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THE PRETORIA PEACE CONFERENCE

REPORTS REGARDING THE NEGOTIATIONS

London Mail Says Basis of Peace is Practically Agreed Upon—Another Version.

London, April 18.—The Daily Mail claims to have authority to announce that a basis of peace has been practically agreed upon at Pretoria, but it says that some little time will elapse before the details of the plan can be perfected.

The paper adds that upon finding on Wednesday that the British government refused to modify its terms with regard to amnesty, banishment and a responsible government, the Boer delegates met on Thursday. The British decision, practically leaving them the alternatives of accepting the British terms or breaking up the conference, proved more reasonable.

When Lord Milner, the British high commissioner in South Africa, promised the delegates one or two weeks on the legislative councils, subject to the approval of the government and pending the restoration of a responsible government, they practically agreed to accept the British terms.

Some details, continues the Daily Mail, which are not likely to create difficulty still remain to be settled. Lord Milner has summoned an Australian expert from Johannesburg, who is to assist in estimating the cost of rebuilding and restoring the Boer farms.

The delegates, he concludes, have so far quite independently of their representatives in Holland.

Dr. Hans Sauer, a Loyalist Afrikaner, who spoke at Bradford tonight, has outlined the Boer position in the peace negotiations. He said he thought it quite probable that the Boers would sign Great Britain for £50,000,000.

Another Report.

London, April 17.—Serious differences, it is said, have arisen between the Transvaal and Free State delegates, who are discussing peace terms at Pretoria.

General Botha and Acting President Schalkburger, it is reported, have given the Free State representatives until April 21st to come to a decision, threatening that thereafter the Transvaal delegation will continue the peace negotiations independently of the Free State delegates.

It is further declared that Botha and Schalkburger had previously agreed upon terms for surrender prior to their visit to Kleinsdorp, but that out of loyalty to their allies, they insisted on a conference, though with slight hopes that their views would be shared by Gen. Dewet and the other Free State leaders.

The portion of the new British war offer for public subscription, £26,000,000, has been over-subscribed thirty to forty times, and is now quoted at one per cent premium.

London, April 18.—The government leader, A. J. Balfour, in the House of Commons to-day, made the following statement:

After our conferences between Lord Milner and Lord Kitchener and the Boer delegates at Pretoria, Lord Kitchener, while refusing to grant an armistice, on military grounds, has agreed to give facilities for the election and meeting of representatives of the various Boer commands to consider the position. The Boer leaders have therefore left Pretoria to carry out this plan.

Mr. Balfour added that it is not expected that communication between the authorities and the Boer leaders could be resumed in less than three weeks' time.

Clergymen's Statement.

New York, April 18.—Rev. Dr. Joseph H. Hertz, who was a member of Lord Milner's advisory committee in South Africa and chaplain of the Rand Rifles, has arrived in this city, his former home. When the war broke out Dr. Hertz was expelled from Johannesburg by Mr. Kruger for being a Uitlander. He has visited many of the British concentration camps in South Africa. On those camps and on kindred subjects, Dr. Hertz says:

"The stories of the British cruelty to the Boers in the concentration camps are abundant. It is not the fighting Boer who makes these charges, but the stay at home children attending school in the Orange Free State before the war started, there are now 14,000 at school under British rule."

ENTITLED TO TWO DOLLARS.

Nanaimo, April 19.—Judge Bole has five judgments that the special jurymen in the case of Booker vs. Wellington Colliery Co., are entitled to the full pay of \$2 a day. The defendant company declined to pay only \$1.

CANADIAN NEWS.

The Northwest Elections—Decision Regarding the Lord's Day Act.

Brantford, Ont., April 17.—Voting took place to-day on a by-law submitted by the city council authorizing payment of \$57,000 to the Grand Trunk Railway Company, in return for the company diverting their main line from Linden down through Brantford, making a switch to Homedale and constructing a sub-way under their line. The by-law granting the bonus was carried by a majority of 1,304 votes.

Nominations.

Toronto, April 17.—Liberals of West Toronto have nominated Mr. Thomas Threlkott, and East Toronto Conservatives have nominated Dr. Pine, member in the late legislature. Both nominations were unanimous.

Judgment.

The Court of Appeal to-day gave judgment in a case respecting the constitutionality of the Lord's Day Act of Ontario. The decision, Chief Justice Armour dissenting, sustains the law in regard to the prohibition of Sunday sales, Sunday labor extensions and street cars, but holds the Provincial Act does not apply to corporations operating exclusively under a Dominion franchise, nor to individual employers of corporations. The latter exception will probably greatly nullify the working of the act.

The Coronation Corps.

Lieut.-Colonel Pellatt, who will command the Canadian contingent which will attend the coronation, has offered to send the bugle band of the Queen's Own Rifles, the corps he commands, at his own expense.

Burned.

Winnipeg, April 17.—A clerk named Roy Campbell and Mr. Quairrie, a merchant, were badly burned yesterday at Oak Lake by the explosion of a lamp containing methylated spirits.

General Elections.

A Regina dispatch says the general election decisions will not be held until Premier Haultain returns from the coronation, and the best informed say dissolution will be in the fall.

A Fire.

The residence of Frederick E. Jackson, a Portage la Prairie district farmer, has been destroyed by fire, with all contents.

Found Dead.

Brockville, April 17.—Robert Clark, of Reid's mills, went out hunting and failing to return, a search party started out. He was found dead, his face buried in leaves and dirt. He is thought to have taken an epileptic fit.

Aged Ninety-Nine.

Hamilton, April 17.—Mrs. Margaret Wilson, for 90 years a resident of this city, is dead, aged 96.

NEW NORTHERN STEAMER.

Statement by Capt. Troup—F. J. Wheeler to be Manager of Terminal Railway.

Vancouver, April 19.—Capt. Troup this morning announced that the steamer for the Canadian Pacific northern coast trade will be constructed in the Star yard, Victoria. The machinery contract has not yet been awarded.

The steel spans for the bridge across the north arm of the Fraser, arrived at New Westminster to-day. There were seven carloads.

Rails for the Liverpool-Lander connection of the Great Northern will be shipped from England in June, and will arrive before the first of the new year.

F. J. Wheeler, general agent of the Great Northern, is to take the management of the Victoria Terminal railway with headquarters at Victoria.

Thos. Dunn & Co. assigned to-day. The firm has been in difficulties for some time, the business now being practically in the hands of the Bank of Hamilton.

A Mercer, a City of Seattle passenger for Dawson, walked off the wharf this morning and narrowly escaped drowning.

MINERS PLEASED.

With Action of Government With Regards to the Treadgold Concession.

Vancouver, April 18.—A Dawson special says: "Word was received here a few hours ago that all the lapsed and abandoned claims within the Treadgold concession are at once to be thrown open to entry by anyone who wishes to stake them. This is signed by Hon. Clifford Sifton. The news was received with the greatest enthusiasm, and is commented on in the most favorable manner. Miners are jubilant over the action of the government, and the fears so generally indulged in that the Treadgold concession would stand and thereby prevent the further development of a large area of valuable ground are now dispelled."

INVITED TO BANQUET.

Toronto, April 19.—An invitation has been extended to Hon. Jas. Ross, commissioner to the Yukon, to attend a banquet to be tendered by the Canadian Manufacturers' association at a date to be arranged.

CREMATED.

Montreal, April 19.—The remains of the late Senator Ogilvie were yesterday cremated in the new crematory at Mount Royal cemetery.

A SPECIAL OFFER

Daily Times for Nine Months for \$3.

The publishers of the Times are aware that a large number of residents of the districts and of other cities and towns than Victoria would like to become subscribers to the daily edition, but are unwilling to pay the regular rate of subscription, owing to the fact that the paper cannot reach them from six to seven hours, to three days after publication.

The management have decided to quote an extraordinary low rate to out-of-town subscribers, in the hope that the response will be sufficiently general to warrant a permanent reduction. For a limited time subscriptions from date to December 31st, over nine months, will be taken for \$3.

This reduction will give residents outside the Capital an opportunity of following the proceedings of the legislature, a full report of which will appear daily.

In addition to the full reports of the debates, the Times will continue to give the current political gossip at the seat of government, which is frequently more interesting and important than the actual proceedings in the House. Most of the noteworthy political developments of the past few years have been fore-shadowed in the Times before they were forecasted by any other paper.

A series of political cartoons by the Times's own artist will further increase the attractiveness of the paper.

The half-tone illustrations of public men of the province, with sketches of their careers, anaphora, views, etc., will be maintained. The special telegraphic service from Ottawa from the Times staff representative there will be continued. This service is unsurpassed by that of any other paper in Canada.

The full foreign telegraphic news, as well as that of the Dominion, will appear regularly.

Twice-a-Week Times

This Edition for the Rest of the Year for 75 Cents.

In order to still further extend the wide circulation of the twice-a-week Times, the publishers have decided to reduce the subscription price for new cash subscribers from now until the close of the year, nine months, to 75 cents.

The features outlined in regard to the daily will be maintained in the twice-a-week Times.

The publishers have in addition arranged with the department of agriculture at Ottawa for an original article weekly, about a column in length, prepared under the authority of the minister. The matter will consist of agricultural news, interesting to all readers, supplemented by brief accounts of the latest experiments and researches at the Government Experimental Farms, and recipes, useful to agriculturists, horticulturists, arboriculturists, horse-breeders, stock-risers, bee-keepers, dairymen, poultrymen and others.

The market reports will be improved and will be given particular prominence.

Other features are contemplated which will further increase the attractiveness of the paper, to the editing of which special attention will be devoted.

This offer is good for a limited period only. Those who wish to subscribe should do so at once. Remittances by mail should be by P. O. Order or Registered letter to THE TIMES PRINTING AND PUBLISHING COMPANY, VICTORIA, B. C.

Grand Forks HAS ENTERED PROTEST AGAINST THE V. V. & RAILWAY INJUNCTION.

Grand Forks, April 17.—At a meeting of the Liberal-Conservative Association the action of the government in the injunction on the Vancouver, Victoria & Eastern were adopted, setting forth that this road had expended several million in construction and had completed the line to Gilpin, about seven miles below Grand Forks, and the said railway, one of the best in Canada, is being constructed without government aid, and that it has been ascertained that the government of British Columbia is concerning in the action restraining the said road.

"Be it resolved, that the Liberal-Conservative Association of Grand Forks strongly deprecates the action of the government as calculated to engender evil feelings in the Boundary country, and that such action is unwarranted, unprecedented and discriminating, and should be desisted from, and that for the reasons aforesaid the government should withdraw its opposition to the construction and completion of the said line."

Similar resolutions were adopted at a public meeting this evening.

ROBBERS' HAUL.

Visited New York Mansion and Made Off With Silverware and Gems.

New York, April 19.—Great mystery has been thrown around a robbery which has just occurred in a Fifth avenue mansion. It is generally admitted that the burglars made away with more than \$25,000 worth of silverware and gems.

Other reports say one diamond necklace among the loot was worth a fortune. Those in the secret absolutely refuse to divulge the name of the looter, but the police admit that the home robbed was that of one of the leading families of New York.

MARATHON ROAD RACE.

Caffrey, of Hamilton, Did Not Run—Mellor, of Yonkers, the Winner.

Ashland, Mass., April 19.—The annual Marathon road race, over 25-mile course from this place to Boston, was run to-day with a field of 41, and under the most admirable weather conditions.

Much interest had been aroused in the event by the record that John Caffrey, the Hamilton, Ont., man, who first year broke all previous records, was to endeavor to lower last year's time, finding he had reached here this afternoon, finding himself indisposed, Caffrey announced that he would not race.

The race was won by Mellor, of Yonkers, in 2 hours 43 mins. 15 sec. J. J. Kennedy, of Boston, was second.

FOR PREVENTION OF RAILWAY LOCKOUTS

OBJECT OF BILL BY HON. WM. MULOCK

Premiers of Australia and New Zealand May Visit Canada on Their Way Home.

Ottawa, April 18.—Hon. William Mulock's bill regarding railway disputes is to prevent lockouts by arbitration between the companies and employees.

Visit of Premiers.

Information has been received that Premier Barton, of Australia, and Premier Seddon, New Zealand, will not come through Canada on their way to the coronation ceremonies, but they may return home this way.

The inquiry.

At the public accounts committee to-day, J. Y. Rochester was asked for his private books to show what he paid for poles for the Yukon telegraph line. He refused and the chairman sustained him.

Bill Passed.

The Canadian Pacific Railway bill, giving power to a company to go mining, lumbering, smelting and carry on works of irrigation on their own lands, passed the railway committee to-day. It also extends the time for the building of a road from New Westminster to Vancouver for five years.

Surgeons.

So far the medical officers appointed to go to South Africa with the fourth contingent are Surgeon Major Elliott, Quebec; Surgeon Capt. A. R. Murray, New Brunswick; and Surgeon Capt. W. H. Gray, Chatham, Ontario. The fourth has not yet been selected.

BUTCHERS' PETITION.

Imperial Parliament to Remove Restrictions on Importation of Canadian Cattle.

London, April 17.—A meeting of the Butchers' Association here to-night, at which representatives of the entire meat retail trade of London were present, unanimously petitioned parliament to remove the existing restrictions on the importation of cattle from Canada and Argentina.

The meeting asserted that the action they advised was imperative in order to prevent a meat famine during the coronation of the King.

Reasons similar to those adopted to-night will be presented at a meeting of the representatives of the meat trade from 120 cities of the United Kingdom, which will be held at Manchester on April 23rd.

In reply to a question in the House of Commons this evening, R. W. Hanbury, president of the board of agriculture, said the government had no reason and that it could not entertain a proposal to remove the restriction on cattle imported from Canada.

TYPHOID FEVER.

Queen Wilhelmina Reported to Have Passed a Fairly Good Night.

The Hague, April 18.—An official bulletin this morning from Castle Loo states that Queen Wilhelmina passed a fairly quiet night. Her fever continues. The alarming fever which complicated the Queen's condition is now officially admitted to be typhoid.

A special edition of the official journal this morning publishes the doctor's statement as follows: "The supposition entertained by the Queen's physicians since the commencement of Her Majesty's illness has become a certainty. It is now established that the Queen is suffering from typhoid fever. Up to the present time the malady has run its ordinary course."

STRIKE AT PRISCO.

Street Railway Employees Will Quit Work To-Morrow Morning.

San Francisco, April 19.—The local division of the Amalgamated Association of Street Railway Employees voted last night to go out on strike next Sunday morning. The strike will affect all the lines in the city except two. It is expected that nearly three thousand men will go out.

SPAIN'S FORMER KING.

New York, April 19.—The death of the former King of Spain will not affect the dispatch to the Herald. A council of ministers just held decided that the foreign Princes shall arrive on May 14th, and that a grand reception shall be given instead of a ball. The former King's body will be brought to Spain and interred in the escorial.

FROM PATAGONIA.

Halifax, April 19.—The advance guard of the Welsh colony in Patagonia, under Mr. Leads, arrived yesterday. He thinks many of them will eventually make their way to the Dominion.

QUEEN WILHELMINA.

Her Majesty Passed a Quiet Night—Fever Following Its Usual Course.

The Hague, April 19.—A bulletin issued this morning from Castle Loo announces that Queen Wilhelmina had a quiet night, that the disease, typhoid, is following its normal course, and that no complications have supervened, although Her Majesty's strength is diminishing slightly in proportion to the duration of the disease.

Gloom Over Country.

New York, April 19.—Dispatches from Holland disclose the fact that there is general gloom over the condition of Queen Wilhelmina, says the London correspondent of the Tribune. The hereditary prince of the Orange blood, but the succession is undetermined. The Dutch constitution provides that in default of a legal heir the sovereign may designate a successor. The hereditary prince of the Orange blood, but the succession is undetermined. The Dutch constitution provides that in default of a legal heir the sovereign may designate a successor. This has not been done, and the states-general will exercise the right of selection in case of the Queen's death.

PROPOSED DUTY ON NICKEL MATTE

JOHN CHARLTON ON INDUSTRY IN CANADA

Suggests Steps Which He Thinks Would Result in Ore Being Refined at Home.

Ottawa, April 19.—When the House met yesterday, John Charlton, on a motion to go into supply, presented a resolution on the condition of the nickel industry in Canada. He said that there was now under formation in the United States a nickel company with funds of \$22,000,000, which was to be associated with the steel industry with \$1,000,000, and which was intended to control the markets of the world. The question was whether Canada should permit this. The United States imposed no tariff duty on refined nickel, but added matte free, but to be refined in the States.

He said that the Canadian nickel industry could not refine its own nickel instead of exporting it. He intends to bring this about was to place an export duty on nickel matte. In addition to this he called attention to the disadvantage with which Canadian manufacturers of nickel are had to contend with compared with Americans. The Americans got a refund of export duty which gave them an advantage of \$7.50 per ton against the Canadian manufacturer, who got no rebate. This was another matter which the government should look into. He suggested a countervailing duty of one-half cent a pound on cobalt.

Hon. W. Fielding said that the government would look into the representations made by Mr. Charlton.

Printing Report.

The printing committee has authorized the printing of a report on the condition of the Chinese and Japanese in British Columbia.

IN STAFF.

The Hon. W. Fielding yesterday and took up the estimates of the interior department. Hon. Clifford Sifton said that on account of the increase in the interior department he had decided to appoint a deputy superintendent general of Indian affairs. At present the deputy minister of the interior was also deputy superintendent general of Indian affairs. A salary of \$3,200 for the deputy superintendent was voted.

Punished His Opponent.

Benj. B. Sault, historian and chief clerk of the militia department, is a member of the Canadian institute. He defended the right of the police magistrate in Ottawa to compel witnesses to give their evidence in English, and not French, if the witness had both languages. For this he was attacked and excluded. Sault not only defended himself with his voice but followed it up with personal castigation on his opponent.

Ontario Elections.

The Ontario elections have been fixed to take place on Tuesday, May 20th.

The Yukon Council.

Hon. Clifford Sifton, has given notice for a bill to increase the elected members of the Yukon council. At present there are two members elected. Provision will be made for five elected members. They will represent definite districts. The council will therefore comprise five elected and five appointed by the government. The commissioner, in addition to these, will preside.

EARTHQUAKE.

Mexico City, April 19.—A severe earthquake shock was felt here last evening. Its duration was a minute and a half, exceeding any experienced in recent years.

FIRE IN PLATE MILL.

Pittsburg, Pa., April 19.—The McKeen plant of the American Tin Plate Company, in the south side, was consumed by fire at an early hour this morning to the extent of about \$10,000.

DECORATED STATUE OF BEACONSFIELD

HOW PRIMROSE DAY IS BEING OBSERVED

Preparations For the Coronation—Thousands Witnessed Struggle For English Football Cup.

London, April 19.—Judging from the extensive observance of Primrose Day, admirers of Lord Beaconsfield, who died on April 14th, 1881, are as numerous as ever. People thronged to the statue of the statesman at Westminster, which was adorned with the usual massed of primroses and a number of handsome floral trophies.

The Sheffield United and Southampton clubs met this afternoon at the Crystal Palace grounds to contest for the possession of the English cup, the blue ribbon of British football. The invasion of London by the provincial army of ardent admirers of the "Muddled Oats," who, after a season's struggles, met in the final championship at daybreak. The various railroads carried nearly a hundred excursion trains, bringing upwards of 20,000 visitors, men, women and children, who thronged the parks and crowded their way to the Crystal Palace, where they witnessed a Metropolitan struggle over more numerous than themselves.

The game resulted in a draw, each of the teams scoring a goal.

King Edward will make his first appearance on the turf since his accession on April 22nd at Epsom. When the friends of William C. Whitney hope he will have a chance to see Jockeyboy carrying the valuable city and suburban prize. The late Dorby winner, with Danny Maher, the American jockey, is a prime favorite, but the 24 probable starters make up a field strong enough to result in what is anticipated will be one of the greatest struggles of the year.

A general American invasion of Great Britain has already begun. Almost within a night familiar figures have sprung up in the London streets. Americans seem to be on every side and are more welcome, for the storekeepers and hotel proprietors have had their wearisome winter, and are counting on the trade of the coronation visitors.

London itself is already donning its new dress for the coronation. Electricians and resisters are testing buildings for illuminations, the hotels are making up in new pajamas, the Strand and other thoroughfares have been repaired, and visitors may depend that they will see the best side of London this year.

The first fleet ship to come under the navigation regulations, the German ship Henriette, from San Francisco, arrived in the Tyne yesterday. The American wheat on board decreased will have to pay duty of £600.

THE FUTURITY.

This Year's Race Will Be Worth Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars.

New York, April 19.—The announcement is made by the Cony Island Jockey Club that this year's futurity will be worth \$75,000. It is the most valuable race in America. It will be decided on August 20th, and a fortune will be handed over to the owners of the winner.

When the entry to the state closed on January 2nd, 1900, the club had received 1,241 nominations. Of this number 255 subsequently became void from various causes. 100 were declared out on payment of \$10, 02 at \$20, 10 at \$50 and 12 at \$70, leaving 433 youngsters eligible.

WILL HE BE CHOSEN?

Remark of the Pope Regarding His Successor.

Rome, April 19.—Considerable importance is attached to a recent remark of the Pope, who, in conversation with Father Lorenzo Frossi, the Italian composer, asked him for news of his friend, Cardinal Giuseppe Sarto, the patriarch of Venice. "Hold him very dear, Frossi," said His Holiness, "as in the future he will be able to do much for you. We firmly believe he will be our successor."

INDIAN DROWNED.

Nanaimo, April 19.—A well known Indian named John Kwasomant, of the Kwasan tribe, is reported to the provincial police here as having fallen overboard from his canoe near Nanaimo Bay on his way home from here on Tuesday. Another Indian and two Klutchees were with him. Provincial Officer McLeod and Stephenson started out to investigate the matter to-day, but the rough weather prevented a launch being taken out.

REBEL ACTIVITY.

Canton, April 18.—The rebels are besieging Nan Ning, an important city in the province of Kwang Si, and it is reported that the place has already fallen. The telegraph wires beyond Wu Chow, between Canton and Nan Ning, have been cut.

STOMACH.



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for I suffered from the stomach. I was cured by Mrs. ...

patent attorney, the following abstract ...

216 patents were issued of the United Kingdom 1, Canada 5, France 4, Germany 2, New Zealand 2, Switzerland 1 and

Burpee, of Vancouver a United States patent in soldering E. A. Marshall, of Vancouver, a Canadian patent method of seal-covers of jars. This is one of the requirements which Mr. ...

of the Amalgamated we declared a quarantine-half of one per

ACHE. Malady to which are Subject. How It May be In-A Case in Proof of Theory.

April 18.—(Special.)—this place has just seen a case of back-remarkable restoration use of Dodd's Kid-ney Pills according to the slightest trace of any symptom of Kid-ney Disease and they cured.

Kidney Pills to be taken in a few days.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE

ANOTHER UNHAPPY INCIDENT IN HOUSE

Member Told to Apologize, But Fails to Respect Chair—Budget Speech Promised for Monday.

Press Gallery, April 17th. There was another regrettable incident to mar the proceedings of the legislature this afternoon. Provocation, if such there was, came in a remark of Mr. McPhillips, while the offence lay in a very strong expression used by Mr. Martin in reply. The Speaker said Mr. Martin should apologize to the House, but after a good deal of cross firing, the incident closed without the Speaker's wish being respected.

The Finance Minister promised the estimates for to-morrow, and the budget speech for Monday. There was no night session, all the members having accepted the hospitality of the Speaker to dinner.

On the suggestion that Mr. Curtis's bill amending the Municipal Act be referred to the municipal committee, Mr. Houston held the practice in the House was absurd. A dozen bills amending one act might be before the House while a committee could consolidate them into a report.

The Speaker ruled that the bill should go to second reading, and then be submitted to the committee. The bill was accordingly set down for second reading. **Set Down.** The Chief Commissioner asked for a further adjournment of the debate on Mr. Oliver's motion for a detail of public expenditures in Delta.

Mr. Oliver protested against this delay in view of the prospect of the estimates being brought down slowly, but the Chief Commissioner explained the delay by the absence of the engineer. The matter stood over.

North Victoria Vacancy. Mr. McPhillips moved: That an humble address be presented to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, asking him to cause to be laid before this House a copy of the honorable the Speaker's warrant, directing the issue of the writ for the vacancy in the representation of the North Victoria electoral district; the order in council authorizing the issue of the writ and the placing of the great seal of the province thereon; copy of the appointment of the returning officer; and copies of all letters and instructions given by the government, or any member thereof, to the Deputy Provincial Secretary.

In doing so he said it was a matter for regret that full representation in the House should have to be made a party request, and a sacred duty of the government had to be performed time and again by the opposition. There must be some virtue in the discharge of public responsibility by a sacred duty of the government provided for 28 members, yet the government set this aside and held that 37 members should constitute a full House. There could be no ground for this excepting one of political expediency.

The government was of course in a most unique position, being kept in office by the votes of a small group in the House. Mr. McPhillips drew attention to the different objections that had been urged that an order-in-council had to be issued, a returning officer appointed and the great seal affixed. Surely it had not been necessary to do this, in the Imperial House a writ was issued very promptly.

The Attorney-General manifested great nervousness during Mr. McPhillips's remarks, and repeatedly asked the order. The Speaker said that the matter having been discussed once in the House it was out of order to go over the whole subject again.

Mr. McPhillips pointed out that such a ruling meant that the government might give a constituency representation for six months and yet it would be improper to then withdraw it. The Finance Minister said there was little reason to oppose the motion. The Speaker's warrant was about the only paper to bring it down. The remarks of the last speaker would not injure the government a little bit. The government accepted the blame, if blame there was. The people of North Victoria were not complaining. They were perfectly happy, and the government would bring on the election at the proper time.

The leader of the opposition said there was one reason and one only for the delay, and that was the government's fear of defeat. If there was a reason for bringing on the election in Victoria there was a far greater reason for one in North Victoria, for Victoria city was represented by three members.

The Finance Minister said that he had no complaints from North Victoria of their failure of representation. If that were the reason would the Finance Minister issue a warrant if he the speaker presented a petition to-morrow from the residents of North Victoria?

but he warned them that when the House went into supply he would oppose the passage of the estimates till justice was done North Victoria. He reminded the administration that the estimates for the whole of Canada were hung up for four years ago until Hon. Peter Mitchell got \$50 for a widow whose cow had been killed on the Intercolonial. They had better take warning. The motion passed.

Aliens in Civic Elections. Mr. Martin moved the third reading of the act to prohibit aliens from voting at municipal elections. Mr. Garden moved an amendment: "That this House, while affirming the principle of allowing only British subjects the right to vote at municipal elections, cannot approve of interfering by public act with the rights given to municipalities under special charter."

Mr. Garden said this was in line with his attitude all through. It was an interference with the rights of Vancouver as guaranteed under the charter and was improper in that way. The city council had asked that the matter stand over until next session, when the charter would be brought down for amendment. He held that no private act could be affected by a public bill introduced by a private member. To establish such a precedent would be very dangerous and that should be avoided and that only he asked the House to vote for his amendment.

Mr. McPhillips said Mr. Martin by framing his bill as he did was trying to get around the rule enunciated by Mr. Garden. He questioned its legality even if passed. It was the duty of the government to protect private interests in the country.

He understood the senior member from Vancouver was urging the legislation because of personal grounds and a quarrel with American citizens in Vancouver. He would accept the member's word if it was not so.

Mr. Martin said such a statement had been circulated, but was utterly false. He added "The honorable gentleman degrades himself by coming into the House and retailing such low-lived, dirty gossip statements."

Mr. McPhillips asked that these words be taken down. Mr. Martin said that he had no intention of applying the words to Mr. McPhillips, but only to statements circulated in Vancouver, and which evidently had reached the ears of members. He added that he didn't think there was a member of the House who wouldn't resent such a statement in even stronger language. In Vancouver the report was even more aggravated, it being stated that he brought in the bill to win a bet he had made, which was equally untrue.

Mr. Curtis said that as soon as the attention of a member was drawn to such a statement that he had gone too far he should withdraw. The member for Vancouver had said the member for Victoria had degraded himself by making or repeating low-lived, dirty statements. He did not know what the House would come to if such language was permitted. The Speaker said it would have to be left to the sense of the House to decide whether the language was disorderly or not.

Mr. Helmecken said he was getting accustomed to these things. The liver of the senior member for Vancouver was evidently of a sterner order. There was no doubt that language was used in this House which would not be tolerated in the British House.

Mr. Martin denied that equally strong language was not used in the British House. The Speaker said that he could not regard the expression as an attack on Mr. McPhillips, else he would deal with it summarily. He said that Mr. Martin had used language he should not have used, and must apologize to the House. Mr. Martin—Well, Mr. Speaker, I can't do it.

The Speaker said that he would ask the House to say whether the language was disorderly or not. The Attorney-General said the Speaker having ruled the language was not disorderly, the matter dropped.

Mr. Helmecken said this was aside the question. The speaker had ruled and the government must stand by him. Mr. McPhillips held Mr. Martin had not been equalled by other members.

Mr. McPhillips said that the Minister of Mines wanted to exculpate his friend Mr. Martin and smooth matters over because he knew he would have to stand by him and vote against the chair. The Speaker failed to insist upon the withdrawal of the term in spite of the protest of the opposition. The government wanted Mr. McPhillips to retract his insinuation.

This suggestion of Mr. Martin's started the discussion afresh. Mr. McPhillips and McPhillips again saying that Mr. Martin was to withdraw his offensive words.

Hayward, Garden, Fulton, Munro, Tatlow, Green, McNeill, Murphy, McPhillips, Taylor, Helmecken—Master and Servant. The House went into committee to consider the "Master and Servant Amendment Act," with Mr. Neill in the chair. This measure was introduced by Mr. Gilhous.

Mr. McPhillips raised the point that the bill should have been introduced by a member of the government. The chairman held the point not well taken, and Mr. McPhillips appealed to the Speaker. Mr. McPhillips's contention was that as the bill imposed a penalty, it could not be introduced by a private member. Other members quoted precedents for the introduction by private members of measures containing penalty clauses. The Speaker upheld the chairman's ruling, saying that it was not a matter of revenue.

Mr. McPhillips stated that he had not raised the point to oppose the bill, but to have the rights of private members in this regard definitely determined. The committee rose and reported the bill complete with amendments. The House then adjourned until 2 o'clock to-morrow.

Press Gallery, April 18th. The bringing down of the estimates was the feature of this afternoon, and members promptly retired to the corridors to see what the government's Santa Claus had put in their stockings. There was a storm among the lower Mainland members, many of whom had been assured of much greater consideration for their districts than the estimates bore out. This was ascribed to the final caucus of the document with the senior member for Vancouver and some of his supporters.

Golf Loving Officer. Mr. Oliver drew attention to the failure of the Chief Commissioner to bring down a return asked for because of the absence of the engineer. He found that the absence of the engineer was due to his being away playing golf during office hours. The Chief Commissioner asked the matter to stand over.

Mr. Neill said he had asked a long time ago for correspondence in connection with the Indian reserve, and all that was brought down was one letter. The Minister of Mines explained that the return had not yet been brought down.

Mr. McBride urged the urgency for the return connected with the delay before a bill dealing with the matter was presented to the House. Mr. Wells promised to do this.

Legal Professions. Mr. Martin's bill to amend the Legal Professions Act was read a first time, as was also Mr. Hayward's bill to amend the Game Act.

Aid to Hospitals. The act to regulate aid to hospitals and the act to amend the Trustees and Executors Act were read a third time.

The Twin Cities. After some slight amendments the report on the act amalgamating Columbia and Grand Forks was adopted.

Judgment Act. The House went into committee, with Mr. Rogers in the chair, to further consider the Judgment Act, 1890. The committee rose and reported the bill complete with amendments. The Creditors Trustee's Act was also considered in committee.

Administration Act. An act to amend the Administration Act was read a second time without discussion. It was considered in committee, with Mr. Hayward in the chair. The committee reported the bill complete with amendments.

Youthful Offenders. The act dealing with youthful offenders was also read a second time and considered in committee. The committee rose and reported the bill complete with amendments.

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others protested that the government had given their assent, and for four weeks had made no objection. It was therefore very ungracious to now oppose it. The government, instead of discouraging the measure, should encourage the bill.

Capt. Tatlow read the remarks of the Attorney-General, when the snow bill was before the House at a previous session, when he said the passage of such a bill would be an excellent suggestion to the Dominion government. Had he changed his views, and when the government bill was brought down this would be indicated.

Capt. Tatlow said the discussion would not be protracted if this promise was elicited. Mr. Curtis moved the second reading of his bill amending the Wills Act. It provided that the intention of testators that bequests to widows or widowers should be revoked in case of remarriage shall be inoperative. It was wise, he said, to remove all bars to marriage.

Mr. McNeill asked if there was any precedent for such legislation. Mr. Curtis said he knew of none, any more than he knew of a precedent for Mr. McNeill's Labor bill.

Mr. McNeill retorted that there were special circumstances for his bill. The Attorney-General regarded the bill as a serious matter, and he would not be forced to the conclusion that he had a rich widow in tow? (Laughter.) Perhaps he had a friend for whom he proposed to legislate.

A Voice—The member for Kamloops, say. The Attorney-General said he thought a man should have the disposal of his own money—made by himself. He saw no reason why a second husband should participate in its benefits.

Mr. McPhillips deprecated the procedure of a man making a will ordaining which he had sent into the matter, and work no hardship on any one. It had been asked for by several hundred miners of Fernie. The bill provided that a supply of timber be constantly kept at the mines for the purpose of protecting miners life.

The Attorney-General was in accord with the principle of the bill, but said some amendment would be necessary in committee. The Minister of Mines also pointed out some of the defects of the bill. The provision regarding a supply of timber at each working place he thought would occasion waste.

FOR FAITHFUL WORK. First Presbyterian Church Choir Show Recognition of Veteran Member's Services. Last night the First Presbyterian church choir instead of their usual practice held a social reunion at the residence of Mrs. Hall, the organist of the church, and a thoroughly enjoyable and happy evening was spent. During the evening W. D. Kinnaird, one of the oldest members of the choir, was given a surprise in the shape of a presentation, accompanied with an address in recognition of his long services with the choir and for his many estimable qualities personally. J. G. Brown, the choir-master, read the address, and made the presentation, and in a short speech referred to the long and faithful services of the recipient and to the pleasure it had been to have been associated with him in the work of the choir. The following is the address:

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Returning to Alberni the party spent the night, and were entertained by Messrs. Carmichael and Waterhouse. But one of the most unique sights of the whole trip was at the Sechart mine, where Mr. Anderson owns a well kept farm. The house on the premises was constructed of wreckage. It has stood upwards of a year, and which section of it bore the appearance of having once been a section of the Islander. The remainder of the time on the Coast the party spent on Barclay Sound in visiting Indian villages and in boating among the islands of the Sound, which in Mr. Smith's mind, quite compares in scenic grandeur to anything on the Hudson. On the return the Moose passed the Grant, coming up the Straits so rapidly that she presented a very impressive sight. The Grant's course was directed through the inland waters, passing Sidney and Crofton on the way to Nanaimo, where Mr. Smith secured permission for the party to visit the mines. Several took advantage of this chance, which was one of the pleasantest experiences of the trip. Mr. Smith came down from Nanaimo by way of the E. & N. railway.

The United States Senate committee on appropriations concluded consideration of the sundry civil appropriation bill yesterday. The total appropriation carried by the bill, as it passed the House is increased \$2,000,247, bringing the grand total up to \$32,759,943. One item is for fixing the boundary line between the United States and Canada along the 49th parallel, \$100,000.

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A Chinese banker, who fled from the province of Kwangsi and has taken refuge in the Bella-Coola country, says the region is a province held over 30 towns and villages, and that they are well armed with Mauser rifles and revolvers, which were smuggled into Kwangsi from the French protectorate of Annam, by contrabandists disguised as opium merchants.

CONDITIONS OF SERVICE

TO-DAY'S SITTING HOUSE COMMITTEE

EVIDENCE REGARDING VALUE OF BUILDING

W. M. McCraney and Others Tell About Conditions in Atlin—Medical Testimony.

THE ANNUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

First Session of Local Branch to Be Held on Tuesday and Wednesday, 22nd and 23rd Inst.

On Tuesday, the 22nd inst., in the Calvary Baptist church school room, Howard street, the first annual convention of the Victoria district branch of the Sunday School association will be held.

It is altogether probable that the work of building a wharf will be in progress for some time. The apparatus for shipping the work is not far distant—a matter of a few miles—as the new bridge across the Bella-Coola river is just about completed.

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CELEBRATION WILL LAST TWO DAYS

GENERAL COMMITTEE MET LAST EVENING

Will Report Progress to Public Meeting Next Tuesday Evening—Sub-Committees Struck Off.

Victoria will celebrate Friday and Saturday, May 23rd and 24th, this year. The machinery of preparation was set in motion last evening at the first meeting of the general committee appointed by the public gathering last week.

The attendance, while not large, was wholly representative, and a general desire to get down to work as soon as possible was manifested. The keynote which is always taken by the navy in the May celebrations was shown by the presence of Lieut. Prentiss, of H. M. S. Phaeton.

Several names were mentioned in connection with the secretaryship. It was decided to request W. Moresby to act. Mr. W. Vincent was appointed honorary treasurer.

The committee, after discussing the subject from various standpoints, concluded that two days would be necessary, and fixed upon Friday and Saturday. The meeting was much profited to learn from Lieut. Prentiss that the admiral on the flagship H. M. S. Gazelle, was expected on May 21st.

The lieutenant further pointed out that the navy always looked forward to the regatta with great interest. It was an opportunity for the various crews to test their strength, and both the time of the year and the course were very favorable.

In this connection the secretary observed that a conference between the Tourist Association and representatives of the various local athletic organizations had been held recently to consider a proposal to hold a grand athletic exhibition in August.

Mr. Cuthbert advocated a procession. He pointed out in this connection that last year's procession would have been far more satisfactory had the committee more time which to arrange for it. This year there was plenty of time, and there was no reason why a very successful procession should not be held.

A procession was decided upon, and it will probably be held in the morning of one of the days. The advisability of holding a street carnival was also discussed. In the main the general features of last year's celebration will be adhered to with some additions. The city will be gaily decorated, as there is an abundance of decoration material on hand, and the park lakes will be encircled with lanterns.