

BRITAIN, STATES AND CANADA.

Discussing the Alaska boundary question and the cases of the respective countries to the controversy, the London Spectator, not unexpectedly, adopts a pro-American tone and admonishes Canadians, "especially the statesmen of the Dominion on both sides in politics, to look at the matter in the broadest possible way, and not, if they can help it, to allow public opinion to drift into the attitude of expecting that, merits or no merits, the Mother Country must stand up for her daughter land."

can be no adjustment except by the Canadian commissioners accepting the American interpretation of the treaty—the interpretation the Spectator, as might be expected, considers the reasonable one. Perhaps if our London contemporary had gone into the case as presented by Mr. Hodgins it would not have been so pronounced in its opinion as to the strength of the American case, and have refrained from the publication of views not only likely to be prejudicial to the case of Canada, but indicative of the utter hopelessness of expecting intelligent discussion of questions in which the United States and Canada are concerned in a certain class of London publications.

A SEATTLE DISCOVERY.

The Seattle Post-Intelligencer no doubt thought it had pronounced a clincher when it said: "It is reported that President Roosevelt and Secretary Root have made the interesting discovery that on a globe prepared under the direction of the British admiralty the boundary line between Alaska and Canada is placed precisely according to the American contention. A much more interesting and novel discovery would be that of a map, chart or globe, printed or drafted anywhere in the world save Canada, which represented the boundary line as being anywhere else than according to the American contention. But no such discovery will ever be made."

attempt is being made to jolly the country when it is asserted that the government will have a majority of from four to eleven when the House meets for the transaction of business. We have great faith in the powers of an average British Columbia legislature to engage in a mix-up and emerge in an entirely new formation. But we can hardly credit the possibility of such a change as is fore-shadowed by the friends of the administration. Nevertheless it must be confessed that the opposition has so conducted itself as to rebel rather than attract members who under more judicious leadership would assuredly have permanently ranged themselves under its banners. They are the champions of the sectionalism which is an emanation of small and narrow minds and the despair of all who have the true interests of the province at heart.

BRITISH EMIGRANTS.

It is no doubt a fine thing for Canada that the emigration from Great Britain is going to be so large during the present year. But it may be possible to overdo even a good thing. The people who may be burning with desire to take up land in our Northwest and make fortunes may not be physically fitted or mentally endowed for doing battle with the elements and struggling with the particular difficulties to be encountered in that new country. It may be different now, but there was a time when the average Old Countryman had but little conception of the conditions of life in Canada. There are many comforts and conveniences in old communities that must necessarily remain long-forgotten wants in new ones. The average Briton cannot accommodate himself to circumstances or meet emergencies in a new country as a Canadian or American can. It is no disparagement to the Briton to say this out. It is no fault of his that such is the case. It is a result of his upbringing and his environment. Possibly the new colony will be thoroughly educated and prepared for its future home and business before it starts out. Perhaps it will be placed in the hands of experienced men and hastily instructed in agriculture and climatology. It would be a serious thing to plant a British colony in our Northwest without endowing it with a proper understanding as to the preparations necessary in order to pass with a reasonable degree of comfort and security through the long, severe winter. If the settlers were to be scattered throughout the country they could take text of the doings of their neighbors and learn from them the lessons of experience. But then the advantages and pleasures of congenial society and intercourse would have to be foregone. Life on the prairie must be very monotonous during the long, dreary winter, and it is perhaps quite natural for the stranger to make what provision he can to overcome the natural cravings of the human heart for companionship with those of his own kind and to deaden the intensity of the longings for the old home and friends. The ordinary citizen of this continent, whether abiding north or south of the line, is at home and happy wherever he succeeds in placing himself in prosperous circumstances. The majority of the members of the British colony, after the usual grumblings and invidious comparisons, will settle down to business in the Northwest and become freeholders, well to do and independent, whereas if they had stayed at home they and their descendants would probably have remained dependents through all their generations. But there will be a goodly number who will not be able to accommodate themselves to their new surroundings and will not be satisfied until they get back to the old turf. That is the reason the government agents should be careful to see that the people of the colony are carefully selected. Mistake never makes themselves for their sires. A faulty constitution of society, pernicious industrial conditions and worthless soil are usually assigned for the misfortunes that dog the footsteps of a certain percentage of individuals to the borders of the cemetery.

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CATARRH THIRTY YEARS.

The Remarkable Experience of a Prominent Statesman—Congressman Meekison Gives Pe-ru-na a High Endorsement.

ORE FROM KOOTENAY.

The management of the Crofton smelter is carrying out the announcement made, when the works were established, that it would endeavor to draw ore from every point at all available. Shipments are being made from White Horse and from various Alaska points. The announcement is made that a rate for freight and treatment on Republic camp of \$5.70 a ton is offered. The rate offered by the Graby Company is \$6.50, so that the chances are that ore from that part of the country will find its way to Vancouver Island for treatment.

CROSS BABIES.

How to Make Them Bright, Good Natured and Well. A crying baby is an unwell baby. The little chap is not cross for the fun of it. He cries because that is the only way he has of expressing the fact that he is either in pain or discomfort. Most of his little troubles are due to some disorder of the stomach or bowels and if Baby's Own Tablets are given him they will cure and resulting crossness will disappear. You can take a mother's word for it, and Mrs. John T. Sutherland, of Bismarck, N. B., says: "I think Baby's Own Tablets the best medicine in the world for little ones. My baby was very cross and used to keep me awake half the night before I got the Tablets. Now she sleeps soundly, is good natured and is growing splendidly. You can give these Tablets with perfect safety to a new born babe. They are guaranteed to contain no opiate or poisonous sleepy stuff, and are a sure cure for all the minor ailments from which little ones suffer. Sold by medicine dealers or sent post paid at 25 cents a box by writing direct to the Dr. Williams Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

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WEEKLY MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FAVORS FISH TRAPS

A Strong Resolution Will Be Forwarded Senators and Members of Dominion House of Commons.

There was a good attendance at Friday's meeting of the Chamber of Commerce. The fishing in British Columbia waters was the principal matter for consideration, and a strong resolution in favor of the use of traps was passed.

The chair was occupied by President Beckwith. A number of new applications for membership were read by the secretary and adopted.

Several members of the canvassing committees present reported that the work was progressing favorably, and predicted that at the next meeting there would be quite a budget of applications.

The committee on order of business submitted a satisfactory report which was adopted.

Mr. Kingham reported that the committee on fisheries had met and drafted the following resolution, which it was suggested should be forwarded to Senator Templeman, Senator MacDonald, Senator Reid, Mr. Smith, Mr. P. A. Murray, Mr. P. W. R. G. McPherson, Mr. P. Geo. Riley, M. P., Thos. Earle, M. P., W. A. Gallinger, M. P.

Whereas the great development of the canning industry in the West, and the competition through the cheaper methods of taking salmon;

And whereas the majority of the salmon taken on the Puget Sound passes our coast;

And whereas we believe it to be a great injustice to the people of this province that we are not permitted to use the same methods for salmon fishing;

Now therefore we resolved: That the Victoria Chamber of Commerce deems it absolutely necessary to the welfare of this province that the British subjects to operate traps, patnets and other nets and nets of ganted length in British Columbia waters.

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THE TRIAL SET FOR FOURTH OF MARCH

PARADE TO CHURCH.

Outlook for the Coming Season

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MEN'S, BOYS' AND YOUTHS' Suits, Overcoats, Mackintoshes and Reefers

At Half Price, For Cash, Until After Stock-Taking.

B. WILLIAMS & CO., 68-70 YATES STREET.

The chamber was home industry, which would include manufacturers. He suggested that a committee be appointed to outline a policy along this line.

Mr. Carter moved, seconded by W. K. Houston, that a committee be appointed for the purpose suggested.

The committee selected follows: Messrs. W. K. Houston, Walsh Windle, Mr. Townsley, J. Kingham, H. Smith, J. Grant, A. J. Morley.

Mr. Carter drew attention to the withdrawal of Dun's and Bradstreet's commercial agencies from this city to Vancouver.

The chairman said that an effort had been made to keep Dun's agency by offering a membership of fifty on condition that an office remained here. The proposal had not been accepted.

The meeting then adjourned.

The Chamber court was full to overflowing Saturday morning when the "San Toy" injunction matter came up before Mr. Justice Walkem.

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Local News.

CLEANINGS OF CITY AND PROVINCIAL NEWS IN A CONDENSED FORM.

The wedding was celebrated in Vancouver on Tuesday, the 17th, of Mr. Max Leiser and Mrs. Sophie Leiser, of this city. The ceremony was private, only the relatives and intimate friends of the bride and groom being present.

Joseph Dixon, of Millstream, is evidently bent on exterminating the whole panther family he ran across the other day. He has succeeded in killing three kittens which escaped when their mother was shot, and is now after the male panther. He saw it, but was unable to get a shot.

It will yet be some months before the cement foundations for the new Point Ellice bridge have been completed. Work, however, is going on apace. Piles have been driven for a couple of miles, and when these latter have been adjusted the cement and other filling will be lowered to the proper resting place.

The science department of the High school is indebted to W. P. Best for a collection of specimens of the economic minerals of the southern part of Vancouver Island. Material illustrating the natural resources of this province will be always gratefully received at the High school.

On Thursday at the residence of Capt. Buckman, Montreal street, a party social was given in aid of the St. James church choir fund. There was a good attendance and a pleasant social time was spent. A splendid programme had been prepared, which was thoroughly appreciated. After these proceedings refreshments were served.

Secretary Elworthy, of the board of trade, has received inquiries from Wm. Jackson, of 1,231 East First street, South Butte, Montana, as to the whereabouts of William Dickson, who sixteen years ago was a machinist on H. M. S. Swiftsure. As will be remembered, the Swiftsure was flagship of Rear-Admiral Hezene on the North Pacific station.

Major Dupont, of this city, was in New Westminster on Wednesday to inspect the work of restoring his block which was recently gutted by fire. He is greatly pleased with the progress made. His plans for the building on the opposite corner have not been completed, but it is said that a large hotel will be erected there this summer.

H. P. Bell, C. E., has handed to Secretary Elworthy, of the board of trade, a map showing what he regards as a feasible route for a railway up the centre of the Island. It has been prepared from information which Mr. Bell has gathered from various parties. It runs on the west side of Crown Mountain, starting at Nanaimo and having its northern terminus at Fort Rupert.

It is understood that Work Point is to lose a well known officer in Lieut. G. E. Elliott, R. E., who is reported to have been ordered to the front. He succeeded by Capt. C. H. Vermaere-Burby, R. E., from Bermuda. Lieut. Elliott has been at Work Point a number of years. He is a keen sportsman, having been prominently connected with the hunt club for some time past.

The remains of the late Mrs. Martha Bond were interred Thursday afternoon. The funeral took place from her late residence, No. 94 West street, at 2:30 o'clock. Rev. J. P. Westman conducted services at both the residence and grave. There was a large attendance of sympathizing friends. The pallbearers were Messrs. S. Booth, J. Barnwell, T. Alexander, A. Freeman, N. Berceval and G. Kennell.

The death occurred Thursday at the family residence, 62 Chatham street, of Mrs. Amelia Fraser, relict of the late Paul Fraser, chief factor of the Hudson's Bay Company. Deceased was 59 years of age. She came here after the death of her husband in 1856, and for a number of years lived at Glenary Farm, Methoon. She leaves five sons and three daughters, twenty grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. The funeral will take place at 2 p.m. on Saturday, and at 2:30 from the Reformed Episcopal church.

The Royal Arthur Dramatic Club will give a minstrel entertainment, with the kind permission of the O. C. troops, in the Fives Court, Work Point barracks, at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, the 24th inst. Mrs. Riva's program was presented with latest songs and ballads, together with the old favorite nigger songs and choruses, bright and witty jokes by the end men. Part two will consist of choruses and two sketches: "The Stupid Servant" and "Cupid's Follies" and a patriotic tableau. The admission will be 25 cents. Tickets can be obtained from Hibben & Co. and the R. A. institutes.

There was a large attendance at the Odd Fellows' hall, Spring Hill, Thursday evening, when a musical and dramatic entertainment was given under the auspices of St. Barnabas church. A farce entitled "Chiselling" was presented in excellent style. All parts were taken well, showing particularly good rehearsal on the part of those participating. A good programme of vocal and instrumental selections was also given. T. Hood gave a violin solo, A. Busch a song, Mrs. Riva several piano selections and Rev. Mr. Miller a song, "Asleep in the Deep." The entertainment was brought to a close by the National Anthem.

An entertainment in celebration of the anniversary of the Rev. R. B. Blyth's term as pastor of the Congregational church was held Thursday. The pastor presided, and the following programme was rendered: Hymn 140 (S. and S.); prayer; vocal solo, Miss Bernice Scovort; recitation, Miss Busby; speech, Mr. Carter; vocal duo, Misses Howell and Scovort; violin solo, Master Alfred Sprague; vocal duo, Miss

Scovort; speech, by Mr. Howell; vocal solo, Mrs. Waring; reading, Miss Sprague; address, the pastor; vocal duo, Messrs. Firth and Sprague; doxology, "Praise God From Whom, etc.," benediction. During the evening refreshments were served.

The honorary treasurer of the Provincial Jubilee hospital acknowledges with thanks the receipt of the annual donation of \$10 from Wm. Atkins, Beach Cottage, Dallas road.

Wm. Bell Charters, aged 76 years, and a native of Nova Scotia, died on Monday at his home in Sooke. Deceased leaves a widow, one son and six daughters. The funeral is arranged for Monday at 2 p.m. Rev. Mr. Clifford will conduct the services.

George Petherick, a native of Cornwall, England, aged 64 years, died early on Saturday at the family residence, 30 Bay street. The deceased leaves a widow and one child. The funeral takes place on Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the residence, and at 2:45 at St. John's church.

The lecture announced for Tuesday evening in St. Andrew's church by Rev. R. G. McBeth, of Vancouver, on the Northwest rebellion of 1855 is sure to attract an audience that will fill the room. Mr. McBeth served as a lieutenant throughout the rebellion, was at times under fire, and took copious notes of his experience, which he has elaborated into the lecture announced.

R. L. Borden has written to Mr. Harris as follows: "Will you permit me to offer you my sincere and hearty congratulations on the splendid work which you are doing in organizing the Cycle Meet, etc. I am sure that you and that our people appreciate your efforts, and that you will receive, as you certainly deserve, the hearty thanks as well as the support of all patriotic Canadians."

No. 5 Company, Fifth Regiment, held its annual smoker in No. 1 room, O. D. W. hall, Friday evening. The commanding officer of the regiment, Capt. Hall, was present and gave an address. The comic song, "Cut Out San Toy," given by Corp. Handley, was much enjoyed. Gr. G. Boorman, R. A., acted as pianist during the evening. A very pleasant evening was spent in spite of the fact that many of the members of the company did not attend.

The field gun drill competition on Wednesday night between detachments from Nos. 1 and 2 companies did not by any means settle the rivalry between the two companies. As will be remembered, No. 1 company was awarded the first prize, but the men of No. 2 are certain that they can turn the tables, and they want another trial. It is said they talk darkly of "greased drag ropes," etc., and that they are present indications the contest will be a hot one. It will take place at one of the band concerts.

Rowland Brittain, patent attorney, of Vancouver, sends the following abstract from the official gazette of the United States patent office for the week ending Tuesday, February 10th, 1903: "The subject of this week 570 patents were issued, 514 being citizens of the United States; Argentina, 1; Austria, 1; Canada, 8; Great Britain, 22; France, 3; Germany, 18; Netherlands, 1; Romania, 1; Sweden, 1; Switzerland, 1; Transvaal, 1; Turkey, 1; and Victoria, Australia, 1. Turkey, 1, and Victoria, Australia, 1. There were issued this week to British Columbia inventors."

The St. William Wallace Society held their annual gathering in the Royal Cafe on Friday. A splendid dinner was served. To make the meal especially enjoyable, the members of the society, including the men of the "Haggis," was included in the menu. The dinner was enjoyed by those present. While the fish was being served the society's piper honored the occasion by a pibroch. After the dinner a big game of dominoes was played, and a list was gone through with Chas. Mowat presiding, the vice chair being occupied by Chieflain Cruickshank. Songs and stories related of the heather were interspersed among the speeches. The singing of "Auld Lang Syne" brought an enjoyable evening to a close.

A farewell entertainment in honor of Messrs. S. W. Lorne and W. E. Lovoy, who are leaving for Adm. A. J. Power Company, was held at St. James' church on Thursday evening. A pleasing evening was spent by the present, games first being indulged in followed by a short but excellent programme. Messrs. Taylor and Harris made the addresses. Miss Lawson and Messrs. Schroeder and Spradling gave readings, and addresses were delivered by Rev. W. Leslie Clark, Rev. J. W. Scott and W. A. Lorrimer. Messrs. Lorrimer and Lovoy were presented with suitable tokens of the esteem in which many friends. They acknowledged the presentation in a few well chosen words.

The city council had a double session Thursday afternoon and evening. The afternoon session was given up to the consideration of the city's finances, while that of the evening was a meeting of the streets, sewers and bridges committee. Prior to the latter Vice-President Wood, of the Victoria Terminal Railway Company, addressed the board in affirming the statement contained in the Times regarding the fact that the company was prepared to allow the corporation a year's notice in taking over the fire hall portion of the market building, and compelling it to vacate No. 100, however, was taken by the council until the board receives the reports from the city solicitor bearing on the legality of the company's claim for the building.

Next Saturday evening the letter carriers of Victoria will make their debut as public entertainers. Being under the patronage of Sir Henri Belgodan, the Bishop of Columbia, the Mayor, it starts under very favorable auspices. The cause to which the funds are to be devoted is very worthy. Under the new Post Office act no provision is made for the letter carriers' pay being continued during sickness, the men only being paid for the actual time they work, and the carriers have, therefore, decided to establish a fund from which assistance can be given

to any of their number in case of sickness. The chair will be taken by H. Dallas Helmeck, M. P., and the programme, which will be published later, will consist of a performance by the Victoria West Dramatic Club, and songs and recitations by well known talent.

A post office has been opened at Silver Creek with Mrs. C. C. Johnston in charge. Donald post office has been closed.

On Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock the Ministering League of the King's Daughters will meet for needle work at the residence of Mrs. Shaw, 18 Michigan street.

James Dunsinuir has presented the Nanaimo Agricultural Society with twenty acres of land for exhibition purposes. It is on Newcastle townsite, and will be selected by the society from his land.

The regular monthly meeting of Post No. 1, Native Sons of British Columbia, will be held on Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock in the K. of P. hall. After the installation of officers. A supper will be given, followed by a musical concert.

Quite a crowd took in the concert at the drill hall on Saturday night. An excellent programme was rendered by the band, which attracted a large attendance. The basketball teams of the Fifth Regiment and the Sixth Regiment, D. O. C., of Vancouver, engaged in a struggle for supremacy.

All are cordially invited to the social meeting of the Epworth League of the Metropolitan Methodist church, next Monday night, which will go by the name of "The Epworth Social." An excellent programme will be rendered, including the "Old Favorite" song. "Well Have to Mortgage the Farm." No admission charge.

A. M. B. Gordon on Friday awarded the contract to erect a modern six-roomed house on the Work estate to Messrs. Moore & Whittington, contractors. In addition the firm are at present building a residence for Mr. Nicholson, G. D. Dye, P. T. Whittington, two houses at Victoria West, and have a large force of men at the Chemical works.

The directors of the Bank of B. N. A. have resolved to declare, subject to audit, at the meeting of proprietors to be held on the 27th March, a dividend free of income tax, payable 2nd April, of fifty cents per share, being at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum, transferring \$25,000 to reserve fund and carrying forward about \$4,000 to the new account.

T. H. MacDonald has resigned the management of the British Iron Works, which position he held but a few weeks. Mr. MacDonald was appointed in succession to Mr. Seabrook, and came here from Chicago. He left for Seattle on Friday. The management of the institution is without a regular manager, the directors having not yet met to appoint a man to fill the place. The reason for his resignation Mr. MacDonald declined to discuss.

The remains of the late Daniel McBrady were laid to rest on Saturday. The funeral took place from the residence, 401 West street, at 10 o'clock, and at the Roman Catholic cathedral at 9:30, where requiem mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Leterme, who also conducted the funeral service at the grave. There were a large attendance of friends and many beautiful floral designs. The following acted as pallbearers: Messrs. M. Steele, H. O'Leary, A. Keast, A. Bantly, W. Baines and E. J. Blaquiere.

A serious accident occurred on Saturday evening, the victim of which was Mrs. George Mowat. As far as can be ascertained Mrs. Mowat in getting off the 6:15 p.m. Fort Street car fell, the car not being quite stopped. She was caught under the step and crushed so severely as to result in the breaking of a collar bone and several ribs. Medical assistance was called, and the injured lady was removed to her residence, Meira street. She is resting easily, and is expected to recover.

The subject of the lecture to be given at the Victoria theatre next Thursday evening is "The increasing interest in many progressive thinkers, and a rare intellectual treat is promised all who attend. Mr. Norton lectured at the Marquand Grand, Portland, on the 8th inst. to an audience that did not have standing space, many being turned away for want of room. He lectured at Seattle yesterday, and comes from there to Victoria. Those who enjoy a good lecture will not be disappointed in listening to Mr. Norton on Thursday evening. No admission fee will be charged.

In the police court on Monday Robert Grimes and Ah Sam, a Chinese domestic employed in a house on lower Chatham street, were charged with fighting. They were arrested shortly after 5 o'clock last evening by Sergeant Redgrave, who saw them engaged in a lively combat when he arrived on the scene. The Chinaman was tenaciously clinging to Grimes while the latter was just as affectionately hugging the Oriental, occasionally planting a love tap on his face. The Chinaman shed groans in profusion, but the sergeant had little difficulty in breaking his hold. The white man, however, was more determined to hold on and in sounding the chains and approaching as his constituency is concerned Canadianism is steadily growing, being much stronger to-day than it was two years ago. Further he contends that the inhabitants of Vancouver will be by no means displeased to transfer their allegiance to this country, realizing that the effect upon trade would be most beneficial. Several American business men here have expressed themselves in these terms to himself.

New York, Feb. 23.—Princess Djemil Toussein, sister of the Khedive and wife of Prince Djemil Toussein, recently had an unsuccessful attempt at self-destruction by taking poison, says the Herald's Cairo correspondent. The act is said to have been prompted by jealousy. The Princess subsequently left Egypt on board one of the royal yachts, refusing to see her husband, Her Highness went by way of Trieste to Vienna, where it is said she is about to wed an Austrian count. A divorce has already been granted.

PACIFIC COMPANY BUYS SARETA MINE

HOMER SWANEY HAS MADE LAST PAYMENT

Smelter Will Probably Be Built for the Treatment of Ore During Coming Year.

Homes Swaney's Company, the Pacific Steel Corporation, has purchased the Sareta mine near the Alberni canal, and may erect a smelter on the West Coast during the coming year. This transaction establishes beyond a doubt the importance of the West Coast iron properties. Mr. Swaney has not acquired the property in question without thoroughly testing its value. For some years he has had an option on the property, and during that time has made these works and the smelter that is to be built on the property a good one.

The Sareta property was staked by John Braden, the late mine owner, together with other claims in that vicinity, including the Copper Island mine. Mr. Braden had the greater faith in the future of the propositions and others became interested in the matter with him. Capt. Thomas joined him in the ownership of the Sareta claim.

After fully investigating the value of the mine by actual work upon it, Mr. Swaney to-day made his last payment of \$25,000 on it, and the property passes into the hands of the Pacific Steel Company. The sum paid is believed to have reached the sum of well on to \$100,000. When the smelter is acquired an option on the property there was almost nothing done on the claim. He was impressed with the showing and has steadily pushed development work on it, driving shafts to a distance of 400 feet into the mountain. The ore has proved very valuable, and Mr. Swaney pronounces it the best in the Pacific coast. It is free of sulphur compounds, and in consequence is easily smelted. This is important, as the other magnetic iron ore found on the Island has required fluxes in order that the sulphur might be burned out.

The intention of the company is to proceed at once with the construction of a wharf, bunkers and tramline to convey the ore from the mine to Christie Bay, where it may be shipped to the Ironside smelter. The new smelter will be about one mile from the mine, and an electric trolley will approximately reach \$30,000. The same company control the Copper Island property and the Sechart claims.

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Ex-Speaker Higgins ridiculed the statement as showing how utterly ignorant the author of it must be of the true condition which are the antithesis of those which he describes.

Other citizens without a single exception condemned the statement as devoid of a semblance of the truth. On the Coast Canadianism is stronger to-day than ever in the history of the province, and the same is true of interior points. As it is not known that Mr. Gordon has been to British Columbia recently it is presumed that he must have been misled by others.

NEW TOURIST HOTEL TO BE ERRECTED AT Oak Bay, to Replace the Mount Baker—Tenders Will Soon Be Called.

In spite of the discouragements surrounding the initial work, Victoria is to have another Mt. Baker hotel. The public are more or less familiar with the negotiations which have gone on with the tramway people, Spokane parties and others, with the object of replacing the late tourist resort which was burnt down last year. These negotiations miscarried to some extent, but Victoria will have a hotel there in spite of all obstacles which have arisen, and it will be under the management of Mr. Virtue, who suffered so severely by reason of the burning of the former house.

The new house will not be as elaborate nor as expensive as the old one, and will not, in all probability, exceed the \$25,000, but it will provide for immediate tourist requirements, and will be capable of expansion as necessity demands. The financial arrangements have been completed in regard to the plans, and tenders will be called for in the future. The new house will occupy the same site as the old one, and the appointments throughout will be of the most modern kind.

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NORTH VICTORIA ELECTION CASE

SPIRITED PARRYING BETWEEN LEGAL LIGHTS. Mr. Duff Contents That the First Proclamation Calling House Should Have Been Cancelled.

The Chamber court was again the scene of a spirited argument this morning, when the matter of North Victoria election petition came up before Mr. Justice Walkem. As announced on Saturday, R. Cassidy, K. C., applied for an order fixing the date of trial, and T. M. Miller, for Mr. Peterson, asked to have the summons adjourned until to-day, so that L. P. Duff, K. C., who was counsel in the case, might be able to argue it. Part of the summons, viz., an application for discovery, was adjourned, but the date of trial was fixed for March 2nd. The respondent's counsel thereupon obtained a special sitting of the Full court for to-morrow to hear an appeal against this order. But when the adjourned part of the summons came on for trial, the respondent's counsel argued that the respondent should be allowed to amend his petition, and that he had been under a misapprehension on Saturday when he fixed the day for trial, as he had understood the application to be for a special sitting, not knowing there was any question of a special sitting, and he therefore preferred to reopen the whole matter afresh. This decision didn't appear to suit the views of Mr. Cassidy, and some decided heated remarks were indulged in by all parties for a time. His Lordship finally rebuking Mr. Cassidy for remarks which he termed "most imprudent." After no small amount of cross-firing had been indulged in, counsel settled down to the argument of the points involved, and this was not concluded when court adjourned for lunch, and is still proceeding as we go to press.

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THE LEAGUE OF TWELVE

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Author of "Dr. Nikola," "Marriage of Esther," "The Egyptian," "Long Live King," "My Indian Queen," etc., etc.

CHAPTER XII.—Continued. Feeling that on this occasion it would be better to enter into more particulars concerning himself, and his reason being in Spain, Jack gave him a realizing view with whom he had to do his standing in the country.

"In what way can I be of service to you?" Tollington inquired. "It is most happy to help you in any way I can."

"You are very good," Jack replied, "but the cigar that was offered him, and I will only too gladly myself of the privilege you offer me, if you permit me I will tell you I am here."

"Pray do not trouble to do that, merchant replied, politely. "It is sufficient for me to know your name, that you are an Englishman. No, me what I can do for you."

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BOTH SENTENCED TO PENITENTIARY

PENALTY INFLICTED ON STONE AND MOORE

They Plead Guilty to Serious Crimes Including Highway Robbery—Terms of Years.

Severe penalties were inflicted on Geo. Stone and Frank Moore by Magistrate Hall in the police court Friday morning. The former will serve five years in the provincial penitentiary and the latter three years. They pleaded guilty to four crimes, namely, stealing from a trunk belonging to Mrs. Whiteley, stealing from M. R. Smith & Co., stealing from the Lighthouse saloon, and highway robbery from the person of Ah Due, a Chinese domestic. The last crime, of course, was the most serious of the lot, and it was for this that Stone was banished to the penitentiary for five years and Moore for two years less. For the other offences they were both sentenced to months' imprisonment, but these terms will run concurrently with the others.

The other day when charged with the theft of clothes from the Lighthouse saloon both pleaded guilty. Stone was deferred until this morning because the police had other charges to lay against the prisoners. To-day they faced the three additional counts, the most serious being read last. Stone pleaded guilty to the first two and Moore admitted his guilt on the charge of highway robbery. Stone pleaded not guilty and the prosecution proceeded with its case. King's evidence was given by Emil Oleson, an accomplice, who had not yet fifteen years of age. He told a story damning to the cause of Stone. He stated that on the night of January the 17th he met Stone and Moore and showed them a revolver. The former said it would be a good thing to hold up Chinamen with, and suggested that they try it. They went to the corner of Kane and Quadra streets and Ah Due stepped along. Moore held the revolver to the Celestial's head while Stone shoved him against the fence and demanded his money. The frightened Chinaman said he had a key, and Stone went through his pockets and took a purse which contained a key and sixty cents. The purse and key were returned.

The prosecution then called upon Moore to testify, but at this juncture Stone testified to the chief that he wanted to change his plea to guilty. In doing so he denied that he had suggested the robbery. As a matter of fact he said it had been planned by Oleson, who had repeatedly urged it upon himself and Moore. Oleson's attention was drawn to Stone's allegations and he gave them an emphatic denial. He had not planned the robbery and he had not suggested it was laughing, as he thought it a good joke. He admitted having been in court before.

The magistrate warned him that this wasn't a laughing matter. Highway robbery was a serious crime, the penalty for which was life imprisonment and a whipping. He pointed out to Oleson that he had made a bad start in life and would have to change his manner of living or he would end up in the penitentiary, and possibly on the gallows. It was terrible for a boy not fifteen years of age to start out life with highway robbery, and warned the lad that he would not escape prosecution the next time he committed crime.

The chief explained that he would have prosecuted Oleson but spared him in consideration of his giving King's evidence. He concluded that it was better that one guilty person should escape than three. As to the others, they had pleaded guilty to four charges. There were six more they could prefer against them, including burglary, but they wouldn't press them in view of the prisoners' admission of guilt in the other cases. The chief further pointed out that Stone was considerably the elder of the two, and had served a term in Winipeg. The other prisoner, Moore, was only nineteen years of age, was practically without parents, and had been allowed to wander upon the coast, committing such an extent that he easily succumbed to the temptation to go wrong. He asked the magistrate to be more lenient with him than with Stone.

In sentencing Stone the magistrate admonished him strongly and said he intended to punish him severely for two reasons, firstly, that the lesson would teach him to change his ways, and, secondly, that society might be protected. He read from the code showing that the prisoner was liable to life imprisonment and a whipping. He then sentenced him to five years' imprisonment for highway robbery, and six months each for the other charges, the terms to run concurrently.

In sentencing Moore the magistrate said the foregoing remarks applied to him also. It was a pity a lad of his age should be convicted of such a serious charge. In consideration of his youth, however, he would deal more leniently with him. Moore was then sentenced to three years for highway robbery and six months each for the other crimes, the sentences, as in Stone's case, to run concurrently.

The discovery of the crimes of which the two were guilty, their arrest and conviction, reflect no little credit on Sergeant Palmer and Constable Carlow, who had the matter in hand. They succeeded in recovering a great deal of stolen property and teaching the shabby folk that their depredations can only be carried on in this city at great risk to themselves.

STORMY PASSAGE.

New York, Feb. 21.—The steamer Brooklyn City, which arrived here to-day from Bristol and Swansea, reports unusual stormy weather during the voyage. The steamer was 28 days making the passage.

LARGEST LINER AFOAAT.

White Star Steamer Cedric Has Arrived at New York—Something About the Vessel.

New York, Feb. 20.—The White Star steamer Cedric, from Liverpool and Queenstown, has arrived off Nantuxet lightship.

The White Star line steamer Cedric, the largest merchant vessel in the world, left Liverpool on February 11th on her maiden voyage across the Atlantic, under command of Lieut. Haddock, R. N., R. C. B.

The Cedric is 700 feet in extreme length, 75 feet in beam, 49.4 feet moulded depth, with a gross tonnage of 21,000 tons, and a displacement of 28,500 tons. The vessel has four masts and two funnels, the height of the latter being 131 feet above the keel, and their diameter 14 feet 3 inches.

The Cedric has accommodation for 250 first saloon, 250 second saloon and about 2,000 third class passengers, in addition to a crew of 335 men, 92 of whom are in the engine-room.

The external dimensions of the Cedric are identical with those of the Celtic, but by reason of structural differences to provide increased passenger accommodation, the gross tonnage of the former vessel has been slightly increased.

The propelling machinery consists of two sets of quadruple expansion engines driving twin propellers. There are eight double ended steel boilers capable of working to a pressure of 210 lbs. to the square inch, and the vessel is designed to attain a speed of about 17 knots at sea. She has nine decks, is built on the cellular double bottom principle, and is divided into numerous watertight compartments, exceeding all official requirements, that a maximum of security is obtained.

Later on in the spring the Cedric will take her place along with the Celtic, Cyonic and Arabic, the last named of other large new vessels now nearing completion for the White Star fleet, in the weekly Friday service from Liverpool to New York, calling at Queenstown. With the advent of the Cedric, the White Star line has the distinction of possessing the two largest vessels in the world, and the former distinction of owning thirteen vessels exceeding 10,000 tons. The average of the thirteen reaching the huge figure of 13,841 tons. With the Arabic there will be included in the White Star fleet of twenty-eight vessels not less than twenty-three modern twin-screw steamers, all of the highest class.

WOODEN BLOCKS.

Inquiries Received From Shanghai Where Large Quantities Will Be Used.

The following communication from the Eastern Trading Company, Shanghai, had been received by the department of agriculture with a request that its contents be made known to those interested: "Our council has decided to lay down a system of tramways, and we hear privately that in the course of about two or three months tenders for wooden blocks 8x3x3 will be required, and the wood to resemble Shifan as much as possible. This wood being so well known you will not require any explanation, but most of the supplies for this market now come from North Borneo.

"We are unable to give you any exact amount that will be wanted, but our informant told the writer that it would run into several shipment, seeing that the 28 miles to be laid out would cut blocks cheaper in this country owing to the cheapness of labor. We forward this information at once as it is received by us, and anything further that comes to our notice we will write you again. We should like quotations c.i.f. Shanghai, either at per ton or per 1,000 blocks, at the same time if you quote per thousand it will be advisable to know the weight of 1,000 blocks.

"Kindly give us full particulars as to the time that you can deliver the goods provided we can place the contract."

"We shall be required to give, say, for 30 to 50 days' credit to the contractor on this side, and if business results we shall be prepared to accept your bills drawn up as at 60 or 90 days' sight. If necessary we could arrange for you to draw upon the contractors direct, you to simply pay us a commission of say 2 1/2 per cent. for our trouble; we should then act as your agents.

"We have been asked by a large builder in this city if there is any possibility of our being able to get from your country tree tops about 1 ft. to 1 1/2 ft. in diameter, which would be used for native buildings. If you can assist us in this matter we shall be obliged, and shall be glad to hear at what price you can lay them down at our port of Shanghai, and in what quantities, say minimum for first shipment."

ORANGE GRAND LODGE.

Election of Officers—Next Session at Ladner.

The Orange Grand Lodge concluded its thirteenth annual session at Vancouver on Thursday. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: Grand master, Bro. R. Bell, of Kamloops; deputy grand master, Bros. T. Duke, Vancouver; junior deputy grand master, Bro. J. Wallace, Victoria; grand chaplain, Rev. J. Reid, Nelson, re-elected; grand secretary, Bro. E. Duns, Mission City; deputy grand secretary, Bro. J. Walsley, Vancouver, re-elected; grand treasurer, Bro. J. J. Tull, Vancouver; grand lecturer, Bro. W. Dunlop, New Westminster; grand director of ceremonies, Bro. N. Wood, New Westminster; bon. grand chaplain, Rev. Dr. Reid, Victoria, re-elected.

HOUSE MEETS ON SECOND OF APRIL

GOVERNMENT WANTS TIME TO GET READY

Provincial Secretary Goes Fully Into the Matter of Deadman's Island at Campaign Meeting.

The government has seen fit to alter the date for the assembling of the House. It is now announced to meet for the transaction of business on April 2nd instead of March 12th. This change was announced in last evening's Gazette.

The reason assigned by the government for thus pushing back the calling together of the assembly is the lack of time to get the business ready for the assembling next month.

The campaign now being conducted in West Yale has been a warm one. Provincial Secretary McInnes a few evenings ago went fully into the Deadman's Island question. He is reported to have given the following account of the government's position on the matter: "Mr. McBride contended that it had been granted to Mr. Ludgate at the rental of only \$500 a year, which was a complete give away. Mr. McInnes explained that the principal object of the government was to get the immediate working of this property they could only grant the lease to Mr. Ludgate. Otherwise, if they gave a lease to another person it would stop the development of a splendid industry for at least two years. The policy of the government was to see the province developed, and they endorsed Ludgate's lease so that no matter who held the suit, the industry would not be delayed. The rental of \$500 per annum was only nominal, he agreed, but it was as much as the Dominion government put in their lease, and the province added a most important stipulation. It was this, that no Chinese or Japanese be employed in the sawmill, but it must be conducted entirely by white labor. This was more valuable than the rental in fact Mr. Ludgate had said if they would cancel this condition he would pay \$5,000 a year, but they refused, considering that a provision for non-employment of this kind was more beneficial than a few thousand dollars in the treasury. Besides this, the capacity of the mill was such that the province would get \$40,000 a year in stumpage tax. The mill would be going at least two years earlier by this prompt action than otherwise, which would give the province \$80,000. This of itself would make a good rental. Eight hundred thousand dollars for the twenty years the lease would run would be \$40,000 a year. Who was opposing this lease? The Bank of Montreal, the Hastings Sawmill, the C. P. R. The sawmill company naturally opposed it to be because it was a conflicting industry, and especially a sawmill run by white labor, because it would at once give the lie to their claim that they could not run their mill without Chinese. The C. P. R. owned all the waterfront of Vancouver harbor except this small piece, and they didn't want opposition. The Bank of Montreal were really the proprietors of the Hastings Sawmill. From these three sources the opposition to the lease sprang. There was really no objection to it on public grounds, but, on the contrary, the very highest reasons of public policy why it should be executed at once."

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HOTEL BURNED.

Another Fire at Fairview—Damage Amounts to \$3,000.

A fire occurred in the Richmond hotel, Fairview, on Saturday night, February 14th, during the progress of a dance. The party was indulging in supper about 11:30 p.m. when a crackling noise was heard upstairs, and it was found that the roof was on fire near the barroom stovepipe. It is supposed that the dancing had shaken the pipe till it telescoped and thus got free from the roof cap.

The guests lost their cloaks and hats. Before water could be obtained the whole building was in flames, and a baby upstairs was nearly burned, the adjoining bed being on fire when the child was rescued.

The building was owned by George Shurson, and is totally destroyed. The loss is stated to be \$3,000; insurance amounts to only \$600.—Vernon News.

WILL VISIT AMERICA.

Liverpool, Feb. 21.—Anthony Hope will be a passenger on the Cunard line steamer Campania, which sails to-day for New York.

PRaise FOR LOCAL FIRMS.

Trade Journal Commends Local Engravers and Printers.

The Inland Printer, representing the most modern ideas in art, refers to the publication of the pamphlet "Picturesque Victoria" as follows: "Picturesque Victoria," a 32-page pamphlet describing, in an artistic and commercial city of the Canadian far west, comes from the Times, Victoria, B. C. Its fine half tone are well printed in black, the text is in another color, and altogether it is a job which more pretentious offices in the East would have had work in equalling. A lithographed cover of appropriate design and a folding map in the back add to the attractiveness and value of the work."

VICTORIA DRIVING CLUB ORGANIZED

Enthusiastic Meeting Held at Tourist Association Rooms Last Evening—Officers Elected.

The Tourist Association rooms were filled on Thursday on the occasion of the meeting of those interested in the incorporation of a Victoria Driving Club. The interest taken in this move, both by those directly interested in horses and other citizens, was shown by the enthusiastic marking the proceedings. In opening the meeting the principal objects of the organization were outlined. It was pointed out that the main intention of the club was to encourage everything pertaining to horse racing and racing in this city. The main object would be to hold bi-monthly amateur meets, thereby creating a healthy local interest in the raising of well bred animals, and also providing a Saturday afternoon attraction. The members of the association were confined to only those directly interested in horses or horse racing. The idea was that the club should be a direct benefit to the city as a whole, and on these grounds the support and co-operation of all well-wishers of the city's welfare was solicited. The chair was occupied by J. H. Greer, and the first business was the reading of the draft constitution of the club. These were adopted with no alterations.

The election of officers then took place. On motion of W. McKoon, Premier of the club, the following were elected: association and Richard Hall, M. P. P., by the unanimous vote of the meeting, was selected as honorary vice-president. Dr. H. H. McInnes was elected president. Dr. H. H. McInnes, J. H. Greer, Green second vice-president, A. E. Wade treasurer and D. A. Upper secretary. The election of a committee of management resulted as follows: Geo. Wynne, Dr. H. H. McInnes, W. J. Tormie, W. J. McKoon, Dr. S. F. Tormie, E. C. Davies and S. White.

The chairman reported that \$300 had already been subscribed in \$5 lots, and that the meeting had been a most successful one. He announced that the capital of the association had been fixed at \$10,000.

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DETAILS OF ACCIDENT.

Motorman Was Unable to Stop Car Which Was Out in Two by Express.

Newark, N. J., Feb. 19.—Eight children were killed and a score or more injured in an accident to-day when the fast express on the Lackawanna railroad cut through a trolley car crowded with school children. The motorman of the car, who struck his post, will die, and the engineer of the express was so badly hurt that there is little hope of his recovery.

Both the express and the trolley were on a steep grade going at right angles. The express was signalled and the crossing gates were lowered, while the trolley car was yet half way down the hill. The motorman shut off the power and applied the brakes, but almost immediately the car began to slip along the icy rails. It gained tremendous momentum, and at the bottom of the hill crashed through the gates directly in the track of the oncoming train. The locomotive ploughed its way through the trolley car, throwing the children in every direction. The accident happened within three blocks of the High school building, and in the car at the time were nearly 100 pupils. As many as 30 others had managed to throw themselves from the car before the crash came.

The trolley was one of the specials which every day bring the children to school. It had more than its ordinary load to-day owing to the cold. It contained every child that could squeeze inside and other stood on the rear platform.

The pilot of the engine struck almost in the centre of the car and turned it partly around and then cut it in two. The upper part was reduced to fragments under the drivers. One half was thrown to one side and lay on the tracks.

SCORES OF BIRDS OF BRILLIANT PLUMAGE

Fourth Annual Masquerade of the Fraternal Order of Eagles a Grand Success.

Several hundred merry-makers enjoyed themselves at the fourth annual masquerade ball of the Fraternal Order of Eagles Thursday. The assembly hall, in which the event was held, presented a brilliant appearance, the effect of the decorations which had remained in place since the Native Sons' ball being heightened by the bewildering variety of costumes worn by the dancers. The ordinary mind conceives of no era of history, profession or occupation which do not have its costumed representative, and in every particular the disguises were triumphs of skill and artistic taste. To enumerate them is impossible. The only adequate description is the statement that the event was thoroughly successful. The arrangements had been elaborately made and faithfully carried out, and surely the committee in charge when they saw the splendid fruition of their labors must have felt sufficiently rewarded. The committees were composed of the following: General Committee—Chairman, H. W. F. Benson; secretary, J. W. Sexton; treasurer, M. O'Keefe; D. T. Barnhart, Geo. W. Wood, W. E. Wheeler, Jos. Wächter and F. V. Robertson. Reception Committee—Thos. Watson, Dr. J. Gibbs, Dr. M. P. Lucas, Wm. Harrison, E. Geiger and J. Teague, jr. Floor Committee—L. Oliver, F. J. Sheppard and H. L. Genke, jr. Refreshment Committee—W. E. Wheeler, D. T. Barnhart. Supper Committee—George W. Wood and J. W. Sexton.

The judges to whom was allotted the delicate task of selecting the prize winners was composed of Mayor McCandless and Messrs. Richard Hall, M. P. P., W. H. Price, Benson, Peters and Sexton, who made the following awards:

Best Costumed Lady Masker—Mrs. J. Oliver, first prize, a handsome silver case, value \$50, presented by Wm. Bruce, Miss Emily Hall, as a fairly good prize, a pair of five glove leather gloves, value \$10, presented by J. H. Greer, and a pair of "Original Lady Character" gloves, value \$10, presented by J. H. Greer.

Best Original Character, representing any business firm or trade—Lady, Miss Blondine Johnson, as "Ice Cream Parlor," value \$10, presented by J. H. Greer.

Best Original Character, representing any profession—Lady, Miss M. Murphy, as "Checkers," value \$5, presented by J. H. Greer.

Best Original Character, representing a trade or profession—Lady, Mrs. L. O'Keefe, as "Electricity," value \$5, presented by J. H. Greer.

Best Original Character—Lady, Mrs. P. Shandley, "Organ Grinder," value \$5, presented by J. H. Greer.

Best Original Character—Lady, Mrs. H. Penketh, as "Courtier," value \$5, presented by J. H. Greer.

Best Original Character—Lady, Mrs. J. Bruce, as "A Scotsman," value \$5, presented by J. H. Greer.

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NOTICE
IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.
In the Matter of the Title of Victoria Lodge, No. 1, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, to Parts of Lots 405 and 406, According to the Official Map of the City of Victoria, British Columbia. And in the Matter of the "Quieting Titles Act."

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Cyrus H. Bowes,
CHEMIST,
88 Government St., Near Yates St.
TELEPHONE 425.

NOTICE
Thirty days after date I intend to apply to the Honorable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a license to prospect for coal on 640 acres of land situated on the north side of Quinsno Sound, commencing at a post on the beach marked E. Lawson, S. E. Corner, and running thence south 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence east 80 chains more or less.
Dated at Quinsno this 27th day of December, 1902.
EMANUEL LAWSON.

NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that 60 (sixty) days from date I intend to apply to the Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described tract of land: Commencing at a post marked "M. J. N. W. Corner," thence east 40 chains, thence north 40 chains, thence west 40 chains to the shore line of Work's Canal, thence north along the shore line to point of commencement, containing 180 acres more or less.
MOSES JOHNSON.
Port Simpson, B. C., January 30th, 1903.

PRINTING PRESS FOR SALE—The Ottel press, on which the Daily Times was printed for several years, and which is 22 1/2 inches and in every respect the press is in first-class condition. Very suitable for small daily or weekly concerns. It cost \$1,200; will be sold for \$600 cash.
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FOUR MAIL CLERKS BURNED TO DEATH

SEVERAL RAILWAY CARS WERE DESTROYED
The Unfortunate Men Were Unable to Escape—A Number of Others Were Injured.

Cleveland, O., Feb. 24.—As a result of a head-on collision between a round passenger train and an east-bound freight train last night, four mail clerks were burned to death and several trainmen were more or less severely hurt. All the injured are in a hospital in Cleveland. It is reported that passengers were hurt. The passenger train was well equipped with fire extinguishers and many of the passengers were superintendents and teachers on their way to Cincinnati to attend a meeting of school directors and teachers in that city. The unfortunate mail clerks caught like rats in a trap within a car when it caught fire, and being cut in, were unable to release themselves. The scene of the wreck is but a few miles west of the city of Cleveland and relief was started out immediately. The hearing of the wreck from this city is expected to be held in Cleveland. The injuries to the train crew consisted mostly of cuts and bruises, are not considered serious. All but one of the cars of the passenger train were destroyed by fire, which probably resulted from the overturning and explosion of oil lamps in the express and baggage cars.

C. P. ON ATLANTIC.
The Advent of the Company Will Well Received.

Montreal, Feb. 24.—A special car from London to-day says: "The C. P. R. purchase of the Eastern Express is well received here. Arthur Piers, Canadian Pacific steamship superintendent, has gone to London to make the necessary arrangements to enable the service to begin the opening of navigation. It is understood Montreal will be a Canadian terminus. Montreal will be certainly be one of the British ports, other two will probably be Glasgow, London or Bristol. Little doubt is entertained in well-informed quarters that the Canadian Pacific will stand the best chance for the fast new service."

BANDITS ORGANIZING.
Report That Large Force Is Preparing to Attack Town.

Vienna, Feb. 22.—It is reported that the Macedonian leader, Boris Saffar, has had organized within the past few days several bands of well-equipped Bulgarian bandits in Macedonia, consisting of about 250 men. The Neue Freie Presse learns that 4,000 armed Macedonians are concentrated near the celebrated Rila monastery, forty miles from Sofia, and are preparing to attack the town of Melnik, the Turkish province of Seres. There is an unconfirmed rumor that the Albanians have attacked the Roman consul at Mitrovetza, the key.

KILLED BY HIS SON.
The Family Say the Boy Was Acting in Self