4 North Bend 11 13 Keefer 11 11 Layton 10 47 Spencer's Bridge 3 11 Ashcroft 72 74 Pennell 4 15 Lower Nicola 15 13 Coulter 4 6 Middlesboro 17 24 Nicola 15 28 Aspen Grove 8 8 McCullough's 2 4 Total 382 382 With 10 places to hear from. Result in 1907—Stuart Henderson (L.), 289; Chas. A. Semlin (C.), 207.

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Schofield Oliver (C.) (S.) 4 4 Slocan 14 10 Castlegar 16 5 Creston 106 35 Kitchener 8 1 Sudar 17 13 Proctor 4 24 Total 189 82 With many places to hear from. Result in 1907—J. H. Schofield (C.), 225; Fred J. Hume, 238; John Houston (Ind.), 147.

READY TO ENTERTAIN GENERAL CONFERENCE

Methodists of City Take Initial Steps for Gathering.

On Wednesday evening last a meeting of the Methodist ministers of the city was held in the Metropolitan church to discuss matters pertaining to the meeting of the General Conference of the Methodist church in August, 1910. There were also present A. Lee, the recording steward of the Metropolitan church, and Rev. T. Albert Moore, secretary of the General Conference.

Rev. T. E. Holling presided and introduced the subject by outlining the steps that had already been taken in connection with the forthcoming meeting. Mr. Moore then presented the needs of the conference in regard to accommodation for committee meetings, etc., and for the entertainment of delegates while in the city. Mr. Moore incidentally told of the opposition to the choice of Victoria as a meeting place for the conference, but said that no change would be made unless the people of Victoria themselves suggested it.

After thorough discussion the following resolution was passed, moved by Rev. A. E. Roberts, seconded by Rev. A. Henderson. "That we rejoice that the General Conference special committee has recognized the growing importance of the far western province as an integral part of our common Methodism by selecting Victoria as the meeting place of the next General Conference, and we hereby accept our share of responsibility for the entertainment of the conference. We assure the special committee that everything possible will be done to make the work of the General Conference both easy and pleasant. We rejoice that the highest court of our church is to meet in our fair city and we will do our best to ensure the complete success of the General Conference of 1910."

There were present at the meeting Revs. T. E. Holling, A. Henderson, A. N. Miller, and A. E. Roberts, besides Mr. A. Lee and Rev. T. A. Moore.

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LIKELY
OAK BAY
SPIRANTS
REEVE'S CHAIR
Seats in Municipal
Council to Be
Filled.

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WIRELESS EQUIPMENT
FOR STEAMER MAKURA
Five Kilowatt Apparatus to Be
Most Powerful on
Coast.

The Canadian-Australian liner Ma-
kura, Captain Gibbs, is to be equipped
with wireless apparatus according to a
statement made in Vancouver by J. C.
Moore, agent for the line at that port.
The vessel is there, and will be in
the vessels on there, and will be in
operation by the time the Makura sails
for Sydney on December 3rd.
The system employed will be the
United Wireless, which is the one used
by most of the steamers on this coast,
and the wireless room on the Makura
will be located right aft.
So far this vessel will be the only
one of the Canadian-Australian line
to have a wireless system installed, and
it has not yet been decided whether
other steamers of the line will be sim-
ilarly equipped. If the Makura's sys-
tem proves successful then it is prob-
able that the other vessels in the ser-
vice will receive wireless equipment.

HE KNOWS FROM
HIS EXPERIENCE
That Dodd's Kidney Pills Will
Cure Bright's Disease.

Postmaster Cote tells how the
Great Canadian Kidney Remedy
Cured Him After Doctors Had
Given Him Up.
La Petit Bois Franc, Temiscouata
Co., Que., Nov. 26.—(Special).—Mr.
Charles Cote, postmaster here, is firm-
ly convinced that Dodd's Kidney Pills
will cure Bright's Disease or any other
disease of the kidneys. He knows it
from his own experience. Hear what
he says:
"For over four years I was troubled
with Backache, Rheumatism and lack
of ambition, and my urine was of a
dark, unnatural color. I was attended
by three doctors who did me no good.
The last one told me it was only a
waste of money to try anything else as
I could not live more than a year at
the outside.
"At the verge of death I decided to
give Dodd's Kidney Pills a trial. I
used eighteen boxes and to-day my
Rheumatism, Backache and Headache
are gone. My urine is like that of a
child. I owe my life to Dodd's
Kidney Pills."
Postmaster Cote had all the symptoms
of Bright's Disease. The doctors
evidently knew he had Bright's Dis-
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Disease. Dodd's Kidney Pills cured
him. They will cure any form of Kid-
ney Disease.

DR. COOK ILL
Man Takes Victim From Town
Meriden, Miss., Nov. 26.—Morgan
Chambers, a negro, was taken from
Town Marshal Broadway and Deputy
Joe Camp at Meriden, 12 miles west
of here, last night by 200 masked men
and his body riddled with bullets.
The negro had, earlier in the day,
beaten and robbed Martin Dressler,
Dressler identified his assailant.
Marshal Broadway and Deputy Camp
started with the prisoner for the town
jail. On the way they were confronted
by the mob, which took the negro by
force. Marshal Broadway's check was
strayed by a bullet in the scuffle.

New York, Nov. 26.—Dr. Frederick A.
Cook, the Arctic explorer, is declared
by friends this afternoon to be serious-
ly ill from nervousness in a small inn
near this city, where he has been stay-
ing while preparing his north pole data.

VICTORIA DECLARES
AGAINST LOCAL OPTION

Few Places Heard From, But
Indications Are Unfavorable
to Change.

The local option campaign was con-
ducted Thursday with a good deal of
spirit, a number of men working hard
to see that everyone should have a
chance to express his opinion. Many
who voted for candidates passed the
local option booths without voting. The
official vote as declared by Returning
Officer Baxter stood:
For 2,384
Against 1,778
Spoiled ballots, 52.
As the number of ballots cast in fa-
vor of the measure were less than half
of the total number of ballots cast for
the candidates the vote is an adverse
one to the local option principle. Full
returns have not yet been received
from outside points, but from those
which have arrived seem to indicate
that the decision of the province is
against local option.

IN Vancouver.
Vancouver, B. C., Nov. 26.—Nothing
definite can be ascertained about the
results of the plebiscite on local option
as far as this city is concerned. Some
of the poll officers have either failed
entirely to turn in their reports, or else
have made them in such a manner as
to confuse the returning officers. As
far as its already known, however, it
may be said that the votes show a
slight majority in favor of the law.

ADVANCE IN PRICE
OF FOODSTUFFS
United States Government
Will Be Asked to Make
Investigation.

New York, Nov. 27.—Charles Sprague
Smith, head of the Peoples Institute,
yesterday issued a statement demand-
ing a federal investigation of the advan-
ce in the price of foodstuffs.
He backs up the demand with figures
reported to the New York stock ex-
change by Armour and company, show-
ing that in the year ending Octo-
ber 31st, the packing company made
35 per cent profit on its capital stock
of twenty millions.
Smith declares that the Armour's kept
the figures secret until they were forced
to make them public so they could list
the company's bonds on the exchange.
He charges that the figures show
conclusively that the high price of meat
is caused by the excessive profits being
taken by the packers. He asserts
that smaller conditions exist in regard
to other foodstuffs indispensable to the
people.

INCENDIARY DESTROYS
CHURCH AND PARSONAGE
Minister and Family Flee From
Burning Building in Night
Clothes.

Portland, Ore., Nov. 26.—An incendi-
ary who has been terrorizing the resi-
dents of Woodstock, a suburb of
Portland, for the past week, early this
morning destroyed the Methodist Epis-
copal church and parsonage, after hav-
ing saturated the carpet of the
church with kerosene. Both the
church and parsonage were destroyed.
The church had been completed but
sixty days. It was built by popular
subscription among the members. The
loss will total \$5,000. Rev. John D.
Voe and family were compelled to
flee from the burning parsonage in
their night clothing.
Before igniting the two buildings, the
incendiary cut the telephone and fire
alarm wires in the vicinity so that
the news of the fire was slow in reach-
ing the fire headquarters.

TWO AERONAUTS FOUND
DEAD IN BALLOON
Airship Believed to Have Been
Wrecked by Explosion of
Gas Bag.

Berlin, Nov. 26.—Dr. Brenckman and
Hugo Franke, members of the Aero
Club of Berlin, have been found dead
in the balloon Koelmar which was
wrecked in Austria-Hungary, accord-
ing to advices received here to-day.
The men disappeared hereabouts grad-
ing and were found 500 miles south of
this city.
The balloon is supposed to have been
wrecked by the gas bag exploding.

MONEY BY-LAWS
AT VANCOUVER
Ratepayers Likely to Be Asked
to Vote Nearly \$1-
500,000.

Vancouver, Nov. 26.—The civic
finance committee will meet this eve-
ning for the purpose of preliminary
consideration of the money by-law which
will be placed before the property
owners of the city at the January
elections. The indications at the pre-
sent time are that the total amount
asked will be in the neighborhood of
\$1,500,000, despite the fact that the by-
laws for \$1,075,000 covering the Cambie
street bridge and waterworks exten-
sions were passed last month.
For street improvements the sum
of \$500,000 will be requested, this
total being comprised in two separate
measures. One by-law will be for
\$350,000, the scope of the measure
being the clearing and slough grading
of all unoccupied streets within the city
limits. A by-law of this character has
been suggested for several years, but
owing to the large amount of work
covered, the matter has always been
abandoned before definite council
action was taken.
To cover the need of improvement
of streets already opened, the second
by-law of \$150,000 is proposed.
For the purchase of land for parks
a large by-law will be placed before
the electorate, although \$225,000 was
voted for the same purpose last
January. The new by-law will, how-
ever, be based on a special plea for
the extension of the city beaches at
English Bay and Kitsilano.
Taking interest and possible shrink-
age of delinquents into account the
purchase by-law of 1910 will prob-
ably be for \$350,000.
Another park by-law is proposed by
the park commission which asks for
\$42,000 for the improvement of Stan-
ley park roads, and the betterment of
parks acquired by the city this year.
The increase of the school population
of the city is reflected in the request
of the trustees for amounts which will
necessitate by-law for \$200,000. Of
this amount \$200,000 is requested for
new works covering several new schools
in the outlying districts, purchase of
new sites, etc., while \$20,000 is asked
for the extension of the city beaches at
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mette river reached flood stage early
this morning and is now stationary.
Many house boats along the river were
washed from their moorings. The Sell-
wood ferry, two miles above this city,
was washed away and captured by the
flood and endangering the lives of the
occupants was released.
Driftwood piling against the piers of
the city bridges for a time endangered
the structures. The railway bridge,
used jointly by the O. R. & N. and
city traffic, is liable to go out unless
the flood recedes to-day, as part of the
lower false work of the draw rest has
been washed away.
The docks are now under two feet of
water. It is believed the worst of the
driftwood is now over.
Last night one of the piers of the
Madison bridge, which is being torn
down, gave way and a large amount
of driftwood was released.
In passing down the river the debris
lodged against 29 large booms, releas-
ing nearly ten million feet of logs. Tugs
are being used to-day in capturing
them, but it is feared that many hun-
dred logs will be lost.

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Marriage at Arrowhead Cul-
mination of English
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service on the Arrow lakes, is well
known among the regular passengers
and local settlers. The bride, Miss A.
L. Jacobs of Walmer, Port Elizabeth,
South Africa, accomplished a journey
of 15,000 miles to fulfil her engagement
to Mr. Davies, with whom she had be-
come acquainted in Kent, England. Mr.
Davies was assisted by his brother, H.
Davies, the bride being accompanied
by E. Potts, Mr. Davies' brother-in-law
church, and assisted at the altar by
the bridegroom's sister, Miss Davies.
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La Petit Bois Franc, Temiscouata
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Charles Cote, postmaster here, is firm-
ly convinced that Dodd's Kidney Pills
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disease of the kidneys. He knows it
from his own experience. Hear what
he says:
"For over four years I was troubled
with Backache, Rheumatism and lack
of ambition, and my urine was of a
dark, unnatural color. I was attended
by three doctors who did me no good.
The last one told me it was only a
waste of money to try anything else as
I could not live more than a year at
the outside.
"At the verge of death I decided to
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used eighteen boxes and to-day my
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DR. COOK ILL
Man Takes Victim From Town
Meriden, Miss., Nov. 26.—Morgan
Chambers, a negro, was taken from
Town Marshal Broadway and Deputy
Joe Camp at Meriden, 12 miles west
of here, last night by 200 masked men
and his body riddled with bullets.
The negro had, earlier in the day,
beaten and robbed Martin Dressler,
Dressler identified his assailant.
Marshal Broadway and Deputy Camp
started with the prisoner for the town
jail. On the way they were confronted
by the mob, which took the negro by
force. Marshal Broadway's check was
strayed by a bullet in the scuffle.

New York, Nov. 26.—Dr. Frederick A.
Cook, the Arctic explorer, is declared
by friends this afternoon to be serious-
ly ill from nervousness in a small inn
near this city, where he has been stay-
ing while preparing his north pole data.

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HALF THE TOIL
of household work is taken
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lava from Mount La Saloria, which is
in a state of eruption, is so slow that
the people are escaping safely.
If the present flow is continued, how-
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ing to advices received here to-day.
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ing and were found 500 miles south of
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sions were passed last month.
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of all unoccupied streets within the city
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covered, the matter has always been
abandoned before definite council
action was taken.
To cover the need of improvement
of streets already opened, the second
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For the purchase of land for parks
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Test of Mains Proves Satis-
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Fernie, Nov. 26.—The new waterworks
system from Fairy Creek has at last
been completed, and a test made by the
civic authorities. The water was turned
into the mains, three hours later the
city engines made a test from one of
the hydrants on Baker avenue in the
presence of the members of the city
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pressure amounted to 130 pounds. A
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ARTILLERY REGIMENT MAY BE ORGANIZED Project for Separate Militia Establishment at New Westminster.

New Westminster, Nov. 27.—That in the near future New Westminster will be the headquarters for a heavy artillery battalion of militia is now almost a certainty.

During the last few months an active attempt has been made to organize militia companies throughout the New Westminster district, and these have met with the greatest success.

The intention was to form a regiment for the New Westminster district, entirely distinct from Vancouver, and the district has responded well, considering that until very recently no definite scheme had been placed before them.

The present intention, which it is almost undoubted will be the outcome, is to form a heavy artillery brigade, of three batteries each, consisting of 120 men and two guns.

VELVET MINE AGAIN ON SHIPPING LIST Shipments for Past Week Are Second Largest for the Year.

Nelson, Nov. 27.—The total shipments for the past week are the second largest for any week this year, being only beaten by the record on November 13th of 56,000 tons.

Roseland district, 3,717 tons for week and 218,202 tons for year to date. Head street, on Wednesday afternoon, December 1st, at 2:30 o'clock.

The monthly meeting of the Ladies Aid Society of St. Paul's Presbyterian church, Victoria West, will be held at the residence of Mrs. Captain Jacobson, Head street, on Wednesday afternoon, December 1st, at 2:30 o'clock.

A meeting of the Victoria High School Alumni Society will be held in the High school hall on Tuesday evening next at 8 o'clock.

The Printers' Basket Ball team in the intermediate city league have secured the use of the Institute hall for their games, and will hold their initial practice on Monday evening next at 7 o'clock.

The annual meeting of the Victoria branch of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals will be held on Tuesday evening next at 8 o'clock in the city hall.

The St. Andrew's Society will hold its annual dinner, concert and dance in the Broad street hall on Tuesday, November 30th. The dinner will be at 7 o'clock, and will be followed by the concert, after which dancing will commence and be kept up till midnight.

Medicine Hat, Oct. 28.—An unknown Gallian, with both legs cut off, was found yesterday on the Canadian Pacific tracks at Larmour siding. An inquest is being held.

URGES ABANDONMENT OF SPECIAL CHARTER City Solicitor of New Westminster is in Favor of Change.

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He pointed out that under the present arrangement it was a very expensive operation to have the charter amended, it being necessary to put a private bill through the legislature for that purpose.

At the present time Vancouver and New Westminster are practically the only places in British Columbia that do not come under the Municipal Clauses Act.

Work on One of Buildings Will Commence as Soon as Possible.

New Westminster, Nov. 27.—That it will be necessary to build two more schools in the city in the near future to accommodate the growing number of school children, was the joint opinion of the city council and the school board when they met to discuss the school problem.

CHURCH PARADE OF FIFTH REGIMENT Local Corps Instructed as to Dress for Week From Sunday.

According to orders issued by Lieutenant Currie, commanding the Fifth Regiment, C. G. A., there will be a church parade to Christ Church cathedral a week from to-morrow.

The regiment will parade on Sunday, December 5th, at the drill hall at 10 a. m. for the purpose of attending divine service at Christ Church cathedral.

That part of R. O. No. 52, 1908, para. 6, for No. 74, Sergt. G. Swarbrick, read No. 37, Corp. D. Rochfort.

WILL RUN AGAIN. New Westminster, Nov. 27.—Aldermen Adams and Gray and City Solicitor McQuarrie have gone to Ottawa, where they will present the case of New Westminster as regards the Coquitlam dam business before the executive.

Before leaving both Aldermen Adams and Gray announced that they would stand for re-election to the city council on December 13th.

STABBED BY MEXICAN. Park Calvert, Former Resident of Duncan, Attacked at Senora, Mexico.

Duncan, Nov. 27.—On Thursday last C. H. Dickie received word by telegram that Park Calvert, up till two years ago a resident of Duncan, had been stabbed in the abdomen by a Mexican, and was in a dangerous condition.

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After a hard game the local Y.M.C.A. basketball team returned to this city Friday from Seattle, where they played the Sound Y.C.A. on Tuesday evening.

The Zafro on Saturday between 9 and 10 o'clock was in the teeth of a heavy gale which was making mountainous waves as it swept into the China Sea through the Formosan channel.

Everything was battered down and for forty hours Captain Rodger never left the bridge of his ship while the vessel ploughed stoutly through the adverse sea.

LORD'S DAY ALLIANCE. Officers Elected at the Annual Meeting Held at Vancouver.

Vancouver, Nov. 27.—The annual meeting of the Lord's Day Alliance of the Province of British Columbia, and of the city of Vancouver, was held yesterday.

TRAVELLERS' AID IMPORTANT WORK Department of Y.W.C.A. Gives Valuable Assistance to Strangers.

Mrs. Rev. Dever has been appointed Travellers' Aid secretary to meet the various boats and trains coming into the city, and look after any young girls who need assistance.

Mrs. H. M. Harger, who has been the Travellers' Aid secretary for four months, has resigned on account of ill-health.

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CAUGHT IN TYPHOON IN FORMOSA CHANNEL Ship Zafro Had Hard Time, Losing Cattle on Trying Trip.

Driven down from the north by a fierce gale coming through the Formosa channel, and whipped back by the whirling winds of a typhoon from the south, the good ship Zafro had a hard experience on her trip from Hong Kong to Manila, says the South China Morning Post, which arrived this morning.

The Zafro on Saturday between 9 and 10 o'clock was in the teeth of a heavy gale which was making mountainous waves as it swept into the China Sea through the Formosan channel.

Everything was battered down and for forty hours Captain Rodger never left the bridge of his ship while the vessel ploughed stoutly through the adverse sea.

From Saturday night until Monday afternoon the vessel was in the grip of the gale and all day the skipper never once left his post on the bridge.

COMMITTED FOR TRIAL. Chinaman Accused of Enticing White Girl into Opium Den.

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EMPRESS ATHLETIC RECEIVING ENTRIES Two Cups Up for Five Mile Race on Christmas Day.

The Empress Athletic Club, composed of employees of the Empress hotel will put on a road race over the five mile distance on Christmas day, when the runners who enter this speed contest will probably race along the same course as that adopted for the annual Y. M. C. A. road race which last year was won by Baylis, since turned professional.

If the Y. M. C. A. runs the annual fixture on New Year's day there will be two five mile races for athletes this winter and both being close together will not interfere with training operations so that runners in the Empress event can run a week later in the annual Y. M. C. A. race.

G.T.P. FIRE AND STOCK INSURANCE Application to Incorporate Company to Be Made at Next Session.

Notice is given in this week's Provincial Gazette that application will be made to the legislative assembly of the province of British Columbia, at its next session, for an act to incorporate a company to be known as the "Grand Trunk Pacific Fire & Stock Insurance Company," having for its object the carrying on, within the province of British Columbia, of fire insurance in all its branches, and also insurance of live stock and also insurance of crops against injury by hail, and for all such other objects as may be conducive to the carrying on of the business, or any of them.

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A young man named Bert Griffiths lies in a serious condition at the St. Joseph's hospital to-day as a result of wounds received early this morning, when he was pushed bodily through the large plate glass window in front of the Manitoba bar on Yates street.

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SERIES OF PAPERS FOR LOCAL SOCIETY Programme for Winter Shows Great Variety of Subjects.

The Natural History Society of British Columbia has just issued a list of papers to be read before their members at the regular fortnightly meetings, commencing on Monday next.

Nov. 29.—Bird Life on Vancouver Island. (Illustrated.) By H. F. Pullen. Dec. 13.—The Spanish Occupation of Vancouver Island. By Capt. J. T. Walbridge. Dec. 27.—Northern Cariboo. (Illustrated.) F. C. Swannell. Jan. 10.—Our Timber Wealth and Its Conservation. (Illustrated.) By W. J. Sutton. Jan. 24.—A Trip to the Orient. (Illustrated.) By Dr. Hasell. Feb. 7.—The Goldrush of Demarara. By E. A. Wallace. Feb. 21.—The Salmon of the Fraser River. (Illustrated.) B. J. B. Babcock. March 7.—Topography of British Columbia. (Illustrated.) By W. Fleet Robertson. March 21.—Annual meeting. By H. T. Nation. April 18.—Modern Developments of Evolution. By R. Van Munster.

SCHOOL CONCERT. Pupils of Division IV, South Park, Gave Good Programme Yesterday. (From Saturday's Daily.)

The pupils of Div. IV, Mr. McLean's room, South Park, held a short but excellent literary programme yesterday afternoon.

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ALEXANDRA CLUB BALL A SUCCESS Large and Happy Crowd Filled Rooms of Woman's Building.

The inaugural ball given by the Alexandra Club Friday in the woman's building drew a gay throng thither. The attendance was very much larger than was expected, and all were delighted with the setting of the rooms, and the arrangements.

The decorations were carried out by the sailors from the Egeria under the direction of Mrs. Henry Croft, and they also prepared the floor, which was in splendid condition. The color scheme of the ball room was pink, roses and evergreens draped the walls, while the pillars were festooned with Japanese cherry blossoms and ivy sprays.

TAI YUEN BLOCK HAS CHANGED HANDS Local Syndicate Purchases Choice Lower Government Street Property.

The real estate market continues to show a healthy activity, and agents report a number of small transactions each day. A deal of some considerable interest has just been closed involving a change of ownership of the large brick building known as the Tai Yuen block on Government street, at the foot of Pandora.

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STREET CAR CAPSIZES. Sixteen Persons Sustain Injuries and One May Die.

Denver, Colo., Nov. 26.—Sixteen persons were injured last night when a Fairmont street car left the rails at Colfax and Madison streets, crashed over the curb and overturned on the sidewalk. Mrs. M. Sawyer, internally injured, will probably die. Dr. J. E. Adams, a passenger, extracted the 13 people imprisoned in the wreckage.

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BISHOP REBUKES HOUSE OF LORDS

SAYS BUDGET IS BASED ON SOUND FINANCE

Passage Would Check Spirit of Revolt Among the Democracy.

London, Nov. 28.—"If you win a victory it will be only a temporary one; if you lose, you have prejudiced the position, power, prestige and usefulness of the House of Lords, which I believe everyone of you honors and desires to serve as best as I do myself."

In this homely, candid fashion Lord Balfour, of Burleigh, last night told members of the House of Lords his opinion of the course they are pursuing with regard to the budget.

The Bishop of Hereford, who intervened later in the debate, said that while he respected the Archbishop of Canterbury's desire that the prelates abstain from voting on the measure, he claimed the right to the exercise of independent judgment. If the bishops had any function to perform it was to speak for the multitudinous poor, he said. Therefore, he supported the budget, which was a social welfare budget, based on sound finance. He was convinced, he declared, that the answer to an appeal to the ballot would be in clear English that never again shall the fundamental liberties of the people be endangered by a privileged class. He wished the budget might be passed as a protection against the rapidly growing spirit of revolt among the democracy, which might become dangerous.

Many other peers spoke along ordinary party lines. The debate was adjourned until Monday, when Viscount Morley, Lord Curzon and Lord Rothschild are expected to speak. Rumors were current last night that Conservative leaders, seeing the damaging effect that the speeches of Lords Cromer, Rosebery and Balfour of Burleigh are likely to have on the Conservative cause in an election are reconsidering their position with regard to the budget. But the best information indicates that Lord Lansdowne's resolution against the adoption of the budget will go to a division, and be carried by an enormous majority.

A great pro-budget demonstration took place last night in Parliament square. Six thousand persons gathered and sang political songs and cheered for David Lloyd George, chancellor of the exchequer. Fifteen hundred police finally cleared the square. The demonstration probably will be repeated on a larger scale on Monday and Tuesday.

"TREATING" UNLAWFUL IN WASHINGTON CITY

New Ordinance Regulating Saloons in Effect at Vancouver.

Vancouver, Wash., Nov. 28.—The new ordinance, regulating the twenty-eight saloons in Vancouver, is now in effect. The ordinance prohibits treating, raises the license to \$1,000 per year, and allows the places of business to remain open only from 7 o'clock in the morning until 10 o'clock at night. The saloon keepers generally welcomed the law, except the treating part of it, and say they will comply. If they do not, they will lose their licenses.

In preparation to comply with the ordinance, the fronts of some of the saloons were sawed out and glass inserted so that the whole interior of the room can be seen from the street. All chairs, tables, moving picture shows, phonographs and pianos are prohibited.

COOK'S REPORT.

Data to Prove His Claim Now on Way to Denmark.

New York, Nov. 28.—Another chapter in the North Pole controversy was begun yesterday with the departure of the data and reports which Dr. Frederick A. Cook compiled in the Arctic for Denmark, where they will be submitted to the University of Copenhagen as proof of Dr. Cook's assertion that he reached the North Pole on April 21st, 1908.

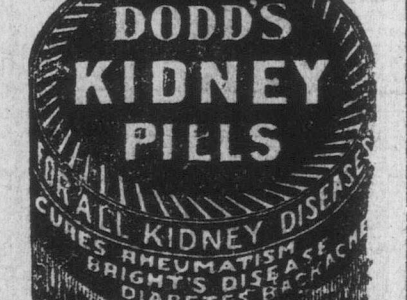
The records were taken abroad by Walter Lonsdale, private secretary to the explorer, who sailed on the steamer United States for Copenhagen. Mr. Lonsdale said he would keep the documents under careful guard until they were in the hands of Dr. Torp, rector of the Copenhagen university.

The documents and report contain about 80,000 words, and the university authorities will probably be several weeks going over them.

WEDDED AT NANAIMO.

Nanaimo, Nov. 25.—Last evening in St. Paul's church Rev. Silva White officiated at the ceremony which united in marriage Charles Henry Crooks and Miss Margaret Thomas. The groom was supported by Mr. Andrew Muir, and Miss Margaret Robinson attended the bride.

Mr. and Mrs. Crooks will spend their honeymoon in Victoria.



ABE RUEF WILL SEEK RELEASE ON BAIL

Desires Freedom Pending His Appeal to Appellate Court.

San Francisco, Cal., Nov. 28.—It is reported that Abe Ruef, the convicted hoodler and former "boss" of San Francisco, will apply soon for release on bail pending his appeal to the appellate court.

It is said that Ruef will plead that his life in jail is breaking down his health and will cite the cases of other prisoners who were released while their appeals were pending.

If the motion is made it will be within the discretion of the court to grant or reject it.

PROPOSED HOME FOR OLD PEOPLE

Matter to Be Taken Up at Union of British Columbia Municipalities.

Vancouver, Nov. 25.—The question of the establishment of an old people's home to meet the demands in the line in Vancouver and vicinity was discussed by a sub-committee recently appointed by the civic health committee. If the action of the committee is endorsed by the civic authorities there will be no money-by-law for an old people's home submitted to the Vancouver electorate at the civic elections.

The need will be covered by united action among the municipalities of the southern mainland for the assuming of the burden by the erection of a home by the provincial government, the maintenance to be met by contributions from the various districts sending inmates to the institution.

The only resolution passed by the committee was along the lines noted above; stating that the care of the aged and destitute poor seemed to be a matter which should be taken up by the provincial authorities, and recommending that co-operative action be taken for the securing of such an establishment on the southern mainland.

The views expressed by the committee were that if the city should found an old people's home the provincial authorities would leave the matter open for its handling, and it would be that aged and destitute poor from all parts of the province would pour into the city and become a burden on the civic ratepayers, a condition which was deemed manifestly unfair.

MAYOR OF ROYAL CITY FAVORS CHANGE

Some Advantages of Working Under Municipal Clauses Act.

New Westminster, Nov. 25.—Mayor Keary is strongly of the opinion that the referendum to be submitted to the ratepayers at the municipal elections to ascertain their views on the advisability of the city changing the present charter from a special charter to the General Municipal Clauses Act should bring out a large vote in favor of the change. At the time of its inauguration the special charter worked satisfactorily, but on account of the numerous changes since that time, it being almost amended out of existence, does not do so now.

Until recently, when this referendum was promised, the various amendments have cost the city all the way from \$600 to \$1,000 for each amendment, the provincial House being put to considerable expense passing them. Working under the Municipal Clauses Act this difficulty is not met with. The Act provides for most contingencies and in cases where it does not, it costs nothing to have an amendment provided for, the general method being to have a resolution covering the matters at issue introduced and passed at the annual meetings of the B. C. Union of Municipalities and sent from that body to the government to be embodied in the act.

As showing how conflicting the present charter is, Mayor Keary says that at one time, since he came into office, he had to buy, one year, for the city, all the tax sale lands. This step was necessary in order to save the lands to the city until they could be disposed of at better advantage, the charter as it then read providing that only the actual costs of the advertising of the lands for sale, could be accepted as purchase by the city. As in that particular year the cost of advertising was only \$1.15 a lot, that amount was all the city would have been entitled to sell each lot for. Since the amendment has been put into effect covering this defect in the charter the \$90,000 of unpaid taxes have all been collected.

It is in several matters such as this that the special charter proves a constant source of conflict to the office of the city solicitor and to the city council and the sooner it is dispensed with, says the mayor, the more expeditiously will the business of the city be conducted.

Workman & Clark, shipbuilders, of Belfast, have an enormous amount of work on hand, and are employing about 12,000 men.

ONLY MEDICINE THAT DID ANY GOOD

After Suffering Tortures for Years, This Lady Found Happy Relief in "Fruit-a-tives."

"Frankville, Ont., June 11th, 1908. "I have received most wonderful benefit from taking 'Fruit-a-tives.' I suffered for years from headaches and pain in the back, and I consulted doctors and took every remedy obtainable without any relief. Then I began taking 'Fruit-a-tives' and this was the only medicine that ever did me any real good. I took several boxes altogether, and now I am entirely well of all my dreadful headaches and back-aches."



MRS. FRANK EATON. "I take 'Fruit-a-tives' occasionally still, but I am quite cured of a trouble that was said to be incurable. I give this testimony voluntarily, in order that those who suffer as I suffered may try this wonderful medicine and be cured. (Signed) 'MRS. FRANK EATON.' "Fruit-a-tives" are sold by all dealers at 50c. a box, 6 for \$2.50, or trial box 25c.—or sent post-paid on receipt of price by Fruit-a-tives Limited, Ottawa.

SHOT FOR CHEERING INSURGENT VICTORY

Nicaragua's President Takes Drastic Steps to Crush the Revolution.

San Francisco, Cal., Nov. 28.—The steamer City of Para, from Central American ports, brings a report to the effect that 40 citizens of Corinto were shot to death recently by order of President Zelaya for having received with cheers the news of an insurgent victory. The town of Corinto was under a heavy guard while the City of Para was there and her passengers made no attempt to go ashore. A communication from President Piñeros of Salvador was received by E. Mejias, consul-general of that country in this city, denying that trouble exists in the land. Reports of disturbances in the mountains were based on the fact that a number of citizens had conceived the idea of organizing in Nicaragua a force to invade Salvador. These malcontents, however, were arrested in Honduras, where they are now held.

DENIES CRUELITIES BY PORTUGUESE PLANTERS

Col. J. A. Willie Tells of Conditions in East Africa.

New York, Nov. 27.—Widespread allegations of deplorable conditions in Portuguese East Africa, particularly in the islands of Santhome and Principe, credited by recent English and American writers to the existence of a cruel slave trade in African negroes among the planters, were denounced as unwarranted fabrications by Col. J. A. Willie, Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society of England, who arrived on the steamer Teutonic after a two months investigation of conditions in Portuguese East Africa.

Colonel Willie spent last August on the islands of Santhome and Principe and said he found a spirit of friendliness and perfect freedom existing between the white masters and the black. He says the African condition has been wonderfully improved as a laborer by the Portuguese in contrast with his home environment in Central Africa. On the plantations they are well housed, well fed and medical treatment offered them is excellent.

MOTOR HIGHWAY.

Proposal to Construct Road Between Calgary and Banff.

Calgary, Nov. 27.—A 75-mile automobile road between Calgary and Banff, and probably extending to the city, is the proposal now before the Calgary council, board of trade and automobile club. This scenic roadway, when completed, will permit of owners of high-powered cars running at their maximum speed, and sixty miles an hour will be easily possible over certain parts.

PUMP FOR MINE.

Nelson, Nov. 25.—A pump capable of lifting 250 gallons a minute was yesterday shipped for the United mine at Ainsworth, where much development is in progress.

ZELAYA'S TROOPS LIKELY TO CAPITULATE

Blockade by Provisional President of Nicaragua Proves Effective.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 28.—According to the opinion of Captain Shipley, of the cruiser Des Moines, off the east coast of Nicaragua, the revolution in that country is spreading.

This information has been received in a cablegram from the naval commander, dated Port Limon. The revolutionary forces are maintaining an effective blockade and are patrolling off Greytown with two gunboats. Assurance was given that American and foreign interests are being protected.

The revolutionary forces now have possession of the base country of Nicaragua, including Rama, where fighting is likely to occur. An officer from the Des Moines landed at Greytown, but found only one American citizen there.

Groce and Cannon, the two Americans executed by the order of President Zelaya of Nicaragua last week, held commissions in the insurgent army, according to private advices received last night from Bluefields. The dispatch stated that the state department of the United States had been notified of this event.

Deserting Zelaya. The colon, Nov. 25.—It stated in rebel quarters here that Groce and Cannon, the Americans executed recently, were shot and buried by order of President Zelaya. They were with General Chamorro and were captured in a fight near Colorado Junction. Great indignation is felt here.

The captain of a boat who paid a visit to President Estrada at Greytown, says that the blockade is effective. A heavy sea is running, which prevents the escape of the Zelayan forces. Greytown is devoid of provisions, and the Zelayan troops are expected soon to capitulate. Two hundred deserters from the government forces east of Rama joined General Estrada Wednesday. The men were furnished.

British Cruiser at Bluefields. Colon, Nov. 25.—A wireless dispatch from Bluefields, Nicaragua, dated Nov. 24th, says:

"The British cruiser Scylla arrived here on Sunday and leaves today. Commander Bertram S. Thesiger, of the cruiser, made an official visit to the president Estrada yesterday (Tuesday)."

U. S. APPOINTS NEW IMMIGRATION OFFICIAL

P. A. Robbins Assumes Duties as Inspector at Vancouver.

Vancouver, Nov. 25.—The official order of the department of labor and commerce at Washington transferring Dr. P. L. Robbins, United States immigration inspector in charge of the local office, to a similar position at Port Huron, Mich., has been rescinded. Instead, Dr. Prentiss will assume direction of the immigration work in Chicago. Dr. Prentiss will have jurisdiction over the work in Illinois, Wisconsin, Indiana and Michigan. He will probably leave here on Saturday.

His successor, Person A. Robbins, of Port Huron, Mich., has been formally installed here.

E. J. Wallace, assistant commissioner of United States immigration along the Canadian frontier, with headquarters in Montreal, visited Vancouver on his way home after inspecting the various points along the boundary line between Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., and the Pacific coast. He devoted special attention to places where railway lines enter American territory. Mr. Wallace stated that he found the inspection service in excellent shape.

GHOULS STEAL BOY'S BODY FROM GRAVE

Remains of Montana Banker's Son is Being Held for Ransom.

Great Falls, Mont., Nov. 27.—Ghouls have stolen the body of the infant son of Harold Conrad from his grave in Highland cemetery, near this city, and are holding it presumably for ransom. The coffin from which the body was taken was placed in a conspicuous place at the gate of the cemetery, so that it would be quickly noticed and the theft of the body discovered. Harold Conrad was the eldest son of William G. Conrad, a wealthy banker of this city, who has interests in various parts of Montana, and who has been prominent in politics.

MAX CHARTERED.

Will Load Lumber For Australia Probably at Hastings Mills.

The French barque Max, Captain Delahaye, has been chartered to load lumber for Australia probably at Hastings Mills. Word to this effect was received by the captain yesterday morning. It is expected that the Max will load at Hastings mill.

The vessel is a lucky craft for she has secured this charter before her cargo from the United Kingdom has been discharged, so she will lose no time before getting to sea and her owners will secure another nice amount of bountiful money.

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

INCREASING THE JAPANESE ARMY

FIFTY REGIMENTS OF INFANTRY TO BE RAISED

Decision of Military Council Meets With Popular Approval.

Tokio, Nov. 28.—Supported by patriotic sentiment which has gripped the very heart of the empire, the military council, following the successful conclusion of the autumn manoeuvres, is preparing the plans for an army increase which will add fifty regiments of infantry to the imperial army, according to information obtained from a confidential source.

The wave of resentment which swept over the empire during the past summer when scores of soldiers succumbed to sunstroke as a consequence of exacting drills held at that time, has been succeeded by a real awakening of the military spirit since the autumn manoeuvres brought the national realization that the army is being perfected for the inevitable struggle with Russia.

The trying summer work eliminated all weaknesses and the endurance displayed by the toughened little foot soldiers during the manoeuvres recently concluded, was remarkable. The tactical problems involved throughout the manoeuvres indicated most suggestively that the war office accepts an eventual clash with Russia as almost inevitable.

The massed movements of the hardy infantry line showed that the empire would again rely on its effective foot soldiers to smash the enemy's line as they ripped through it at Mukden. In deciding to strengthen the infantry line, the war office has submitted some interesting data showing the losses sustained and inflicted by the several branches of the Manchurian army. According to these statistics, the Japanese army engaged in the battles from the Yalu to Mukden had approximately 300,000 infantry, 21,315 artillery, with 898 guns, and 7,714 cavalry. The Russian army had 216,000 infantry, 35,000 artillery with 1,458 guns, and 20,000 cavalry.

The casualty list of the army of Japan shows that approximately 84 per cent. of the losses were inflicted by the infantry and that approximately 75 per cent. of the losses were sustained by the same branch of the service.

The publication of these statistics has elevated the foot soldier to a place as the national fighting ideal, and the proposed increase though meaning a material increase in the heavy war taxes, meets with general popular endorsement.

With the proposed strengthening of the infantry line, Japan will be prepared to hurl probably the finest fighting machine in the world into Manchuria at the first sign of the expected Russian aggressions.

BOY ASPHYXIATED IN HOME AT SASKATOON

Father, Mother and Baby Narrowly Escape the Same Fate.

Saskatoon, Sask., Nov. 27.—Archibald Ashby, 14 years of age, is dead here from asphyxiation, while the lad's father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Ashby, and a baby are still suffering from the effects of the fumes of coal gas which escaped during the night. It was nearly noon yesterday when James Shad, a carpenter with whom Ashby had been working, thought it strange that the man had not turned up for work, and went to the shack to ascertain the cause of his absence. Unable to gain admission he burst open the door and found the family in a stupor. Mr. and Mrs. Ashby were just hovering between life and death, and the son Archie was dead. He immediately notified the coroner, who decided that an inquest was not necessary.

TO RESCUE SAILORS FROM PARACEL ISLANDS

H. M. S. Flora Receives Wireless Message That Men Are Marooned.

Exchanges received on the steamer Empress of India tell of a visit made by H. M. S. Flora to the Parcel Islands to rescue part of the crew of the Norwegian steamer Ragnar, which is stranded on Money Island, one of the miles south of Hongkong when she received the wireless message from Hongkong. The Ragnar left Singapore on the 2nd inst., giving her six to seven days on the way, this means the ship and the crew who remained behind had been on the islands for about ten days. The ship struck on Money Island, but the crew settled on Pattie Island, as that is the only one of the group on which fresh water can be found. The captain of the ship, his wife, two officers, one passenger and one crew member, were marooned. One of the Chinese crew took one of the ship's boats and sailed for the coast of Indo-China, which they reached after three days, and from where the news of the disaster was wired to Hongkong. H. M. S. Flora, on receiving the wireless message, immediately made for the Parcels.

As eight political parties in Bulgaria have appropriated the colors pink, red, yellow, purple, blue, brown, white and green, and a new political party has now been formed, Bulgarian chemists are making strenuous efforts to discover a new and striking shade.

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WOMAN DECLARED MENTALLY UNBALANCED

Ordered to Asylum and Burglary Charge is Left in Abeyance.

New Westminster, Nov. 25.—At the county court before Judge Howay, Rachael R. Clark, of Ladner, again came up for trial on the charge of burglary at Ladner. The evidence of three physicians was taken and the accused was adjudged mentally unbalanced and was committed to the public hospital for the insane until the pleasure of the lieutenant-governor-in-council was made known with regard to the case. In the meantime the charge preferred against her will be left in abeyance.

When the accused came up for trial J. P. Myers Grey, who appeared for the Crown, drew the attention of the court to the report that the accused was not right mentally. He did this in view of the fact that she had no one to conduct her defence. Judge Howay thanked Mr. Gray for having raised this question and adjourned the case to allow of her being examined as to her sanity. She was examined by Dr. Doherty, Walker and Jones, and they gave evidence. Her reasoning powers were weak and she was evidently suffering from hallucinations, being of the opinion among other things that certain men whom she could not name were vindictively following her from place to place and poisoning the minds of her employers so that she would lose her position.

After listening to the conclusive evidence of the medical men, Judge Howay ruled as above. On the advice of Dr. Doherty, medical superintendent of the Public Hospital for the Insane in New Westminster, his honor ordered that he be confined in that institution instead of in the common jail.

THREE LIBERALS WIN IN NOVA SCOTIA

Standing of Parties in House Unchanged, But Opposition is Without Leader.

Halifax, N. S., Nov. 27.—In one of the greatest political fights in Nova Scotia, Hon. A. K. Maclean, attorney-general, was elected by 506 majority over J. W. Margeson, Conservative, in the bye-election in Lunenburg county. The majority was one of the largest ever rolled up in the county. J. H. Livingston, Liberal, in Cumberland, also won a victory in a three-cornered fight, defeating T. S. Rogers, Conservative, by over 300 majority. A Landry, labor candidate, lost his deposit. Albert Parsons, Conservative, was elected by 27 majority over W. M. Christie in Hants county. In Victoria county, A. Buchan, Liberal, was elected by acclamation, thus leaving the standing of the parties in the House as before, although the personnel of the government side has been strengthened, while the opposition is without a leader.

"LAND REGISTRY ACT"

In the Matter of an Application for a Duplicate Certificate of Title to Section 8, Renfrew District. Notice is hereby given that it is my intention, at the expiration of one month from the date of the first publication hereof, to issue a Duplicate Certificate of Title to above lands, issued to Henry John Kirby on the 26th day of September, 1887, and numbered 4736.

IMPRISONED INDUSTRIALISTS.

Get Only Bread and Water But "Good" Prisoners Receive Turkey.

Spokane, Wash., Nov. 25.—Out of sympathy for the members of the Industrial Workers of the World who were incarcerated in the city jail, in the guard house at Port Went and in the abandoned Franklin schoolhouse, four or five hundred members in the city who have escaped the clutches of the law, ate bread and water yesterday. The police yesterday furnished "good" prisoners turkey and mince pie for their Thanksgiving dinner, but the Industrialists had the same diet as on every other day for the past three weeks—simply bread and water.

WILL BUILD NEW CHURCH.

New Westminster, Nov. 25.—At a special meeting of the Presbytery of New Westminster, held in St. Andrew's church, it was decided to grant the request of a number of the residents living west of Twelfth street for the erection of a Presbyterian church in that section. A committee composed of Rev. Mr. Henderson, Rev. Dr. Taylor and Rev. Mr. Thompson was appointed to have charge of the matter. An option has been secured on a lot at the corner of Fourteenth street and Seventh avenue for a site.

DRINKS POISON AT THANKSGIVING DINNER

Woman Arises From Midst of Guests and Swallows Carbolic Acid.

Portland, Ore., Nov. 27.—Arising from the table in the midst of a Thanksgiving dinner she was giving for her friends, Mrs. Etta Grissan, formerly of Boise, Ida., went to a washstand and drank the contents of a bottle of carbolic acid. She died before medical aid could be summoned.

WILL MOVE TO COAST.

Fernie, Nov. 25.—Rev. Mr. Wilkinson, rector of the Church of England, will leave Fernie shortly. The move has been made necessary primarily on account of Mrs. Wilkinson's health, and it is hoped that a move to the coast will be found beneficial to her.

It is stated that Mr. Wilkinson has been called to a church in one of the coast cities, and that he has, or will shortly, accept the same.