

ESQUIMALT WILL TAKE \$3,000,000 DRY DOCK

OLD COUNCIL LIKELY TO BE A COMMISSION

This Is Understood to Be Government's Solution of the Difficulty—Decision to Be Made To-Day.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

A commission consisting of the members of council elected last month, to govern the capital city until a new council has been elected.

A revision of the municipal voters lists by an independent court of revision, probably of lawyers, to be completed at an early date.

This is generally understood across the bay—where the centre of interest in the civic situation has shifted to—be the most likely solution of the difficulty into which the city has been plunged by the unseating of the mayor and the decision of the aldermen to run no risks but resign at once.

During the last twenty-four hours there has been a deal of talk of a commission of three being entrusted with the task of governing the city until a new council was appointed—and perhaps for the balance of the year. Several triumvirates were named, any one of which would have inspired public confidence, but it can be stated on most reliable information that Premier McBride, who was in conference with the other city members this morning, flatly refuses to make such an appointment. It is understood that he is in favor of the course mentioned above, and that he has secured the support of the other three city members.

It is said that the voters' lists would be revised and made to conform strictly with the municipal law by a commission of lawyers, who would be given a time limit for the completion of the work, and that on the lists being ready the necessary arrangements for holding a new election would be made.

Premier's Statement.

That instant action will be taken by the legislature towards giving the city

powers of self-government was announced this afternoon by the premier to a deputation of aldermen and others who attended to consult the provincial executive on the situation.

In reply to W. J. Taylor, K. C., city barrister, who put the case of the city before the executive, Mr. McBride said they recognized the necessity for immediate action, and that some time would be spent this afternoon arriving at a solution of the situation. The premier promised to advise Mr. Taylor of the result either to-night or tomorrow morning.

When the deputation waited on the executive Mr. Taylor said that the city found itself in an unparalleled position. There was no voters list and no voters. There is, however, \$2,000,000 to spend which cannot be spent because there is no one to authorize the expenditure. Mr. Taylor announced that the banks had refused to honor any further cheques until the matter had been straightened out legally. The school board also required a large sum and at present there was no one to give it. Mr. Taylor said that all who voted were undoubtedly entitled to a vote but some were on wrong lists. He held that the mayor and aldermen were elected as the general wish of the people, and briefly asked that the provincial executive validate the election and declare the mayor and aldermen elected January 12 last to be the council for the balance of this year.

Mr. Taylor said it was unfair that the officials should be criticized for the present conditions it would be impossible to prepare the lists under three months.

It is believed that the solution outlined—which the Premier did not mention to the deputation—is that advised as the legal solution by the Attorney-General.



A MUNICIPAL ROCK SLIDE. ENGINEER MORLEY (to Stoker Gleason)—Now, wouldn't that jar your headlights!

FIRST STEPS TOWARDS SHIPBUILDING PLANT

Will be Built by B. C. Marine Railway Company Limited—Dominion Engineer is Examining the Proposed Sites.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Feb. 22.—Vancouver Island is coming into its own at last. A proposition is afoot to locate a great dry dock in Lang's Cove at Esquimalt, which when completed will be the scene of some of the biggest ship-building operations in the world. The firm which will build the dock is the British Columbia Marine Railway Company, Limited. The dock will be 800 feet long with a width of 100 feet at the entrance. The cost is estimated at \$3,000,000.

What this dry dock and its attendant industries will mean to Esquimalt and Victoria and the whole Island generally cannot be calculated in words. That it will have a tremendous effect in building up the Island is admitted on all hands, and that it will be the best thing that ever happened the district is a certainty. It will shift to a large extent the centre of the ship-building to the Pacific coast. It is the first move in the general trend toward the west. When completed the dock will be of such capacity as to accommodate the very largest type of vessel, not excluding warships, and the latest merchant leviathans of the deep.

That the dock will be one of the great construction stations of the Empire for the building of warships is an undoubted fact. Ships for the defence of Canada will be built there and a vast amount of money and time saved. Every facility and improvement in the mechanical arts and appliances will be in evidence at the dock, and the vessels that leave the ways will be equipped with the best that float. The machinery will be of the most modern type, electrically driven. Even the means for warping the vessel in and out of the dock will be operated by electric power.

G. A. Keefe, the resident engineer in British Columbia of the Dominion Public Works Department, is at present examining the different sites with a view to reporting to the government upon the best location. He is taking soundings to discover the varying depths of the water at different points in Esquimalt harbor and also means of getting the shore in order to possess a suitable large portion of land, and so it will be done.

Reinforced concrete and steel will be used in the construction, which will be commenced as soon as the Dominion has expressed its approval of the plan. A long time will elapse before it is completed depends too much upon circumstances for any accurate estimate to be given, but it may be taken for granted that no time will be lost in bringing it to a state of completion.

The advent of the dry dock will necessarily attract many kindred industries to the district, and will without doubt prove of immense benefit to the building and extension of the capital of British Columbia. In almost every conceivable direction one can see the tremendous development that will follow as a natural consequence of the building of the dry dock at Esquimalt, a development that will have a far-reaching effect not only upon the Island of Vancouver but upon the whole of British Columbia.

TREATY BETWEEN STATES AND JAPAN

NO RESTRICTIONS ON JAPANESE LABORERS

Pacific Coast Members of Congress Oppose Some of Concessions

Washington, D. C., Feb. 22.—Why President Taft supported San Francisco for the 1915 fair is seen here to-day by the legislators in his sudden submission to the senate of his proposed treaty with Japan.

The president's elimination of the immigration clause and the other concessions to Japan included in the proposed convention, details of which are published to-day, are explained by the president's idea that he and congress have put California under bond "to keep the peace until 1915," according to many congressmen.

Enlarging on this idea, one member of the cabinet said to-day:

"If California intends to hold an exposition in 1915, she must aid in keeping international relations as cordial as possible. And it will be especially important to cause no break with Japan."

Discussion of the proposed treaty to-day overtops even that of the Canadian reciprocity, and Pacific Coast members of congress make no secret of the fact that they are bitterly opposed to some of its provisions. Summed up these are:

No restrictions on the admission of Japanese laborers to the United States. Present restriction to remain indefinitely, but Japan to be expected to enforce them at her home ports.

Japan or the United States may abrogate the treaty at any time on six months' notice.

Japan and the United States to sign a joint note in which Japan will admit the right of the United States to pass a law prohibiting Japanese immigration.

Unlike matters of ordinary legislation, failure of the senate to act upon the treaty during the remainder of this session of congress will not of itself extinguish its validity, which could be kept alive indefinitely in the executive files of the senate to be taken up at any convenient time. This new treaty is one of "trade and commerce" intended to replace the treaty of 1894, negotiated by the late Secretary Gresham and Baron Kurino, then Japanese minister to the United States. That treaty is most comprehensive document, comprising twenty articles, dealing with trade, commerce and navigation, rights of dwelling, import and export duties, tonnage duties, port regulations, despatches, shipping rights, consular functions and other subjects. It already has become antiquated, because of the rapid advance of the Japanese in ways of civilization.

The senate committee on foreign relations to-day decided to recommend

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WILL RUN AGAIN

Will I run for mayor? Sure I will run harder than I ever ran before; that is, provided there is an election this year.

CHANCELLOR TALKS ON RECIPROCITY

Says Trade Agreement is Great Triumph of Commonsense

(Special to the Times.)

London, Feb. 22.—Lloyd George, in denying a statement published in a Paris paper that he was antagonistic to the Canadian agreement, says:

"I rejoice that it has been negotiated, and heartily trust it will be carried to a successful conclusion. I regard it as a great triumph of commonsense, and an immense stride in the cause of free trade. It is an incalculable step towards the fraternity and co-operation of the English speaking family."

ALASKANS FAVOR UNION WITH CANADA

Business Men Are Behind Movement Inaugurated in North

Cordova, Alaska, Feb. 22.—A movement has been started to have mass meetings held in Cordova, Seward, Valdez and Fairbanks to adopt resolutions asking congress to divorce Alaska, so that it can annex itself to Canada, as the only possible relief for continued and oppressive burdens on pioneers.

Business men are behind the movement, and much correspondence touching the matter has been exchanged.

SINGULAR FATALITY.

(Special to the Times.)

London, Feb. 22.—An attack of violent coughing that accompanies the severe colds that are epidemic woke John Howard Archer, of 74 Broadview avenue, about three o'clock last Saturday morning. A couple of gold crowns from his teeth had been dislodged and had slipped down his throat. Monday morning poisoning developed from laceration of the throat and Archer died Monday night. "One son resides in Vancouver."

ANOTHER REVOLUTION.

New Orleans, Feb. 22.—Preparations are under way for another revolution in Central America. This time Guatemala has been selected for an uprising by a band of alleged professional insurrectionists who infect New Orleans. Jose Santos Zelaya, for years dictator of Central America, an exile in Belgium, is said to be supplying the funds for the new movement.

NEW EXCHANGE FOR TELEPHONES

FIREPROOF STRUCTURE READY IN SEPTEMBER

Architect Preparing Plans for Immediate Construction—To Cost \$65,000

A four-story class "A" fireproof building, to cost \$65,000, is planned for the B. C. Telephone Company, to be built upon the property at the southeast corner of Johnson and Blanchard streets, and the local manager of the company announced this morning that construction will be commenced on the new quarters as soon as the architect completes the plans.

The ground floor, according to the plans, measures 41 feet by 70 feet and is to be set aside for the housing of the power apparatus and storage.

General offices are to be situated on the first floor, with rest-rooms for the operators. The second floor of the new building is being planned to house the batteries and terminal room apparatus, together with the plant department offices.

On the third floor will be located the local and toll switchboards and the traffic department offices. The complete plans are expected to be ready in a few days, drawn on the lines laid down, with a building absolutely fireproof and up-to-date in every respect and with all modern facilities.

Thomas Hooper, architect, is handling the plans. Construction is expected to be completed by September of this year.

ASSOCIATED BOARDS OF TRADE.

New Association Is Formed in Ontario—Improvement of Welland Canal.

Toronto, Feb. 22.—The Ontario Associated Boards of Trade, comprising 168 delegates and representatives of 54 municipalities throughout the province, met for the first time yesterday at the city hall for purposes of organization. The convention will last for two days, and problems of commercial interest to Ontario will be discussed. One of the chief subjects which will come before the new association will be the improvement of the Welland canal.

ANOTHER SUSPECT.

Man Held in Ohio Believed to Be David Caplan, Wanted in Los Angeles.

Chillicothe, Ohio, Feb. 22.—A man believed to be David Caplan, wanted on a charge of dynamiting the Los Angeles Times building last October, is held here awaiting identification. He gives his name as Isaac Sacks, and his residence as Columbus and Pittsburg. Since his arrest he has refused to talk.

PLAGUE AT TIENTSIN.

London, Feb. 22.—There have been 61 deaths from the plague at Tientsin, China, according to a report of the British consul-general there, which was received by the foreign office.

CANADIAN GRAND CHAPTER

Governing Body of Capitular Masonry in Session at Toronto.

LABORER MURDERED

(Special to the Times.)

Toronto, Feb. 22.—The Grand Chapter, the governing body of Capitular Masonry in the jurisdiction extending from the Ottawa river to the Yukon, convened this morning. Companions from every section of the jurisdiction are here in attendance. The reports of the Grand Z, Grand Scribe E, and Grand Treasurer were presented this morning and the election of officers takes place this afternoon. The Grand Z paid a fitting tribute to the fraternal ideal, among whom he mentioned R. E. Comp. Robert Magness, Winnipeg, past grand superintendent of Manitoba. The financial standing of the Grand Chapter was commended. Two new chapters have been granted during the year. These are Kalen Chapter at Prince Rupert, and Otuska Chapter at Calgary, Alberta. This chapter was given the Indian name of the city of Calcutta, the name of the city of Calcutta.

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Kanora, Ont., Feb. 22.—News has been received here of a murder at Minnaki, 70 miles east of here, of a Galician railroad laborer by an Italian named John Berilli. The Gallian, M. Pritka by name, had his back turned when the Italian struck him a treacherous blow with the back of an axe. No motive for the crime is known and it is thought possible Berilli is insane.

Berilli has not yet been taken into custody, but has been driven to bay and is being watched over by two section men with rifles. Crown authorities here have sent constables to the scene and in all likelihood the post mortem will take place here, as there are not enough inhabitants at Minnaki to empanel a jury.

CHINESE COMMISSION.

Vancouver, B. C., Feb. 22.—To-day's proceedings of the Royal Commission which is inquiring into the Chinese question, was marked by the presence as a witness of the first woman who has given evidence since the commission opened its session. It was also noted for the presence of the first baby that has been presented in the court room since that time. The witness's name was Mrs. Dykeman, the wife of a Chinese missionary, and the baby which sat upon her knee while she gave evidence was either Miss or Master Pun Chu Loung—as the little one did not give evidence its sex was not mentioned.

The testimony throughout dealt with the smuggling and use of opium.

WILL LEASE OR SELL.

(Special to the Times.)

London, Feb. 22.—At a special meeting to-day the shareholders of the Alberta Railway & Irrigation Company approved leasing or selling the company's interests unless the agreement was approved. The C. E. R. could afford to spend money in advance of the times and wait for results, but this the company could not do.

RAINBOW HAS POACHERS IN TOW

FISHERY PROTECTION CRUISER COMING HERE

First Fruits of a Vigorous Policy by the Dominion Government in Local Waters

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

The efficiency of H. M. C. S. Rainbow as a fishery cruiser is in evidence in demonstration. Advice received from the west coast of Vancouver Island wireless show that the cruiser is patrolling the limits of the salmon fishery with one and possibly two fishing boats in tow. When the boats have been captured or under circumstances will not be known till they reach port in the custody of the little craft.

The first report of the capture of a fishery boat on the north end of the island, west of the rainbow passed, thirty miles off at half past three yesterday afternoon. The cruiser and the captured poacher should get in this evening.

The newly appointed Dominion superintendent of fisheries for British Columbia, F. H. Cunningham, has set up the matter of putting a stop to poaching of the Canadian fishery by Americans, and this is the first step of what he intends to be a sharp campaign.

The Chicago, Kingfisher, and other well known American steam fishing vessels are known to have been in halibut banks within the last few days.

AUCTION PROHIBITED.

Letters Written by Mrs. Eddy, Not Be Sold.

Boston, Feb. 22.—Adherents of Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy, head of the Christian Science church, today were jubilant because of the making of a junction permanent which the Supreme Court had granted temporarily yesterday. The sale of certain alleged letters written by Mrs. Eddy, which will be argued in the spring.

Former Secretary of the Navy, D. Long will represent the Eddy side in the pending will contest.

DOUKHOBORS BUY LAND.

Nelson, Feb. 22.—The Doukhobor colony has further extended its territory in this district by purchasing from Devine Brothers the well known Shart ranch on Kootenay river, opposite Tarrya. This property is about 100 acres in extent, of which some 50 acres are cleared and about five acres are planted in bearing fruit trees. The price was \$12,000.

LODGING HOUSE DESTROYED.

San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 22.—Scores of lives were jeopardized when fire yesterday gutted a lodging house in Mission street, the tenants fleeing to the streets scantily clad.

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ESQUIMALT AND VICTORIA.

It has been known for some time that the B. C. Marine Railway Co. was preparing to undertake the construction of a dock of the first class in Esquimalt Harbor.

Esquimalt is so near to the city that it seems a pity it is not a part of it. We look upon it industrially as part of the city, although politically it is not.

Contrast with this what is being done in British Columbia. Here there are large water powers, although not so large as at Niagara Falls.

Mr. Speaker Eberts said the reason for advertising the intention to ask for legislation was that any interest opposed could come forward to combat the application.

Mr. MacKay maintained that the bill did not compel the city to purchase Oak Bay's \$100,000 main.

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OUR PROVINCIAL WATER POWERS.

Ontario has a Conservative government, and so has British Columbia, but the policy of the two governments is as far apart as East is from West.

Take as an instance the conservation of the water powers. In Ontario the government has taken up the work of harnessing Niagara Falls.

It has been stated that as a result of the change in the method of compiling the voters' list one thousand persons who voted at the last election will now be disfranchised.

There was some search and inquiry, resulting in the discovery that the House had never adopted the report of the committee on this bill.

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OAK BAY BILL BEFORE HOUSE

HALTED FOR THE TIME BY POINT OF ORDER

H. B. Thomson Says Obligation on City to Purchase Pipe is New

Legislative Press Gallery, Feb. 23. The Oak Bay bill came up in the House late this evening for second reading, but received a temporary setback by a point of order raised by H. B. Thomson.

Mr. Thomson, the idea of which was that the bill as now before the House contained a provision that had not been given notice of in the advertising preliminary to the session.

Ernest Miller (Grand Forks), who is in charge of the bill, explained to the House what its main object was to secure water from the Esquimalt Waterworks Company.

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WHERE ARE CANADA'S NATURAL MARKETS?

Ellis Barker Tells Canadian Club That They Are in Europe and Asia

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RECIPROCITY WITH STATES

Little Time for Adequate Discussion of One of the Big Bills of Session

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H. C. Brewster could not see why the attorney-general, when imposing a ten per cent. tax on insurance companies should turn the tax into the provincial treasury, taking it away from the municipalities. The municipalities were forced by the underwriters to spend large sums on apparatus to ensure low insurance rates.

INCORPORATING RAILWAY COMPANIES AT THE EVENING SITTING, PARKER WILLIAMS PROTESTED AGAINST THESE CHARTERS BY ACT OF PARLIAMENT BEING GIVEN WHEN THE HOUSE WAS HOLDING A GENERAL RAILWAY ACT PROVIDING FREE TRIP TO RAILWAYS. HE CONSIDERED THAT THESE COMPANIES WERE GETTING AN UNFAIR ADVANTAGE IN BEING ALLOWED TO MONOPOLIZE THE ROUTES THEY WERE CHARTERED TO TRAVEL.

THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL HELD THAT IT WAS ONLY FAIR TO GRANT THESE CHARTERS AS THEY HAD BEEN APPLIED FOR BEFORE THE INTENTION OF THE GOVERNMENT WAS ANNOUNCED. HE STATED THAT IF ANY FUTURE GOVERNMENT COULD SHOW GOOD REASON THEY COULD SECURE INCORPORATION TO COVER THE SAME ROUTES.

IN TUESDAY'S TIMES THE COMPOSITOR MADE THE REPORTER SAY THAT "SOME YEARS AGO" A POINT OF ORDER HAD BEEN RAISED ON P. J. MACKENZIE'S HABIT-FORMING DRUGS BILL AND THAT DEPUTY SPEAKER HAYWARD HAD NOW HANDED DOWN HIS BILLING. THE STATEMENT WAS WRITTEN AS "SOME YEARS AGO" BECAUSE THE DEPUTY SPEAKER DOES NOT REQUIRE LONG TO MAKE UP HIS MIND ON POINTS OF ORDER, THOUGH IT REQUIRED CONSIDERABLE STUDY TO DECIDE WHAT WAS RIGHT IN THIS INSTANCE OF DOMINION VS. PROVINCIAL JURISDICTION.

GRATEFUL FOR NEW WIRELESS STATION Residents of Graham Island Pass Resolution Thanking Dominion Government

So grateful are the residents of Graham Island, one of the Queen Charlotte group, to the Dominion government for the establishment of a wireless station at Dead Tree Point, that they have drawn up the following resolution, which was published in the Queen Charlotte News and flashed by wireless to the Gonzales Hill station this morning, reading as follows: "The residents of Graham Island beg to acknowledge the good work done by the Dominion government in the establishing of wireless communication with the outside world, and beg to offer our congratulations through the new station at Dead Tree Point, which is now in operation."

Before the erection of the new station, Graham Island was without communication of any kind with the mainland. Business men on the island had to do all their communicating by letter and many times they were subjected to serious delays owing to the late arrival of the boats during the winter season. Now, however, all these drawbacks have been obliterated and the islanders and mainlanders can dispatch messages to one another at any hour of the day or night.

For some time the needs of the residents of Moresby Island have been met by the station at Ikeda. As these two islands are separated by a narrow but treacherous stretch of water, the Dominion government decided to erect a station at Dead Tree Point. It is equal to any on the coast, the building being specially constructed so as to withstand the terrible weather conditions of that bleak coast, and the instrument is very powerful, having a large radius.

TERRIBLE EXPERIENCE. Clings to the Mast of Wrecked Ship—Watches Two Sons Drown. John Russell, the elderly master of the ketch Yulan, of Harwich, had a heart-rending experience during a violent gale which recently swept the English Channel and the North Sea. He witnessed the drowning of his two sons, and was himself rescued only after spending the night in the rigging of his wrecked craft.

The Yulan ran ashore on the Goodwin about eight o'clock on Monday night, Feb. 6, but the Yulan's lifeboat, which responded to signals, could find no trace of a vessel in distress, although the search was continued for several hours. When daylight broke however, the masts of a sunken ship could be seen on the sands, and when the lifeboatsmen put out again they saw two men in the rigging.

Just as the lifeboat drew alongside the wrecked Yulan the mast to which the two men were clinging collapsed and one man was drowned, the other being rescued. The survivor was Captain Russell, who stated that the crew of the Yulan consisted of himself, and his two sons. His eldest son—a married man with two children—was washed off the wreck and drowned during the night.

DENIES BRIBERY CHARGES. New York, Feb. 22.—Contravening in every particular the testimony of her husband, Mrs. Geo. Hall yesterday took the witness stand in defence of former State Senator Frank Gardner, charged with bribery in connection with the Hughes anti-race track gambling bill. Hall on Feb. 21 testified that Gardner had bribed Congressman Fleiker, then a state senator, to vote against the bill, and that he took \$200,000 to Albany to fight the measure. Mrs. Hall testified that she was present at the conversation and that nothing was said about race track gambling or legislative bribery.

Testifying in his own defence, Gardner late yesterday afternoon entered a general denial of charges against him. INDUSTRIAL WORKERS. Travel in Special Car of the May Roberts' Theatrical Company.

Dunsmuir, Cal., Feb. 22.—The fatigues of their tie-counting trip to Fresno relieved by the friendliness of a theatrical woman, 85 Industrial Workers of the World are resting and speechnizing before their march on into Shasta county to-morrow.

The Workers were picked up at Steno last night by the special car of the May Roberts theatrical company, and crowded into the coach, were carried here. When they arrived Miss Roberts gave the whole 85 men a supper in the opera house preceding a performance of the show, which all attended, and then her own obliging press agent spread downy couches for the 85 in Phytan hall.

Extraordinary figures, which show the popularity of golf at Edinburgh, were published recently in connection with the municipal course in that city. Last year, 180,000 rounds were played on Brae's courses, and nearly 100,000 at Portobello.

INSURGENT LEADER LODGES PROTEST

Urges Taft Not to Permit Mexican Troops to Cross Arizona

Calexico, Cal., Feb. 22.—Notwithstanding newspaper reports and other rumors that Gen. Madero is active in the vicinity of Juarez, the belief was prevalent here yesterday that the leader of the Mexican revolution is headed toward Mexico, the provisional capital of Lower California. Capt. Babcock, commanding the United States troops at Calexico, said that he had received positive information that General Madero would arrive here in a few days. It is believed here that the plan of the rebel leader is to concentrate the revolutionary strength in Lower California and to establish an independent government there, afterwards extending their campaign to the Mexican mainland.

Voicing a protest from himself and sympathizers with the Mexican revolutionists in Southern California along the Lower California border, General Leyva, at Mexicali, in command of the rebel forces in Lower California, yesterday telegraphed President Taft to rescind permission given the Mexican government to take troops across Arizona, and California into Mexico. In his telegram, which he signed "provisional governor of the northern part of Lower California," General Leyva assured President Taft that the Colorado dam is in no greater danger from harm at the hands of the revolutionists than from the federalists.

Gen. Leyva repeated the threat of Gen. Simon Berthold, his subordinate, to fire on the federal soldiers while they were still on American territory should they attempt to enter Mexico by way of Calexico, which adjoins Mexicali on the opposite side of the border.

DIES OF PNEUMONIA. Toronto, Feb. 23.—Charles R. Robertson, chief correspondent in London of the Canadian Associated Press, died at Brighton last night of pneumonia. He was a brother of J. Ross Robertson of the Toronto Telegram.

CAMPUS FOR STRIKING SEAMEN ARE PLANNED Preparing for Great International Strike Which Commences in May

San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 22.—The Sailors' Union of the Pacific Coast to-day received a number of circulars and posters intended to advertise the coming international seamen's strike, which is expected to be called next May. The strike will affect British seamen throughout the world, as a means of attracting the attention of British sailors in foreign ports, glaring posters calling attention to camps which are to be established for the benefit of strikers in London, Cardiff, Southampton, Hull, Shields and Glasgow are being posted.

DARING ESCAPE. Colfax, Wash., Feb. 22.—One of the quickest and smoothest jail deliveries in the history of Whatcom County was effected by W. Burns, self-confessed burglar, who wounded Dining Car Conductor D. L. Reader, of Portland, at Lewiston Junction last Tuesday. Burns compelled several of nine prisoners in jail to help him dig through the brick wall in the corridor of the jail, using a case knife and a can opener. The opening was less than a foot square, and luckily came just between the iron gates in the wall. It is alleged Burns had planned to kill Deputy Sheriff William Cole, who entered the jail to lock them up that night. He was planning to use a brick taken from the wall wrapped in his coat sleeve. The prisoners were not aware of the attack on Cole, and as a compromise helped him through the wall.

KENNEL SHOW. Judges Not Yet Secured—Victoria First on List. The Kennel club has not as yet been able to secure a judge for the coming bench show. The committee, E. R. Hall (chairman), E. R. Maynard, M. H. Taylor, W. Catterall, D. P. MacClaren, C. A. Goodwin and F. Turner, have been conducting negotiations with a man in the east, but have so far received no definite answer. When a judge has been arranged for, the premium list will be set up and the entries begin to come in. The club expects to hold a bigger and more successful show this year than ever before.

Fancters from all over the coast will enter their canines and for a few days the bow-wow will rule supreme. After the Victoria show is over a number of the local men will take their prize dogs to the mainland and the Sound cities. The following is a list of the dates set for the Pacific Northwest kennel show: Victoria—March 30th, 31st and April 1st. Vancouver—April 6th, 7th and 8th. Seattle—April 12th to 15th. Tacoma—April 18th to 21st.

RAILWAY CARS OVERTURN. Fifteen Persons Injured in Wreck on Santa Fe Road. Albuquerque, N. M., Feb. 22.—Nearly 800 passengers on eastbound Santa Fe train No. 2 to-day are under a cloud of account for their escape in one of the most peculiar railroad wrecks, while running 90 miles an hour, the train broke in two. Four Pullmans were overturned, one of them cut nearly in two by an upturned rail. Fifteen passengers were injured.

SUCCESSFUL CONCERT GORY OF THE SEAS MAY CARRY LUMBER

If Insurance Can Be Secured, Ship Will Load on Sound for Boston

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BISHOP'S TRIBUTE. Prince Rupert, Feb. 22.—In the Anglican church, Bishop Du Verney, who returned from a visit to the Naas river, spoke in the highest terms of Archbishop Collins, who is stationed at Kinloch, on the mouth of the Naas river. The archdeacon has labored for over 37 years on this coast, first at Metlakatla, then at Massett, where he was at the pioneer mission in 1876, and then at Kinloch, where he has been for 27 years. He is the best informed man on the coast regarding the early history of these parts.

The archdeacon about completed his book dealing with the Queen Charlotte Islands and this neighborhood and that a well known publisher has accepted it for publication.

BRINGS OIL BARGE FOR C. P. R.'S NEEDS Lorne Tows Fullerton into Esquimalt Harbor—Standard Oil Co. Supplying Fuel

(From Thursday's Daily). Towing the oil barge Fullerton, which is the first craft to arrive to supply the needs of the C. P. R. oil burning fleet, the tug Lorne arrived at Esquimalt harbor yesterday afternoon. She relieved the Standard Oil steamer Washtenaw, which had brought the barge up from San Francisco, of the tow at the entrance to the straits. The vessel has 16,000 barrels of oil aboard, valued at nearly \$16,000.

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Divorce Laws. Vicar of Wakefield Says Motherland Might With Advantage Follow Example of Canada. (Special to the Times). London, Feb. 23.—Canon Welch, Vicar of Wakefield, late of Toronto, writing to the Standard, says: "It is in certain quarters in this country the impression is given that it is a matter of frequent occurrence for Canadians to go across the border into the United States to procure divorces, which cannot readily be obtained in their own country. May I be allowed to say, on the strength of fourteen years' residence in the Dominion, that I believe such an impression is wholly without foundation. Since 1905 the Anglican clergy of Canada have been explicitly forbidden by canon to solemnize marriages between persons either of whom have been divorced if the partner is still living. It would be well indeed if the Motherland were to follow the example of the daughter in this matter."

CASE OF SENATOR LORIMER. Washington, D. C., Feb. 22.—When consideration of the Lorimer case was resumed in the senate to-day, not even the most astute parliamentarian could predict when the matter would come to a vote. Lorimer probably will reply to a question relating to certain parts of his statement, and it is understood that Senators Beveridge, Paynter, Bailey and others wish to speak, and as the rules admit of no closure, it is impossible to say when a vote will be taken.

Predictions that a filibuster would prevent a vote on the Lorimer case during this session were freely made to-day. The friends of Lorimer expect to have a majority in the senate, but are plainly worried by the filibuster talk.

MAY FACE MURDER CHARGE. Seattle, Wash., Feb. 22.—Mrs. Joseph Pischner, whose divorced husband was killed by her son-in-law, William Miller, following a violent quarrel at Esquimaux last Sunday to-day offered to give \$5,000 bonds for Miller. The authorities will not accept bail for the man, however, and he will probably face a first degree murder charge in the superior court to-day. Both Mrs. Pischner and Mrs. Miller, her daughter, were with Miller when the latter was attacked by Pischner. When the men started to fight, however, the two women ran toward Esquimaux for aid. Miller beat out the brains of his assailant.

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RECORD ENTRY LIST FOR B.C. TOURNAMENT Victoria Has Several Fine Boxers—Vancouver Enters in Every Class

The British Columbia championship boxing tournament, to be held here on March 6, will be one of the best drawn cards of the year. There are at present in the province many young boxers who have been training hard for weeks, and are waiting anxiously for the night when they can try their mettle against other local and mainland champions.

Vincent Grey, secretary of the J. B. A. A., says that although few entries have been received up to date signs point to a record number from the Territory and other places on the mainland. The Vancouver Athletic Association will be represented in every class, bantam, feather, light, welter, middle, light heavy and heavy weight, and also the special class, 125 pounds.

From this city, "Scotty" McKay, who made such a splendid record in Toronto, has been entered by the Victoria West Athletic Club in the 125-pound class. McKay is a professional, and is at present in the hands of a trainer. He does not seem inclined to answer the telegram sent by Jack Sweeney in regard to the "little boxer's" standing. He will be allowed to enter the tournament, but his opponent desires to protest him he may do so. Then, of course, his opponent, whoever he happens to be, will have to produce the correct cards of the year.

The local amateur boxing club is the easiest way out of the difficulty. Scotty has been leading the simple life lately and says he never was in better shape. As a means of attracting the attention of British sailors in foreign ports, glaring posters calling attention to camps which are to be established for the benefit of strikers in London, Cardiff, Southampton, Hull, Shields and Glasgow are being posted.

Another likely-looking pair of newcomers are the Davies brothers, Albert and Bill, who have been performing feats of wonder in the amateur rings down in California. These boys have been entered by the J. B. A. A., and according to reports have got it over on the other two brothers, having been putting on the gloves and going two or three fast rounds every night, and judging by the cleverness they show in the ring, they will be performing well.

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EVERYBODY'S TALKING ABOUT EDSON

Ask us to tell you why

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Moore & Johnston, who have been appointed sole agents for all the inventions of Nepean-Hutchinson, are quite enthusiastic about their value. This enterprising firm of young men, who went into partnership recently, have spent a large office on Yates street and are doing an extensive business in real estate. They are authorized to sell the patents vested with them at the following prices: The gopher trap, \$2.00 (with 5,000 traps in hand), the wire tightener and splicer, \$3.00 (with moulds and 5,000 castings), the garbage cart, \$5.00.

A local syndicate is being formed to float a company on the hat pin protector. That it will develop a vogue is as certain as to-morrow's sunrise. It fills a vacancy the world has long waited for and the world will require it fully.

ROYAL OAK NEWS

The energetic secretary and committee of management of the Royal Oak hall are entitled to the thanks of those attending their second masquerade ball for the very delightful evening afforded them. The hall was filled to its utmost capacity, and many pretty and effective costumes were worn. The refreshments, which are always supplied by the ladies, were as usual the very best obtainable and the music all that could be desired by the most fastidious. Everything went without a hitch from the start to the finish.

The tombola prizes were won by Mrs. Campbell of Elk Lake, Mrs. Deval of Hea's Post Office, and Mr. Hepp of Saanich. Best fancy costume—Blue ribbon, gold-mounted satchel, won by Miss Lena Campbell. Best dressed lady—Tamborine girl, gold-mounted umbrella, won by Miss V. Hill.

Best comic character—Valentine (chocolate tea), won by Mrs. De Rose. Best original character—West Saanich road hall (tea set), Mrs. Frank Lindsay. Best sustained character—Rag bag, Miss Meta Franck Saanich. The prizes amongst the gentlemen were won by J. H. Barker, (old negro); Frank Toms (barstier); James Stroud.

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A local syndicate is being formed to float a company on the hat pin protector. That it will develop a vogue is as certain as to-morrow's sunrise. It fills a vacancy the world has long waited for and the world will require it fully.

ROYAL OAK NEWS

The energetic secretary and committee of management of the Royal Oak hall are entitled to the thanks of those attending their second masquerade ball for the very delightful evening afforded them. The hall was filled to its utmost capacity, and many pretty and effective costumes were worn. The refreshments, which are always supplied by the ladies, were as usual the very best obtainable and the music all that could be desired by the most fastidious. Everything went without a hitch from the start to the finish.

The tombola prizes were won by Mrs. Campbell of Elk Lake, Mrs. Deval of Hea's Post Office, and Mr. Hepp of Saanich. Best fancy costume—Blue ribbon, gold-mounted satchel, won by Miss Lena Campbell. Best dressed lady—Tamborine girl, gold-mounted umbrella, won by Miss V. Hill.

Best comic character—Valentine (chocolate tea), won by Mrs. De Rose. Best original character—West Saanich road hall (tea set), Mrs. Frank Lindsay. Best sustained character—Rag bag, Miss Meta Franck Saanich. The prizes amongst the gentlemen were won by J. H. Barker, (old negro); Frank Toms (barstier); James Stroud.

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ROUTINE WORK OCCUPIES HOUSE

SEVERAL BILLS ARE THROUGH COMMITTEE

Restriction of Sale of Drugs Bill is Declared to Be in Order

Legislative Press Gallery, Feb. 23.—Both afternoon and evening sittings today were taken up with matters of routine, a great deal of progress being made with government measures. These bills for the better protection of married women, asked for by the National Council of Women, were introduced by the attorney-general, these being to amend the laws in regard to widow's dower, inheritance and maintenance of decedent's wife, the former aiming to secure to them a greater share in the estate of their deceased husbands.

The afternoon was spent in committee on the bill amending and consolidating the coal mines regulations, H. H. Watson (Vancouver) in the chair. Several sections which had been held over were taken up again, and a number of amendments were proposed. The bill, by the two representatives of Vancouver Island coal mining communities.

Parker Williams (Newcastle) and J. H. Hawthornthwaite (Nanaimo) argued in support of the election of mine inspectors by the government, maintaining that the men whose safety and life lay to some extent in the hands of inspectors should have a say as to who they should be.

Premier McBride replied that where the system of election obtained it had not worked out as was hoped for. He added statistics which showed that this province had more inspectors in proportion to the miners employed and more frequent inspection of mines than the Old Country had. As soon as it became necessary in the interests of the safety of the miners of British Columbia to appoint more inspectors, the department of mines would not hesitate to do so.

Mr. Williams' amendment to make the inspectors elected was voted down by the Conservative majority, as yet others which he and Mr. Hawthornthwaite proposed. One of those which the member for Nanaimo proposed was to prevent any more inspectors employed in a place in which inflammable gas had been found within the preceding 12 months. He explained that boys of 14 or 15 are allowed to work in mines by the bill in question, and that they are careless and are carrying a naked light in the neighborhood of gas they might imperil the lives of all the other workers in a mine.

The premier said that while he sympathized fully with the object sought by the member for Nanaimo, it had been the custom in the past to allow boys to start their apprenticeship in mines at an earlier age, and many boys now were working under the age prescribed in the amendment, it would mean that they would be thrown out of employment, as there were few mines in the province which contain a quantity of inflammable gas had not been found at some time or the other. It would be a hardship on their families if these boys were now dismissed, and he could not accept the amendment.

The premier introduced a change as to the eight-hour day so that nothing in the act should prevent men from working longer in changing the weekly limit. He explained that this change only happens once a week, and not near more than half an hour extra.

At the evening sitting the committee stage was completed on the Fire Insurance Act, Mayor Manson (Skene) in the chair; on the Bill to amend the act respecting the appointment of an official guardian for legal infants, J. A. Fraser (Carboon) in the chair. On the first-named in addition to the matter affecting Victoria, dealt with in another column, the attorney-general reduced the license fee to be charged auditors from \$25 to \$10.

Third readings were given to the following bills: an act respecting the department of railways and an act to amend the Constitution Act, providing for the establishment of a new department of justice, the act to amend the act which will enable judges of the court to complete grand juries; an act to amend the Municipalities Incorporation Act, which deals with the qualifications of voters in matters of annexation.

Mackenzie Bill. When F. J. Mackenzie (Delta) moved the second reading of his bill to restrict the sale of habit-forming drugs, the member for Nanaimo, who is in charge of the bill, said it was a matter affecting trade and commerce and therefore not within the jurisdiction of the legislature. Deputy Speaker Hayward, who was in the chair at the time, handed down the following ruling:—

"The objection that the bill was out of order, on the ground that it affected trade and commerce, and was therefore beyond the jurisdiction of this House to legislate on the subject, I think is untenable, as the bill proposes to deal with the matter as of public concern and order, and as affecting the health and morals of the public. The question of jurisdiction of both Houses in matters of trade has often been in dispute between the Dominion and the provinces, and the better view seems to be that the provinces should not deprive themselves of their power before they are challenged by a higher Authority.

"The other objection, as to the effect of rule 53, I think is untenable. Generally speaking, all bills relating to trade must, in accordance with rule 53, be introduced in committee of the whole, but some diversity of practice

BRITISH OFFICIAL SLAIN BY NATIVES

Administrator of Papua, Two White Officers and Escort Killed

Brisbane, Australia, Feb. 21.—Additional details of the murder of Stanforth Smith, the British administrator of Papua, a division of the island of New Guinea, were received here. Smith, with two white officers and a party of natives, were killed by the inhabitants of the interior while on an expedition trip.

TRADE AGREEMENT. Hon. Mr. Rogers Introduces Amendment to Resolution Submitted by Opposition Leader.

Winnipeg, Feb. 21.—The Manitoba government came out flatfooted against the resolution of the opposition leader, just night and advocated in its place Imperial preference and the free extension of trade within the empire.

Mr. Norris' amendment to the resolution of the opposition leader, Mr. T. C. Norris, favoring the present agreement and asking for its immediate adoption, and the minister of public works went on record in uncompromising hostility to with apparent the solid support of the government benches behind him.

Mr. Norris' amendment that there was no need to be frightened at the idea of free wheat. The Canadian railroads could compete with the Great Northern, and if to do this they had to reduce their rates so much the better for the farmer. As for annexation, it was more logical for Canada to annex the United States.

Mr. Rogers in moving the government amendment declared that the bonds of the empire should be strengthened. They should follow along the lines of development of the past forty years and build up inter-provincial trade.

"We are bartering away our national liberty and fiscal freedom," he said. Before the adjournment of the debate Premier Roblin was drawn into the discussion. "We stand," he declared, "for a greater Canada, and we resent the encroachment of President Taft. The Liberals want to destroy what has taken forty-five years to build up."

YOUNG LIBERALS FORM ASSOCIATION

Officers Are Elected at Organization Meeting at Prince Rupert

Prince Rupert, Feb. 20.—The Young Liberals' Association of Prince Rupert is henceforth a power to be reckoned with in the sphere of political education in the city. It was launched under the most favorable auspices, there being a large and enthusiastic attendance present in the K. of P. hall.

The work of electing the office bearers resulted in an excellent staff of officials for the Association. They are as follows: Hon. President, Dr. Kerwin; Vice-president, Mr. Stock; President, Dr. W. H. Hall; Vice-president, E. D. Kealey; Second Vice-president, T. H. Arnell; Secretary and Treasurer, E. K. Kearns. The following were named as members: Messrs H. B. Gampbell, J. S. Cowper, C. L. Munroe, F. P. McCaffrey, T. A. Ellis, W. H. Montgomery, E. H. Mortimer, and Topsy Christians.

KAMLOOPS PRESBYTERY. Kamloops, Feb. 24.—At a meeting of the Kamloops Presbytery, M. G. Melvin, Revelstoke, accepted a call from St. Stephen's congregation, New Westminster.

The following calls from congregations within its bounds were sustained by the Presbytery: From Armstrong, in favor of Rev. P. Henderson, of Clareholm, Alberta; from Pentlizen, in favor of Rev. P. Miller, of Banff, recently; from C. W. Whyte, recently; from Victoria, in favor of Rev. J. H. Stevenson, B. A., of Kewatin, Ont.

FILED TO DEFEAT HUGHES MEASURES

Former State Senator Alleged to Have Declared He Spent Over \$200,000

New York, Feb. 21.—Former State Senator Frank Gardner, on trial for bribery in connection with the legislative fight to defeat the Hughes anti-race track bills two years ago, admitted that he spent more than \$200,000 to kill the measure according to the testimony of George Hall, of Whitehorse, Pa.

Hall testified that Gardner told him he had attempted to prevent the passage of the bills, and that he had taken \$200,000 to Albany while the measures were before the legislature.

Hall declared that Gardner had informed him, shortly before the final vote on the matter, that Congressman Foster then state Senator, had agreed to vote against the bills for \$100,000. Foster had charged that Gardner offered him \$25,000 to oppose the measures.

Under cross-examination Hall admitted that he had demanded \$50 a week from the prosecution for his testimony.

INTERSTATE COMMERCE. Important Decisions Given by United States Supreme Court.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 21.—Not for many years have so many far-reaching principles relating to interstate commerce been approved by the Supreme court of the United States as were established in its decisions yesterday as the unquestioned law of the land. Decisions on several other difficult questions also were announced.

Among the questions of interstate commerce decided were: That the passenger has no right to buy tickets with services, advertising, release or property, or can the railway company buy services, advertising, release or property with transportation.

That a state law regulating the size of crews on trains within the state is not an obstruction to interstate commerce, but is rather enacted in aid of interstate commerce, and may be enacted by a state for the public safety.

That the Supreme court will review the validity of the Interstate Commerce commission, even though the two-year limitation on the life of the order has expired.

That a railway system may not be operated as an instrument of interstate commerce because one of its constituent parts is a wheat company and dominating power over the wheat company rests in the fact that it is a holding company.

That the Interstate Commerce commission does not possess the power to reduce rates on wheat and "intermediate" merely because the rate is in equilibrium under some circumstances, as in cases where railroads induce shippers to enter a field by offering rates so low as to be unprofitable, and later increase the rates.

RESIDENCE DESTROYED. Nelson, Feb. 20.—The residence of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Patton at 13-Mile point on the west arm was completely destroyed by fire the other afternoon. The blaze broke out about 5 o'clock when Mr. and Mrs. Patton, accompanied by one or two neighbors, were across the lake at Harrop for the purpose of obtaining mail. They rowed across the lake as rapidly as possible but the heat from the fire was so intense that it was impossible to approach the burning building nearer than the beach. Half an hour later the flames were first observed all that was left of the house was a heap of incandescent lumber and household goods.

MEXICAN TROOPS IN DANGEROUS PLIGHT

MARCH BAREFOOTED THROUGH THE SNOW

Six Thousand Insurgents Reported to Be Advancing Toward Chihuahua (Times Leased Wire). El Paso, Texas, Feb. 21.—With the resumption of through traffic on Mexican railroads, a train crew brought word here today that six thousand insurgents are scattered throughout the provinces of Southern Chihuahua and Durango. According to the railroad men there are from 500 to 600 in each band, and the entire force is marching toward Chihuahua.

Two federal secretaries who arrived here today declared that Gen. Navarro's force is in a pitiable condition. Many of the soldiers are without shoes, he said, and have been forced to march barefooted through sleet and snow.

Provisional President Madero's force camped last night at Humada. Occupancy Pass. Calexico, Cal., Feb. 21.—As a preliminary move to an advance on Ensenada, the capital of lower California, rebel troops, under Gen. Leyva and Gen. Berthold, today occupied Pichon Pass, a narrow defile directly south of here.

The movement of the rebel army toward Ensenada will start probably tomorrow, according to Gen. Leyva. Soldiers Die From Exposure. Nogales, Ariz., Feb. 21.—Unusually cold weather in the mountains near Nogales, Arizona, has caused several deaths, according to reports received here today. One soldier died from exposure.

HOBSON SAYS WAR WITH JAPAN CERTAIN

Representative Urges United States to Adopt Definite Method of Defence

Washington, D. C., Feb. 21.—War with Japan within the next few months, was predicted in the House yesterday by Representative William H. Hobson. In a speech in favor of a definite constructive policy of defence, he declared that Japan now is financially prepared to meet any war that may be declared against her, and that she will be forced to make an exhausting struggle with the Japanese, ending in probable disaster.

Hobson declared that war with Japan was a practical certainty and that a definite method of defence must be determined upon. He said he had no doubt that the United States was co-operating with the Tokio government in preparation for war.

"Japan is hard up now," he said, "only because she is engaged in the coming war. She is probably the only nation that ever prepared its financial resources before war occurred."

BRAKEMAN GIVEN DAMAGES. Vancouver, Feb. 20.—An action dealing with the liability of railroads towards employees which has been engaging the attention of Mr. Justice Clement and a jury in the Supreme court for two days, was brought to a conclusion with the finding of a verdict for plaintiff of \$3,000 and costs.

The action brought by a brakeman, named Carrington, against the P. C. E. for damages in respect of his having been thrown from the top of a freight car through the alleged improper use of the emergency brake.

Adding the jury on behalf of the defendant, Mr. Justice Clement contended that the engineer undoubtedly only pressed the handle of the brake to "service conditions," but from some unexplained reason the brakes went into "emergency" unconsciously, without any fault on the part of the engineer. The engineer, fireman, brakeman and conductor had all testified that the train had not been going any more than five or six miles an hour, and that the emergency brake was absolutely unnecessary.

As to the accident, counsel contended that although every precaution was taken, that if some small piece of foreign matter did get into the part, it was a pure accident. E. S. Taylor, for plaintiff, contended that if the engineer was negligent or careless, or if the machinery was defective, then the defendant company must pay the damages the jury assessed. The accident was clearly one of the involuntary carelessness of the engineer, and therefore, the company was liable, as they also were held liable for the accident which occurred on Victoria West, and if this claim is allowed the green and white will be practically out of the running. The gains in question was to have taken place on the day on which the West Ward game was scheduled to be played. The Foresters agreed to a postponement, but the Wards being unable to play that day the Foresters and the Wards should play instead. This the Wards refused to do. The soccer association will probably order measure urging President Taft to keep the bars up against Asiatic laborers.

MAINTENANCE OF DESERTED WIVES

Existing Act is Being Strengthened in Interest of the Women and Children

Legislative Press Gallery, Feb. 23.—A bill consolidating and amending the acts respecting the maintenance of wives deserted by their husbands was introduced this evening by the attorney-general. This is an enlargement of the Deserted Wives' Maintenance Act of 1901.

A wife is to be deemed as deserted if she is living apart from her husband because of his repeated assaults or other acts of cruelty, or because of his refusal or neglect, without sufficient cause, to supply her wife and their infant children (if any) with food, clothing or other necessaries. No wife shall be entitled to the benefit of the act who is possessed, in her own right, of separate property sufficient for the maintenance of herself and infant children, or who is proved to have committed adultery, unless the adultery has been condoned.

When a complaint is made and the husband summoned a police magistrate or justice of the peace may hear the evidence, whether the man obeys the summons or not, and if he is satisfied that there has been desertion within the meaning of the act, he may order the payment of such weekly sum, not exceeding \$20, as he may consider to be in accordance with the means of the husband and any means the wife may have. The husband pays all costs in any case. Either party may appeal to the county court judge with this difference, that if the husband appeals proceedings on the order appealed from shall not be stayed pending the appeal and he shall pay all costs, and if the wife is the appellant no security for the costs of the appeal shall be required.

In case of non-payment of any sum ordered to be paid, and as often as any payment is in arrears, the husband shall be summoned to show cause why he should not be imprisoned for disobeying the order, and may be sent to jail for not more than thirty days. It will be seen that a recalcitrant husband can thus be kept in confinement practically indefinitely, which, doubtless, would bring him to time. Garnishee proceedings against any debtor of the husband is provided for.

The act of 1901 is repealed and a new act for the enforcement of any order or for the recovery of any money under an order made under the provisions of the old act.

FASHIONABLE WEDDING. A wedding in which many old Victoria residents were interested took place at Bournemouth on January 29. Capt. Charles Nedham, of H. M. S. Rocket, which was stationed here in the seventies, and Mrs. Nedham, who was united in matrimony in 1870, were married in Victoria. Mrs. Nedham is a remarkably beautiful lady. The Hampshire Chronicle thus describes the event: "The church of St. Andrew's, Bournemouth, was the scene on Tuesday afternoon of one of the prettiest and most brilliant military weddings which have taken place in that district for a long period. It was a ceremony of importance from several points of view, but especially so to the Hampshire Regiment and the Hampshire Depot at Winchester, because Major J. H. Deane, of the regiment, was united quite recently to the bride, and was at the time attached to the depot. At the end of February he sails, with his bride, to join the 2nd Battalion at Wymbere, South Africa. Next the wedding had an interest for South Victoria, because the bridegroom is the son of the late Mr. W. H. Deane, J. P., D. L., of Fairfield, Fareham, and his family is well-known and esteemed in that part of the country. It was a ceremony, also, of high interest, the bride, Miss Iris Nedham, being the daughter of Capt. Charles S. Nedham, R. N., of Glen Doonee, Branksome Chine, and the fact that she is well known in that part of the country assured for her marriage a widespread interest among all classes combined to make the event one of the most noteworthy and the ceremony took place in the presence of a crowded congregation of guests and of the general public, the seating of the church being hardly sufficient to accommodate all who wished to be present. The church was nicely decorated, palms and other plants and flowers having been placed along the front of the altar screen, on either hand, while the adornments of the church added much to its picturesqueness. Effective coloring was given to the scene by the scarlet uniforms of military officers, as well as by the uniforms of the warrant officers and non-commissioned officers of the Hampshire Regiment who constituted the guard of honor.

The wedding was timed for 2.30, but for half an hour before that guests and friends had been continuously arriving at the church. While they were assembling the string band of the 3rd Battalion, Hampshire Regiment (under Sergeant-Drummer Stillwell, with Mr. T. A. Aldridge, A. R. C. M., at the organ, played suitable selections, including Moszkowski's "Serenade" and Heusselt's "Lullaby." The choir was in attendance, and, on the final of the bride, opened the service with the hymn, "The voice that breathed o'er Eden." The bride was escorted by her father, in the full uniform of his rank. She wore a rich and becoming bridal dress of soft white satin, embroidered with pearls, and a lovely Honiton lace veil, draped from the shoulder over the end of her hair, and a spray of orange blossom. A wreath of orange blossom ornamented her hair, and the old Brunsell lace veil worn over it was lent by her mother. The Honiton lace veil was lent by her cousin, Mr. Armstrong. The bride's ornaments included a necklace of diamonds and emeralds, the gift of the bridegroom, and she carried a bouquet of white roses, white lilies and white heather, also given her by the bridegroom. There were four bridesmaids, all of them

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In contradistinction to the deficit on last year's show of \$306.48, a report was submitted showing that a surplus on this year's show of \$28,306.59. The following are the figures: Sundries \$ 744.60, Members' Expenses (salaries, rent, postage, telephone) 2,435.70, Subscriptions 1,461.50, Advertising 814.20, Privilege 2,497.24, Entry Fees 1,655.90, Gates and Tickets 9,850.90, Grandstand 628.25, City of Victoria Grant 2,000.00, Prov. Govt. Grant 3,000.00, Provincial Government Grant (debt 1908) 5,000.00, Total \$28,306.59.

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SQUAW WOUNDED BY DRUNKEN INDIAN

Woman With Shattered Leg Afterwards Rode Twelve Miles to Friends

Lynton, Feb. 20.—A serious shooting affair took place near Clinton, about thirty-four miles away from Lynton, a few evenings ago which resulted in an Indian woman having to lose one of her limbs in Lynton hospital, where she now lies in a precarious condition. She was quietly wounded by way home towards when a drunken Indian, known as Charley George, met her. The man was a stranger to her, and asked her to "have a drink" and on her declining he threatened to shoot her. Again and again he urged her to have one drink, and her firm refusal so enraged the man that he eventually discharged the rifle at her, shattering the bone of one leg from the knee downwards and wounding the other.

In an agony of pain the poor woman crept to friends, borrowed a horse and managed to keep her seat for some miles, then fell senseless to the ground, and was found by friends, who did what they could for her until Friday, when she hurried her to Lynton hospital. There is no recent medical man, but the nurses gave her what relief they could until Doctor Sanson got down from Anacort, and he saw at once that amputation of one leg was imperative.

Mr. Harrison who has resided in Lynton this past year was badly hurt about the face and chest recently. He was hauling firewood for his own use and had taken the horses out of the sleigh when the rolling off of a log seemed to give the thing an impetus down hill. In his endeavor to stop the motion he fell, and unfortunately became a buffer to the heavily-laden vehicle on the hill. He was taken to the hospital by his nephew, where Dr. Sanson had to put twelve stitches in his face.

SIX TEEN PERSONS PERISH. Woman and Six Children Lose Lives in Fire Which Destroys Home. Sutton, V. Is., Feb. 21.—Seven persons lost their lives in a fire which destroyed the home of J. B. Hardis, in this city. Only Mr. Hardis escaped, the six other members of his family and a little girl who made her home with the Hardis perished in the flames.

The fire was caused by a natural gas leak. When Mrs. Hardis awoke the end of the first floor was ablaze. She awakened her husband and he seized two of the children and ran for a stairway, which she followed. The two children were lost while the father was thrown to a point of safety and made his escape. Mrs. Hardis, seeing the flames and white heat, also ran for the stairs, and she was seen to be taken to a point of safety. The fire was caused by a natural gas leak. When Mrs. Hardis awoke the end of the first floor was ablaze. She awakened her husband and he seized two of the children and ran for a stairway, which she followed. The two children were lost while the father was thrown to a point of safety and made his escape. Mrs. Hardis, seeing the flames and white heat, also ran for the stairs, and she was seen to be taken to a point of safety.

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In contradistinction to the deficit on last year's show of \$306.48, a report was submitted showing that a surplus on this year's show of \$28,306.59. The following are the figures: Sundries \$ 744.60, Members' Expenses (salaries, rent, postage, telephone) 2,435.70, Subscriptions 1,461.50, Advertising 814.20, Privilege 2,497.24, Entry Fees 1,655.90, Gates and Tickets 9,850.90, Grandstand 628.25, City of Victoria Grant 2,000.00, Prov. Govt. Grant 3,000.00, Provincial Government Grant (debt 1908) 5,000.00, Total \$28,306.59.

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SQUAW WOUNDED BY DRUNKEN INDIAN

Woman With Shattered Leg Afterwards Rode Twelve Miles to Friends

Lynton, Feb. 20.—A serious shooting affair took place near Clinton, about thirty-four miles away from Lynton, a few evenings ago which resulted in an Indian woman having to lose one of her limbs in Lynton hospital, where she now lies in a precarious condition. She was quietly wounded by way home towards when a drunken Indian, known as Charley George, met her. The man was a stranger to her, and asked her to "have a drink" and on her declining he threatened to shoot her. Again and again he urged her to have one drink, and her firm refusal so enraged the man that he eventually discharged the rifle at her, shattering the bone of one leg from the knee downwards and wounding the other.

In an agony of pain the poor woman crept to friends, borrowed a horse and managed to keep her seat for some miles, then fell senseless to the ground, and was found by friends, who did what they could for her until Friday, when she hurried her to Lynton hospital. There is no recent medical man, but the nurses gave her what relief they could until Doctor Sanson got down from Anacort, and he saw at once that amputation of one leg was imperative.

Mr. Harrison who has resided in Lynton this past year was badly hurt about the face and chest recently. He was hauling firewood for his own use and had taken the horses out of the sleigh when the rolling off of a log seemed to give the thing an impetus down hill. In his endeavor to stop the motion he fell, and unfortunately became a buffer to the heavily-laden vehicle on the hill. He was taken to the hospital by his nephew, where Dr. Sanson had to put twelve stitches in his face.

SIX TEEN PERSONS PERISH. Woman and Six Children Lose Lives in Fire Which Destroys Home. Sutton, V. Is., Feb. 21.—Seven persons lost their lives in a fire which destroyed the home of J. B. Hardis, in this city. Only Mr. Hardis escaped, the six other members of his family and a little girl who made her home with the Hardis perished in the flames.

The fire was caused by a natural gas leak. When Mrs. Hardis awoke the end of the first floor was ablaze. She awakened her husband and he seized two of the children and ran for a stairway, which she followed. The two children were lost while the father was thrown to a point of safety and made his escape. Mrs. Hardis, seeing the flames and white heat, also ran for the stairs, and she was seen to be taken to a point of safety.

THE BRITISH LIBRARY

WARSHIP DEAL WITH ARGENTINA

U. S. Senator Introduces Resolution Calling for Full Information

Washington, D. C., Feb. 23.—As a result of disclosures by the United States press that the state department had given Argentina the plans of the navy...

The resolution directs the secretary of the navy to report to the senate what plans concerning battleships...

Another resolution directs the secretary of state to transmit to the senate any communication, written or verbal...

Resolved, that the secretary of the navy is hereby directed to transmit to the senate a report on the following matters:

"First, copies of any or all orders issued by the secretary of the navy or his subordinates, and all communications received or sent by the navy department...

"Second, what any plans of guns, gun mounts or other appliances pertaining to the armament of battleships or other property in the custody of the navy department...

"Third, what, if any, work has been done at the navy yard at Washington or elsewhere by officials or employees of the navy department...

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"Fifth, if any such plans have been divulged or such work performed by employees of the navy department...

Carrying a provision which prevents the purchase of armor or armament of any sort from the steel trust...

Despite opposition by the naval affairs committee of the house, the bill has passed the house...

The anti-trust amendment was adopted by a majority of 100...

Will Build Two Dams New Westminster, Dec. 22.—The building of two dams in Surrey, one across the Serpentine river...

It is estimated that the building of the two dams, and the elevation of the old Selma road...

Engineer Brice, who has been taking soundings at the sites of the dams, has been having found excellent building bottom...

In past years the tide water from Boundary bay has backed up the rivers and swollen the streams...

CONCERT AT CEDAR HILL

Gordon Head, Feb. 22.—On Monday evening a concert was held in the Cedar Hill temperance hall...

The programme was as follows: Instrumental solo, Miss Irene McMoran; song, E. Dawson; mandolin solo, Miss Winterburn...

On Sunday evening the 44th class, the St. Luke's Fish room will be formally opened by Bishop Perrin...

On Sunday evening last Bishop Perrin held an accompaniment service at evening. The proceeds of the entertainment will go toward the manse building...

FROST DAMAGES CROPS

New Orleans, Feb. 21.—Although predictions were for warmer weather, no end of the gold snap which for three days has held the Gulf states in its grip...

SAANICH COUNCIL WILL HAVE HALL

Architect's Plans Approved and Tenders Invited—Structure Will Cost \$5,000

Some important matters were decided at the last meeting of the Saanich council. The proposed municipal hall has finally been decided upon...

The minimum wages for road men was fixed at \$2.50 per day, commencing on the 1st of March...

It was decided to build about a mile of sidewalk on Glanford avenue, on conditions that 1/4 the cost is borne by the residents directly benefited...

T. Caterall applied for a permit to build a residence for a Hindu near the Baptist church on Roderick street...

Sarah Ann Fieldhouse wrote asking for compensation for injuries sustained through slipping off a sidewalk near the old creamery...

L. W. Toms, Gordon Head, wrote warning the council that he would hold them responsible for any damage done through blasting out the stumps on Ash road...

J. C. Fagan wrote stating that vaccination was compulsory now and that Dr. Nelson should be empowered to vaccinate all the school children...

J. Drake and 78 others petitioned to have the nuisance on Carey road, caused by a Chinese duck ranch, removed...

E. Crow Baker wrote asking that Douglas street be extended from Cook on Carey road to Glanford avenue...

Also that Ralph street be put in shape for traffic. Mr. Haynes presented and addressed the council, pointing out the valuable residential property that would be rendered available...

Some amendments were made in committee to local improvement by-law No. 7, after which an adjournment was taken.

FINES MUST BE REPAID TO GOVERNMENT

Letter Read at the Kamloops Council Meeting—School Accommodation

Kamloops, Feb. 21.—At the regular meeting of the city council a letter was read from E. W. Pearce, government agent, demanding for the deputy attorney-general repayment to the provincial government of all police fines...

The clerk in reply to the letter submitted to the city solicitor whose written opinion was read to the council. The city solicitor is of the opinion that the city is liable for all fines other than for infraction of municipal by-laws...

Mr. H. Bose, secretary of the Union of Municipalities of B. C., a letter from the attorney-general dealing with inspection of milk and proceedings for adulteration, was laid before the council...

A joint delegation consisting of Messrs. Bethune, Gill and Lawrence was appointed to meet the representatives of the agricultural association, who were present at the school trustees' meeting...

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SOUTH WELLINGTON MINERS AT WORK

Agreement Reached With Company—Federation is Being Organized

Nanaimo, Feb. 22.—A mass meeting of the underground employees of the South Wellington mines was held at Chase River on Monday at which the committee appointed on Saturday to interview the mine management...

The report of the delegation was received, the meeting appointing two check-weights among the employees of the mine, and decided to resume work yesterday.

George Pettigrew, organizer for the Canadian Federation of Miners, was present at the meeting and addressed those present on the advantages of trades unions, and at the close of the meeting it was unanimously agreed to form an organization among the South Wellington employees on Sunday next.

Several weeks ago Mr. Pettigrew organized the Extension miners, and he expects to hold a meeting in this city in the near future and attempt an organization among the employees of the Western Fuel Company, and afterwards the miners of Cumberland. It is the object of the organizer to weld all the miners of Vancouver Island into one organization, the Canadian Federation of Miners.

CANADIAN CONTINGENT

Ottawa, Feb. 23.—Lieut.-Col. J. F. Wood, commanding the Canadian Foot Guards, Ottawa, will be officer second in command of Canadian militia contingent to the coronation of King George. He will be in charge of the mounted rifles of the contingent. Lieut.-Col. Victor A. S. Williams will command the mounted police. As previously announced, Col. H. H. McLean, M. P., will be the general officer commanding the contingent.

CHILLIWACK COURT HOUSE

Chilliwack, Feb. 22.—Acting upon the suggestion of J. Polly, County Court Registrar, Mr. Turnbull, an official of the Provincial Government at Victoria, visited Chilliwack recently and went over the ground and buildings belonging to the Provincial Government in this city, and as a result, will make some recommendations of improvement.

A GRAND MEDICINE FOR OLD PEOPLE

"Fruit-a-lives" Restores the Health and Strength of Youth.

Grande Ligne, Que., Jan. 2, 1910. "I heartily recommend 'Fruit-a-lives' to all who suffer from constipation and liver and kidney troubles. I am now over 80 years of age and suffered for more than ten years with Constipation and Piles. I tried all kinds of remedies, but nothing cured me."

"About four years ago I received a sample of 'Fruit-a-lives.' After taking a few doses I felt that 'Fruit-a-lives' were doing me good. As 'Fruit-a-lives' were not sold here, then, I wrote to Ottawa for several boxes."

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With difficulty the demented man was dragged through the deep snow and over the fallen trees in the direction of the cabin, but he succumbed within a quarter of a mile of his abode. A rough box was constructed, the body wrapped in blankets, and packed with snow. Later the men came to town and the chief constable was sent out for the body. The coroner decided that no inquest was necessary.

CALIFORNIA AND TREATY WITH JAPAN

Reported Pledge That State Would Not Agitate Against the Japanese

Sacramento, Cal., Feb. 22.—That President Taft granted a pledge from Governor Hiram W. Johnson, when the California executive was in Washington in the interests of the Panama Canal, that California would not agitate against the Japanese, was announced yesterday by the highest authority following publication of the terms of the proposed new treaty with Japan.

In response of this pledge, Johnson has consistently opposed any legislation in Washington or Japan which might be discriminatory. Also the Governor has refrained from issuing any statement which might be construed as an endorsement of the Japanese might use to their advantage.

Several anti-Japanese measures pending before the California legislature already have received the attention of the administration. About the only one that stands a chance of favorable consideration is the federal anti-trust act, which has been introduced by the administration.

The principal objection to the treaty and the principal agitation against Astoria has come from the Democratic faction, which has membership of only 30 of the entire 120 in the legislature. A scathing objection has come from the few labor unions, which have been reported under the surface, without means of positive verification, that in return for labor's concession to the administration that nothing will be done to jeopardize the great expositions. With the publication of the treaty a month ago it is possible that the progressive alignment in the legislature would have been disrupted by the election of John D. Works to the senate would have been prevented and that anti-Asiatic laws would have been passed in a wave of popular indignation.

"We have confidence in the national government, however, and we believe that Japan will keep its gentlemen's agreement."

San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 22.—Provoked by the elimination of the immigration clause from the proposed Japanese treaty, the San Francisco Labor Council decided to draw up resolutions urging President Taft to retain the "coolie clause" in the measure. Copies of the resolutions will be forwarded to the President and to the California congressional representatives.

WILL BE REDUCED IN RANK

Bremerton, Wash., Feb. 22.—Because his name was on a list of 200 by one of his clerks, Edward Assistant Paymaster E. H. Wilson, U. S. N., who is attached to the navy yard here, will be reduced two numbers in rank. This was said to be the sentence determined upon by the court-martial. Paymaster Wilson was pay officer of the Philadelphia when the theft occurred.

The Duke of Vizen, eldest son of the port-wine President-Dom Miguel of Portugal, is employed as clerk in a stockbroker's office in Throgmorton street, London.

TRAPPER DIES ON WAY HOME

Found by Companions After Being Lost for Three Days

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LIBERALS APPROVE TRADE AGREEMENT

Resolution Passed at Meeting of Association at New Westminster

New Westminster, Feb. 21.—The following resolution was passed at a well attended meeting of the Westminster Liberals after the pros and cons of the reciprocal agreement had been discussed and debated for nearly three hours:

Resolved: That this association approves of the reciprocity agreement now before parliament, negotiated by the Laurier government with the government of the United States, and believes that Canada as a whole and British Columbia broadly speaking, will benefit immeasurably from the large degree of free trade and lowered trade restrictions between the two contiguous countries which this great reciprocal tariff measure, if mutually ratified, will bring about, and will express the earnest hope that the representatives of the people in parliament assembled will ratify the arrangement with no uncertain voice.

Further resolved: That copies of this resolution be wired to the right Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Hon. William Templeman and Ralph Smith, M. P.

The discussion was free from political bias, the intention being to express individual expressions as to great extent as possible in favor of the measure. The resolution was viewed from all standpoints and angles—that of the producer, consumer, farmer, manufacturer, railroads, etc., and the probable effect of the passing of the measure was lucidly explained by many of the speakers.

Before the meeting was thrown open to discussion, two resolutions from district associations were read, one from Chilliwack and the other from Mission City. Here are the resolutions:

"At a representative meeting of the Chilliwack city executive, composed almost entirely of producers, the following resolution was passed unanimously: 'That this executive meeting expresses a strong sentiment in favor of the reciprocity agreement, and we believe it will be of great benefit to both consumers and producers.'"

Extract from the minutes of Liberal meeting held on February 16, 1911, at Mission City: "That this meeting appoints S. W. Dick to represent them at the Liberal meeting to be held at New Westminster on February 17, and hereby declares against the reciprocity agreement."

George Kennedy president of the Westminster Liberal association, introduced the subject of the evening in a lengthy speech. He said in part: "We are met here to-night in what may be considered a special open meeting of the New Westminster Liberal association to consider, discuss and pass a resolution, or resolutions, giving expression to our sentiment in favor of the great reciprocal trade measure recently negotiated by the Laurier government with the government of the United States. We have with us also to-night a large number of our district representatives of the rural and agricultural portions of this extensive Dominion electoral district of New Westminster."

In opening the meeting I may be permitted to briefly open the subject and also to make a few general remarks as to its scope and nature and touch upon some of the principal features and arguments pro and con, thus clearing the ground, so to speak, and leaving to the speakers who shall follow to elaborate or specialize as they may think fit.

The measure we are about to discuss is a reciprocal trade measure, primarily between Canada and the United States, but under what is known as the "most favored nation" clause in international trade compacts the same tariff rates given to one country must be extended to a large group of the principal civilized countries of the world, including, of course, Great Britain. As the great majority of the articles affected by this Canadian-U. S. reciprocity agreement, chiefly natural products, are such as would not be received to any appreciable extent from European countries, the extensions under the "most favored nation" clause in this particular instance, will not practically amount to so much as might appear on the surface, though opening the door generally to greater freedom of trade from whatever quarter it may offer and assuring the consumer the utmost value for his money."

The reciprocal trade agreement under consideration, it should be mentioned, does not take the form of a formal treaty for a specified term of years, very difficult of ratification, but of a mutual arrangement, terminable by both countries for pleasure, and resting for its ratification and continuance on the understood and expressed desire and the undoubted interest of the people of both countries for a free interchange of commodities on a give-and-take basis such as has been arranged.



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SETTLERS PETITION FOR PROTECTION

Call Upon Governor of Oregon to End Lawlessness on the Indian Reservation

Salem, Ore., Feb. 22.—Citizen murder attacks upon white and Indian and attempted murders, for which the guilty were not arrested at all, a number of the settlers of the Indian reservation appealed to the Oregon West to end lawlessness on the reservation. The petitioners presented a list of names of the settlers who have been attacked in the past and take the law in their own hands and administer that form of justice which, although crude in method, seldom fails to achieve its purpose for which it is intended.

In a long communication to the governor, the settlers give a list of crimes committed on the reservation, including white attacks on white men, three murders and four cuttings of throats. In most of the cases the guilty ones were set at liberty by the federal authorities after a few weeks in jail.

The settlers assert that their lives are not safe on account of the alleged laxity of federal and state officials in enforcing laws and order. They declare that they have been denied relief officials for several years despite constant appeals to them to bring such criminals to justice.

PRINCE RUPERT CITY HALL Prince Rupert, Feb. 21.—The subject of the city hall site and the need for a new city hall was discussed by the city council. Ald. Hilditch introduced a resolution to the need of some action being taken to decide the matter. It was decided to place a site to be taken up by the city and to be used as a market place site to be used by the Mayor Mansop take action while the capital.

Ald. Newton said that under consideration a site could not be obtained until a settlement of the city P. taxation question was made. Mr. P. Morrissey said he found the business section of the community in favor of the Fulton street site, and leaving to the speakers who shall follow to elaborate or specialize as they may think fit.

MURDER OF INDIAN WOMEN Prince Rupert, Feb. 22.—Andrew Crobie, the Indian accused of murder near Hazelton, has been taken south to stand his trial at Vancouver. In Hazelton, he appeared before a majority of the articles affected by this Canadian-U. S. reciprocity agreement, chiefly natural products, are such as would not be received to any appreciable extent from European countries, the extensions under the "most favored nation" clause in this particular instance, will not practically amount to so much as might appear on the surface, though opening the door generally to greater freedom of trade from whatever quarter it may offer and assuring the consumer the utmost value for his money."

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SCHOOL BOARD CAUS

Attacks Rigged by Demand

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SCHOOL BOOK CAUSES TROUBLE

ATTACKS RIGHT OF MIKADO TO THRONE

Impeachment of Cabinet Head Demanded in Diet

Tokio, Feb. 21.—Impeachment of the Japanese cabinet headed by Marquis Katsura, was demanded in the Diet today.

Introduced by the Constitutional Nationalist party a resolution was placed before the Diet declaring the cabinet responsible for the growth of anarchism in Japan and for a serious schism among its people growing out of the contents of a new school text book which practically attacks the right of the Mikado to his throne.

The accusation of responsibility for the growth of anarchism and anarchy in the empire is based on general terms. The Katsura administration is utterly censured for its severe repressive measures and particularly for the execution of Kotoku, the Socialist, and his partisans, the Constitutionalists maintaining that a great severity only leads to the flames of anarchism and will result in its rapid growth.

The other yet more serious charge against Katsura and his cabinet is the appointment of a Japanese to the post of the royal pretenders who established a "northern dynasty," the Shogunate, which appears side by side with the present of the reigning house, that of the Mikado is the descent of both dynasties are justified in their efforts to grasp the throne and the matter of right is left open.

Throughout all the country this apparent re-opening of the breach which ships opened Nippon to the western world, had split the islands into two hostile camps, has caused the greatest bitterness and the ambiguity of the reference to the Mikado's right has his enemies say, may break Katsura's power.

CALL TENDERS FOR ERECTING DREDGER

Superintendent Bayfield Will Receive Bids for Assembling Lobnitz Rock Crusher

Tenders are being called for by H. A. Bayfield, Dominion superintendent for dredging, for the erection of the new Lobnitz rock breaker for use in Victoria harbor on its arrival here on the Blue Funnel liner Nippon, on March 18. According to the advertisement, to be found in another column, those desirous of bidding must do so by 4 p. m. on March 1, and address all tenders to the superintendent, New Westminster.

The new rock breaker, which is the first of its kind to be used on the Pacific coast, was shipped on the Holmer during the latter part of December from Liverpool. It is the intention of the superintendent to have the breaker, which is composed of pieces, put together as soon as possible so that the vessel may commence at the earliest possible date to remove many of the obstacles and obstructions in the harbor.

There are several rocks in the harbor which are proving very dangerous to the large steamers now plying in and out of Victoria. The rock breaker will remove these rocks before the end of the present year it is confidently felt by Mr. Bayfield that the captains of steamers will be afforded more room in which to handle their crafts in the harbor.

SEEK GRANT FOR LIBRARY

Nelson, Feb. 20.—At a meeting of the city council, J. Buchanan and W. Rutherford appeared as a deputation from the Nelson Library Association, asking an increased grant for the coming year. Mr. Buchanan pointed out that the annual grant was \$350, but the directors found the various revenues at their command inadequate, as the annual expenses were between \$1,000 and \$1,200. There were 16,070 books in the members' library and no reference was made in the free reading room, while visits were paid to the library last year by the subscribers and the general public.

Mr. Buchanan suggested that the association would like the grant to be increased to \$600. Mr. Rutherford also made a contribution to the effect that every contribution that ever received aid from the treasury came around annually. He asked an increased grant for the coming year. What he would like to see done, he said, was to have something done on the initiative of the Library Association.

Mr. Buchanan intimated that the association would permit of it. The request of the Library Association was referred to the finance committee. From the sentiment of the members it is probable there will be a substantial grant.

MINING SUIT.

Quebec, Feb. 21.—An important action has been commenced in the Superior court in this city, the plaintiffs in the case being the Kingston Gold and Copper Mining Co., who are suing the Redemable Investment Co. of Boston for \$1,500,000. According to their action the plaintiffs last summer sold to the defendants all their rights in a mining property in British Columbia so as to form a new mining company with a capital of \$1,500,000. Since the contract was signed the Kingston company have found out that the chief officers of the Redemable company have been charged with fraud, and the object of the action is to have the sale set aside. The Kingston Gold and Copper Mining Co. was incorporated in British Columbia, but the head office is in Quebec. The principal officers are Messrs. W. A. Marsh, president; Vesey Boswell, vice-president, and Robert Stanley, secretary.

CIVIL SUIT SETTLED.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 20.—The United States Supreme court, this afternoon dismissed the civil suit involving difficulties between the American Federation of Labor and the Buck Stove & Range Company of St. Louis. The suit was not affected, the status of the contempt cases against President Gompers, Vice-President Mitchell and Secretary Morrison, of the Federation.

PASSENGER GETS DAMAGES.

Vicksburg, Miss., Feb. 20.—The Pullman Car Company today is threatening to sue the Mississippi state for the result of a jury verdict allowing Miss Pearl Morris \$15,000 damages because she was admitted to a sleeping car in violation of the company's regulations. The company has appealed, declaring that if it loses the case Pullman cars will be closed while running through this state.

BALL GROUND IS BEING PREPARED

Victoria Secures Spokane's Crack Outfielder—Vancouver Fans Make Mistake

(From Tuesday's Daily.) The small boy who the baseball season is close at hand and he is the one who ought to know. The big fellows get out in force around the diamond for a big salary, but the real interest in the game is centred in the kids on the corner lot.

Yesterday four teams of horses were at work on the Royal Athletic park ploughing up the field, which in a very few weeks will be as level as a billiard table. The diamond will be under-drained with tiling about a foot below the surface. The grand stand will not be enlarged, as the club does not think this necessary. It will, however, be thoroughly renovated. Manager Wattle proposes to have a wire netting twenty feet high placed on the fence back of centre field. Altogether the grounds, in spite of their rather small size, will be as good as any on the coast.

Playing Manager Householder is expected to arrive in town some time this week, and will get all his men rounded up as soon as possible in preparation for the try-out. The players will turn out for the first practice on March 20. The following are the names of those who have been signed on to date: Catchers, Hemmaway and Dashiwood; pitchers, Marshall, Bill Davis, Lane McCreery, Thomas Baldwin, Navarre, Rush, Tomson and Hal. Clavin; infielders, Clementson, Millon, Mans, Raymer, Parks, Riggs, Norwood, Reddick, Rogerson, Goodman, outfielders, Householder and Ben. Davis. Several of the men signed can play in the outfield if not needed elsewhere.

Hal. Clavin is the latest entry in the lists and is reported to be a pitcher of exceptional ability; with all sorts of curves and plenty of speed. He is also a good outfielder. Clavin was bought from Spokane.

Ben. Davis was the star outfielder of the 1910 Spokane pennant winners and was turned over to Victoria as a consolation prize. He was positively through with baseball. Davis writing from his ranch near Kallispell, Wash., to a friend in Spokane, says: "I will try to fool the people for another summer—just one."

Davis last year played 159 games, was at the bat 57 times, made 69 runs, 135 hits and finished up with a percentage of .242. He was not so bad considering that the best average in any of the four teams of the league was .290. His fielding record was even better; 239 put outs, 10 assists and only 8 errors. His percentage was .95. As regards Raymer, one of the latest additions to Victoria's roster, he must indeed be a good man as the Terminal city fans are trying hard to convince themselves that he is not coming to Victoria but to Vancouver. They are even announcing that he has signed one of "Kitty" Brashear's contracts.

"Kitty" Brashear's contract, according to a dispatch from the south, Fred Raymer, who has played for a couple of seasons in the Pacific Coast league, will accompany Manager "Kitty" Brashear to join the Canucks. Raymer has signed a Vancouver contract, and his addition to the infield makes the department just about the class of the Senators, but was put out of the game by being hit on the head by Bill Moser's sheets, while playing against Oakland. Brashear thinks he will make good with the "Beavers."

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PERRY CASE AGAINST MAYOR

COMPLETE HEARING OF ELECTION MATTER

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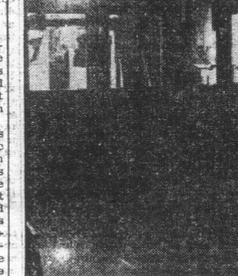
(From Tuesday's Daily.) The concluding evidence and arguments in the case of Perry against Morley were heard in the Supreme court yesterday afternoon by Mr. Justice Gregory, who then reserved his decision till to-day. Several witnesses were called by H. A. Maclean, K. C., for the petitioner, B. J. Perry. These gave evidence that in agreement with Perry on property in the Fernwood subdivision, they were listed on the voters' list as property owners, although they had not obtained titles to their property.

Mr. Maclean also produced two witnesses who are under age. These gave evidence that they were property owners under agreement of sale and were on the voters' list for the last election. Their names had been sent to the city assessor through a real-estate man, and without enquiry as to their age the purchasers of lots were added to the assessment roll and subsequently to the voters' list.

Prior to the evidence of these witnesses being adduced, W. J. Taylor, K. C., and Mr. Maclean had a long legal debate as to the merits of certain law points raised. Mr. Taylor asked the judge to give a decision on the legal situation with a view of having action taken by the legislature. He explained that the city solicitor had that morning waited upon the provincial executive to discuss the possible action of the executive in the event of those who were properly placed there on the list had been compiled correctly and according to law. He held it absurd that the court of revision should examine individually every voter. The legislature in the act had not set forth a method of compiling the list, and the work had consequently been left in the hands of the clerk. The act set forth the qualifications of voters, but did not indicate to the clerk how he is to ascertain if these qualifications are possessed by those on the lists. The petitioner could have appeared before the court of revision and complained, and if he considered the reply of the clerk to be unsatisfactory, he would then have an appeal to the Supreme court. Mr. Taylor believed the lists had been made up extremely well considering that it is against the law to do so. The only person to appear before the court of revision was Mr. Sturgess, whose name had been placed on the list. There was no illegal act on the part of the clerk of revision, which might have made a mistake, but did not commit an illegal act.

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Ticket agents in this city representing the various steamship lines operating vessels across the Atlantic to England are daily in receipt of numerous inquiries from Victorians desirous of seeking information regarding a passage to the Old Country to attend the coronation of King George V., in London. A large number of local citizens have purchased tickets already so as to avoid being amongst those disappointed who leave it until the last minute to secure their tickets and find that all the accommodation on the liners is taken.

While 1910 was generally regarded by steamship men as the banner year for travel on the Atlantic it is abundantly evident that they expect far better results during 1911. With this in view several of the companies are preparing to place extra steamships on the route in order to bring the facilities for the handling of the great mass of people who will be crossing the Atlantic, to the highest state of efficiency.

L. D. Chatham, city passenger agent for the C. P. R., states that the bookings from Victoria and surrounding districts for this summer are extremely heavy. While there are still a few vacant berths on the Empresses and the other C. P. R. liners, it is predicted that every vessel leaving the coast early in June 2 will be fully booked. W. G. Annable, passenger agent of the C. P. R. at Montreal, says that such a state of affairs has never been known before. The Empress of Ireland, in the honor of taking across the Motherland the Canadian military contingent, neighboring close on to 800 men.

A similar story is told by W. E. Dupuron, city passenger agent for the G.T.P., regarding the tremendous traffic promised. He is taking reservation on the Canadian Northern's two speedy liners, the Royal Edward and the Royal George, holders of the Atlantic record from England to Canada, and states that the amount of space allotted to him has nearly all been spoken for. This is the second year that these steamships have been running, and the officials are looking for a great increase over last year's returns. The G. T. P. offices are also booking people on many of the other lines.

Many people will use the American railroads and take the Cunard liners for England from New York. E. E. Blackwood, city passenger agent for the Northern Pacific and other United States roads, reports that he has sold tickets to a large number of people who will travel on the Canamers. The Lustania and Mauretania have nearly all their accommodation taken and the smaller boats operated by the same line are found to be in exactly the same condition.

The White Star liner Olympic, the largest vessel in the world, which was recently launched at Belfast, will be a competitor bidding for part of the trade. It is also believed that her sister ship, now in course of construction at the great Irish shipbuilding yards, will make several trips across the Atlantic as a one cabin ship.

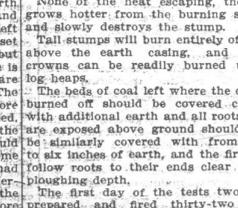
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MASQUERADE BALL

Gordon Head, Feb. 20.—The first annual masquerade ball of the "Klu Klux Klan Klub" was held at the St. Luke's parish hall on the evening of the 17th inst. It was the first function in the new hall, but it will be formally opened by Bishop Perrin. The floor was in splendid condition and the music excellent. About forty couples were masked and a large number of spectators attended. The prize for the best dressed lady was awarded to Miss Mabel Irvine, who represented a cowgirl; for the best dressed gentleman, Charlie Tomlin, bartender. There was a good deal of discussion over the best of the evening. Finally it was decided that two prizes be given, one to Miss Daisy Holmes and one to Charlie King. Among other costumes were: Miss Lexie Laine, butterfly; Miss Margaret Whitaker and Miss Margaret Laing; two girls in blue; Miss F. Tolmes; Highland lassie; Miss Tolmes, billiard table; Mrs. Sadie Miller, nurse; Miss Nancy Bradshaw, fencing girl; Miss M. Miller, Dolly Varden; Miss R. Ball, Hiawatha; Miss Bee Bradshaw, Spanish girl; Miss Laing, nicotine; Mrs. Haynes, Sumner; Miss E. Fetherston, queen of hearts; Miss Mannix, maid; Miss Tolmes, butterfly boy; Percy Hall and darkey; Leland Miller, Pierrot; S. Whittaker, Pierrot; W. Bennett, soldier; Watson Clark, Esquimaux; Alec Scott, Victoria baseball boy; A. W. Macmorran, monk; R. Irvine and Robert Clark, cowboys; T. McMartin and G. Heal, tramps.

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W. W. Northcott, city assessor and returning officer, gave evidence of the result of the election, and the voters cast for each of the three candidates. He said that during the past two years there had been few visits to the registrar's office, but occasionally, when the owner of a property was unknown, a search in the records would be made. The mode of compiling the lists had

been from the reports of real estate agents, who reported the names of new owners. The lists had been followed for the past 23 years. Twelve of the forty-two owners of property purchased under agreement of sale on the Fernwood sub-division were called yesterday as witnesses. All swore that they were still paying instalments. Two were under age. Some had and some had not paid more than \$100 on their property, but it was not ascertained whether they had all voted. It was not until the last two were called that Mr. Maclean, acting on Mr. Taylor's suggestion, ascertained that the witnesses had voted.

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(Times Leased Wire.) Perm, Russia, Feb. 23.—Seven persons were killed and 32 badly injured to-day when a passenger train burned at Vohnesenka. An explosion fired the train after it was wrecked and the passengers slowly roasted in the debris.

SEATTLE CIVIC PRIMARY

Candidates Endorsed by Reform Element Are Endorsed.

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 23.—The winners in the primary election for the city council are all those endorsed and supported by the reform element that placed Mayor Dilling in office after recalling Hiram C. Gill.

The successful ones in yesterday's election are: O. T. Erickson, E. L. Blaine, A. E. Griffith, Max Waralek, C. C. Steiner, Robert Hesketh, J. Y. C. Kellogg, A. J. Goddard and William Haase.

Of this number four are members of the old city council. Kellogg and Goddard started the investigation of the police department that finally resulted in the recall of ex-Mayor Gill. Waralek is the young councilman who, while acting mayor, suspended Chief of Police Wappenstein for alleged grafting, and Blaine is the councilman who was chief inquisitor at the secret investigation of the police department.

SUFFERS IN STORM

Schooner Willis A. Holden Loses Deckload and Has Only Forealls Left Standing.

Seattle, Feb. 23.—Nearly stripped of her mast and with her deckload gone, the schooner Willis A. Holden, of the Globe Navigation Company, of Seattle, is making her way slowly toward San Francisco.

The Merchants' Exchange yesterday received a message from the schooner Willis A. Holden, which had just arrived at San Francisco, stating that the Holden was heard from by wireless on February 14 while the Virginia was at 40 degrees north and 126 degrees west. The message said that only the forealls of the Holden were standing and all of her deckload had been blown overboard by the sea. She was headed for San Francisco when the message was received by the Virginia.

The Holden, a four-masted schooner, put to sea February 3 and nothing was heard of her until the message was received yesterday. She was en route from Tacoma for Valparaiso with lumber. The vessel undoubtedly encountered the storm which raged on the North Pacific the first of last week and disabled the Edward R. West, which was brought into port by the Standard Oil tanker Atlas and the barquentine James Tuff, picked up by the life-saving tug Snobishnik. The gale is believed to have crippled other vessels, which will be heard from in a few days.

FARMERS' BANK CASES IN COURT

W. R. Travers Again Gives Evidence at Hearing at Toronto

Toronto, Feb. 23.—The Farmers' cases resumed yesterday before the police magistrate, with W. R. Travers as the first witness. The crown attorney sought to find out if Mr. Travers was connected in any way with the obtaining of the charter of the bank and asked Travers a number of questions along this line, without result, however, as the witness said that Stratton's name had only been mentioned once or twice. Hughes Charles, formerly manager of the Bank of Commerce at Peterboro, was the next witness. He said that Stratton in 1906 was asked how he would like to buy stock in the Farmers' bank. Stratton had told him that his company had put \$20,000 into it and had good security. The witness added that he considered the conversation of such a nature that he had written his general manager about it. The letter was produced and read in court.

ATTEMPTED BLACKMAIL

New Society Formed on Lines of Black Hand.

New York, Feb. 23.—Following three abortive bomb throwings charged to unidentified members of the Black Hand, a new secret society of a similar nature among the Greeks is believed by the police to have been discovered by the arrest of Nicholas Tritakis. He is alleged to be a leader in an organization calling itself "The Hand of Faith" for the alleged purpose of extorting money from wealthy Greeks.

Tritakis, who is a young Greek laborer, was arrested by detectives in an elevated railroad station to-night on a charge of having written threatening letters to the proprietor of the Hotel Albers demanding \$2,000.

"Our rules try to avoid bloodshed," one letter read. "From the day we started we have only lost one. That happened only to insure our safety. If you deny our demand, we will not touch your person, relatives or family, like the Black Hand, but will blow your big hotel into the air."

Expert butter tasters in France maintain that they can tell whether butter comes by avons, given it by the soils over which cows browse.

DR. SUN YAT SEN'S VISITOR IN VICTORIA

Man With Price on His Head Preaches Gospel of Freedom and Reform

(From Wednesday's Daily.) A rather notable international character is at present in Victoria in the person of Dr. Sun Yat Sen, a prominent Chinese reformer and agitator, and he is utilizing his stay in the capital city of the Chinese colony.

Dr. Sun Yat Sen has had an interesting and adventurous career, the latter part of which he has spent as a fugitive in many countries as well as in secret in his own. He is a man whose doctrines are regarded by the Chinese government as dangerous to the state, and therefore they have placed a pretty stiff premium on his head. On one occasion in London, about eighteen months ago, he was seized by the Chinese diplomatic service and dragged to the embassy, where he was incarcerated pending his shipment to China to meet the fate which the law had prescribed for him. His escape from that harrowing predicament was due to the British authorities, who hearing that he was being kept a prisoner demanded that he be released.

Tokio, Japan, also proved too small to hold him safely. Five years ago he carried on active work among the Chinese who were studying there, but his efforts came to an end through the Chinese government intervening and asking that he be extradited. From there he went to Singapore and Hongkong, but his advocacy of the reform gospel was always the means of his being hounded out. For a long time he was not heard of until he appeared in Victoria. He has been in San Francisco and Vancouver on his way here, and at each port call he has only his message of freedom and reform.

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NOT LOOKING FOR OTHER BURDENS

President Taft Says Country Has Enough Responsibilities at Present

Washington, D. C., Feb. 23.—"I really believe that with the consummation of the Canadian reciprocity agreement there will be a drawing together of two great nations; but a drawing together by close business and social relations and not by political union," said President Taft at the centennial banquet of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the District of Columbia. The president followed by Henry S. Bridges, grand master of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, who spoke of the good will of Canadians toward the United States in the Canadian reciprocity negotiations.

"I am delighted to know," said Mr. Taft, "that Brother Bridges comes to us not panopiled for war but for peace. He does not look forward to an annexation, or the drying up of the St. John river, nor has he any of those dreams which afflict certain people's imaginations, some of whom are only innocent bystanders in the matter. I have every hope that I have come to know the people of Canada, to understand their aspirations and their belief in their independence and their desire to be an independent government. We have Alaska, we have Porto Rico; we have the Philippines; heaven knows we have enough, and before we look out for other burdens and responsibilities let us share the world we can meet perfectly those we have."

PURCHASE OF MINE

Nelson, Feb. 20.—Messrs. Robert Mabry and W. Beckett, of Spokane, accompanied by Senator G. J. Hurley, of Loomis, Wash., have arrived in Alton, where they are concluding the details in connection with the purchase of several mining properties, including the Hobson, Inyanche, L. C. U. and L. C. U. No. 2. Mr. Mabry expects to begin work within thirty days on the properties, and says that an ample sum of money has been deposited for that purpose.

AMATEUR LEAGUE TO COMMENCE NEXT WEEK

Will Decide Which Team Plays for B. C. Championship—Six Entries

(From Wednesday's Daily.) With the exception of Lady Smith all the entries for the amateur Island League have been received. The following teams have entered: North Ward, Victoria West, Foresters, Duncan and Corinthian. The Corinthian team is the last of the old Empress team. It is known that Lady Smith wants to enter and word was sent yesterday to the secretary of the club, asking why they had not sent in their entry and requesting them to do so at once.

Owing to the lateness of the season the series will be rushed through as quickly as possible. A committee, F. Sweeney, R. Kelsall, A. Campbell and J. Lockyer will meet Friday night to draw up a schedule and arrange all details. The by-laws which governed the old amateur Island League, with a few amendments, will form the constitution of the new series.

As there will be six teams in the league it will be impossible for each of them to play two games, and the officials have practically decided that elimination matches will be played in Victoria and the best team play off with the northerners. This will mean sudden death to some of the teams. The first game will probably be played a week from Saturday.

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LOCAL NEWS

The bank clearings for the week closing Tuesday amounted to \$2,280,519.

Miss Rose Fritz gave a demonstration of typewriting at St. Ann's Academy Tuesday, which the sisters and pupils were greatly interested in.

The monthly social of the Y. P. S. C. E. of St. Paul's Presbyterian church will be held on Friday evening at 8 o'clock, at the residence of Mrs. Fred Peart, 245 Russell street, instead of at the manse, as announced, owing to Mrs. MacRae being laid up with an attack of la grippe.

Building permits were issued Tuesday by the building inspector to W. J. Hanna, for a dwelling on Douglas avenue to cost \$800; to R. E. Blakeway, dwelling on Graham street, to cost \$1,950; to C. O. Ely, dwelling on Moore street, to cost \$1,200; to Moses McGeog, dwelling on Shakespeare street, to cost \$600.

Work on the five-story hotel which Lim Bang will erect at the southeast corner of Pender and Douglas street commenced Tuesday, when a gang of Chinamen was put to work tearing down the old brick warehouse on the rear of the property. The structure will be a decided improvement to the thoroughfare.

Dinsdale & Malcolm have commenced the work of clearing the site which will be taken for the extension of View street from Douglas street to Government, for which work the city council has awarded the firm the contract. This job must be completed within forty-five days. The firm will do the work for \$220 and take the material.

On Monday evening the vice-president of the Missionary committee of the Victoria West Methodist church, Miss E. Robinson, conducted a meeting which inspired the members to greater missionary zeal. The stories of several recent conversions were read, showing the Chinese converts, as well as the missionaries, died for the cause on which their faith was founded. The missionary box was opened and found to have been well filled during the last three weeks.

Realty sales of the past few days include a lot on the north side of Pender, between Douglas and Blanchard streets sold by Messrs. Gillespie and Hart for \$85,000; eleven acres on the Gorge waterfront on the Gorge road, sold by Miss Parsable for \$85,000; the southeast corner of Port and Blanchard street, measuring 60 x 120 feet, sold by Leeming, Brothers, for \$45,000, and forty-eight feet on the west side of Douglas street opposite King's road, sold for \$15,000.

Dr. Ernest H. will give an illustrated lecture in the Emmanuel Baptist church next Friday evening at 8 o'clock. The lecture is for women only and will deal with questions pertinent to them. The slides which always help in a meeting will be introduced by Johnson and Clements. A cordial invitation is extended to all women to be present. A collection will be taken for the aid of the Ladies' Aid, under whose auspices the lecture is being held.

Following the emphatic protest of the property owners on that portion of Fort street and Yates street against the proposal to widen the thoroughfare before the paving work is proceeded with, the Workmen's Paving company, to which was awarded the contract for paving and which had made a start but ceased work pending the decision of the council relative to a large gang of unsummed work yesterday, a large gang of men being put to work. The job will be carried to a completion as fast as possible. In the meantime the roadway is closed to traffic.

FINE WEATHER NOW REPLACING ROUGH

Chicago Maru Has Splendid Trip Across Pacific—Brings Small Cargo

Reporting an exceptionally fine passage across the Pacific from Yokohama, the Oanko-Shoen Kalaha liner Chicago Maru, Capt. Ito, arrived at outer dock early on Wednesday. The Pacific is at last coming back to its normal condition after several months of the roughest weather known in the history of shipping on this coast.

Out of the sixteen days occupied in coming across only during one day did the steamer encounter any heavy weather. When nearing the meridian she ran into a stiff easterly gale which tossed her about like a cork. After leaving the coast of Japan for several hours the wind quieted down and during the remainder of the trip the ocean was as smooth as a mill pond and Old Sol was hardly ever obscured.

The one Chinese crew member, a young cargo, having in all about 3,000 tons, of which nearly three hundred tons were discharged at this port. She had a very light shipment of silk, valued at a quarter of a million dollars. Among the freight discharged here were 300 bags of rice, 3,436 bags of sulphur from North Japan, 900 bags of sugar, 50 bags of polishing sand, two packages of rattan wares and several cases of vegetables, soy, toys and other Japanese merchandise.

Five passengers left the vessel at this port, one European, three Japanese and one Chinese. For Tacoma, the Maru has ten passengers, including E. J. Haber, an American newspaperman, who has been in the Orient working on several of the large dailies for a considerable time.

SECRETS TRADED FOR CONTRACTS

Charges Made in Connection With Building of Warships in States

Washington, D. C., Feb. 23.—That the secrets of the American navy have been traded for fat fishery contracts, chief beneficiary of which is Chas. W. Peck, 245 Russell street, instead of at the manse, as announced, owing to Mrs. MacRae being laid up with an attack of la grippe.

The two ships, the building of which was obtained for America by the alleged bargain, are now in course of construction for the Argentine, one at the yards of the Fore River company at Quincy, Mass., and the other at the yards of the New York Shipbuilding company.

The plans and drawings of the United States navy department and the brains of Uncle Sam's experts are being used in the construction of the two ships. It was because of the promise of open and free access to the secrets of the American navy by the state department that the contract for the warships came here, it is charged.

When the Argentine decided to build two Dreadnoughts, bids were asked from the United States. The bids were finally narrowed down to the British, German and American bids, in the latter of which Charles M. Schwab's name was greatly interested. Secretary Knox was formerly attorney for Schwab.

While the contracts were still "up in the air" United States Minister Sherrill at Buenos Ayres, intervened and by pledging the secrets of the American navy, it is alleged, to the Argentine, in favor of the United States bidders and the contracts came to this country.

All requests to Secretary Meyer to explain the transaction have been met with a note saying the secretary declined to be interviewed on the subject. Admiral interviewed.

New York, Feb. 23.—Queried in Washington regarding reports that American naval secrets had been pledged and were being used in the construction of the Argentine Dreadnoughts here and in Massachusetts as a part of the bargain by which the contracts were given to America, Admiral Garcia, chief of the Argentine commission in charge of the construction of the two war vessels yesterday freely admitted that it was the influence of the state department which secured the contracts for the United States.

"I met Secretary Knox in Washington," he said, "and was introduced to him by one of these county treasurers who returned \$20,000 of illegal interest which had been collected on county funds to the county in 1908 after an investigation had been made here yesterday for three years. Cox testified before a grand jury in March, 1906, that he had never received any share of the interest from any county treasurer or bank agent. The present grand jury charges that Cox did receive \$4,000 of such funds and that he, therefore, committed perjury.

The indictment was returned by Judge Evans Gorman, after the grand jury had heard the testimony of Gibson, French and another former county treasurer who returned the illegal interest. Cox faces a penalty under the statute of from three to ten years in prison.

HEADLESS COUNCIL MOBS A CHINA MAN

Discusses Situation, and Decides on Appeal

(From Wednesday's Daily.) The terms of the headless council assembled at the committee room of the city hall last night and held a little conversation, but the meeting was done by individuals, because the body corporate lay stretched before them on the committee room table, showing the marks where Mr. Justice Gregory's gleaming axe had severed the head from the still quivering, very much quivering, body. The body quivered at the rate of 170 words a minute and Miss Rose Fritz would have been non-plussed.

The aldermen (?) had met to find out where they stood, and until they get a direction from some authoritative source, more authoritative than themselves, they will not take action in civic affairs. Mayor Moley, of course, was not present, and Alfred J. Morley, being no longer the mayor, remained at his residence, and left the "where are we at?" aldermen to fight it out alone.

It had been the intention, but for the Gregorian action of the afternoon, to hold a council meeting last night and consider the estimates. Under the existing circumstances the estimates did not receive discussion, but the city health officer was present and made a skillful examination of the quivering body of the council, as it grated itself on its final throes. Chairman of School Trustees George Jay was present and he bent a magisterial eye on the corpse, but did not weep. "Altogether the laying-out ceremony was an excellent success." The body is now lying in a state of considerable unrest.

The meeting adjourned with the intention of meeting to-day at 12:30 to wait on the government, accompanied by the city solicitor, who will recite the facts of the situation. School Trustee George Jay will accompany the deputation as representing the school board.

Ward II, representative, Humber, said that under the present state of affairs his remark demonstrated the funeral feelings of all. "Lower the flag half-mast and put crepe on the door," he said, but Ward IV, representative, glibly refused to do so. "Not on your life," he said, which, in a scene of death, was a most out-of-place remark. Mr. Moresby, however, held that the body ought not to sit as a council until some director had been received. He said that if he found the protest now filed against his election was to be pushed he would resign.

City Solicitor McDermid pointed out that if the aldermen sat knowing that they were disqualified, they would be liable to a penalty of \$50 for each sitting, and in addition a fine of \$2,500. He would not advise any of the aldermen to contest the validity of the election. The mayor had done so at the expense of \$1,000.

Ward V, representative, Peden, inquired when would be about the right moment to resign, and North Ward representative, Humber, said, "Right now! do it before they get to you."

The most important phase of the meeting was the statement made by City Comptroller James L. Razmyr that under the present state of affairs not a cent of money can be paid out for any cause, as there is no one to sign the cheques. He said that there would probably be 1,000 or more applications struck off the list when the revision took place. Until some definite steps are taken to give the city a controlling body, street work will have to cease, the workmen will not be paid, and things will be held up generally. The comptroller, however, thought he would be justified, with the city engineer, in carrying on the work on the streets until a new executive is provided.

The situation of the school board, Mr. Jay explained, is that while the election of the trustees has not been appealed against there is no money in sight at the moment to pay the teachers' salaries.

The city solicitor said that every act of the council since January 12 is invalid. Ward V, representative, Peden, came forward with the suggestion that the government should be asked to validate the election of those elected as aldermen, and the ten who comprise the bleeding body of the city's executive figure determined to do so. This morning to the parliament buildings and put the matter before the provincial executive.

On the way out one of the representatives remarked: "It is beyond us. It is up to the King; let George do it."

ACCUSED OF PERJURY

Cincinnati, Ohio, Feb. 23.—Geo. B. Cox, the political boss of Cincinnati, was indicted by the grand jury here yesterday on the charge of perjury. The indictment is based on testimony given before the grand jury by John H. Gibson, former county treasurer, on Monday.

Gibson was one of three county treasurers who returned \$20,000 of illegal interest which had been collected on county funds to the county in 1908 after an investigation had been made here yesterday for three years. Cox testified before a grand jury in March, 1906, that he had never received any share of the interest from any county treasurer or bank agent. The present grand jury charges that Cox did receive \$4,000 of such funds and that he, therefore, committed perjury.

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BOISTEROUS WEATHER PREVALENT IN NORTH

Amur Arrives Two Days Late After Exceedingly Dirty Passage

Bearing evidence of having had a strenuous time in northern waters, the P. R. steamer Amur, Capt. Locke, returned to port on Wednesday from Queen Charlotte Island and British Columbia ports. She was two days late in arriving here which was caused through the heavy weather met in Hecate Straits. For twenty-four hours the vessel had to lie in shelter at Queen Charlotte owing to the fierceness with which a southeast gale was raging outside.

During the greater part of the passage the Amur was battered by southeast gales blowing with great violence. After entering into Queen Charlotte Sound northbound the steamer was beset by tempestuous weather. At different times she was made to make but little headway in the terrific gales which were raging. The Amur was pitched around severely and shipped large quantities of water over her bow.

When crossing Hecate Straits the steamer encountered the fiercest part of the passage when a heavy southeast gale struck the ship. She roughed her way through the tremendous seas but arrived at Queen Charlotte several hours late in making the run from Prince Rupert. While the vessel was lying there the wind increased in fury and she was forced to remain for twenty-four hours before the wind subsided.

Southbound the steamer experienced practically the same weather as she met going north. Running into strong head winds and nasty seas she was buffeted badly. The officers of the Amur report that they encountered no snow on the trip, but that Jupiter Fluvius visited them quite often with a gentle shower of rain. The winter garment of snow which has clad the hills and valleys in the north for several months is now disappearing and the work there is being resumed.

The Amur brought south fifty passengers, the majority of whom disembarked at Vancouver. As freight she brought south ten tons of whalebone from Rose Harbor; 20 tons of bottle glass from Prince Rupert; 450 cases of halibut, the last shipment to leave Paeon this season. Returning from Queen Charlotte to Prince Rupert the Amur carried 60,000 feet of lumber. Every foot of lumber which was turned out by the mill on the island is being grabbed up, and it is stated that the building in the north will be done on a large scale this year.

ONCE TAKING BIG CARGO FROM SOUND

Leaves Port To-night for London—Has Large Quantities of Copper Cathodes

(From Wednesday's Daily.) Taking a capacity cargo of general freight valued at over a half a million dollars, the Blue Funnel liner Ona, Capt. Lyett, leaves the outer wharf every foot of lumber which was turned out by the mill on the island is being grabbed up, and it is stated that the building in the north will be done on a large scale this year.

The Ona is a shipment of copper cathodes from the Tacoma smelter for Europe. She has 860 tons, valued at \$131,000. This is the first shipment of copper cathodes from the port since 1905. The Ona is also carrying an unusually large shipment of salt herring, which was loaded at Tacoma, several small freighters being engaged in conveying 1,000 tons of herring from Nanaimo to the City of Destiny for a number of days. She is also taking 1,100 tons of wheat for China to the relief of the famine sufferers, together with 40,000 barrels of flour valued at \$120,000. The Blue Funneler has in her hold 560 tons of acetate of lime and a big consignment of nearly a million feet of lumber, which is bound for the Old Country. Another very valuable part of her cargo is 1,500 bales of cotton with a value of nearly two hundred thousand dollars. She has also large quantities of machinery for the Orient.

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ENORMOUS NORTHWARD RUSH EXPECTED SOON

Steamship Companies Preparing for Greatest Passenger Travel in History

Gradually the passenger travel between Victoria, Vancouver, north British Columbia ports and Skagway is reviving after a dull winter season and the local steamship companies are looking for the biggest rush in several years. The many mines, which are to be opened up this season, and the advantages and possibilities of the young cities are bound to attract a large number of people to that section of the continent.

When the Princess Mary resumes her calls on the Skagway route, the Princess will be laid off to the Vancouver-Prince Rupert route, which during the winter the C. P. operates no steamer direct. The C. P. is to be replaced on the northern route by the new steamer Princess Mary. As it will be some time before the big Princesses are equipped with their burners and have completed their spring cleaning the Princess Rupert will not be ready to enter on the Skagway run with the May run, which it is not expected that the C. P. will use any more vessels on the northern runs this year than they have used.

Another company which is preparing for the rush is the Grand Trunk Pacific which will operate the Prince Rupert and Prince George to Prince Rupert and Stewart. Both vessels will have their burners and will operate on a semi-weekly service, running on practically the same schedule as last year. Each of the steamers have been overhauled and owing to their superior speed a great deal of accommodation is expected that they will come in at a good share of the business. The Union Steamship Company of Vancouver is also preparing for the rush. Several freighters will also be employed by the company to handle the enormous amount of freight which is to be shipped into the north this spring.

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VANCOUVER MEN ARE FALLING OUT

ATTORNEY GENERAL ANNOYS COLLEAGUE

Dr. McGuire Thinks Motor Regulations Too One-sided—Routine in House

Legislative Press gallery, Feb. 21. While considerable progress was made to-day in clearing up legislative business, a big batch of government measures was brought down to-night, so that the members will have to work with diligence if propagation is to be reached by March 1, as is the present intention.

As a relief to the monotony of routine proceedings on bills was the split which developed this afternoon among the Vancouver delegation over the motor vehicles bill. Dr. McGuire, the junior member for that city, had a stiff tilt with the senior member, Attorney-General Bower. H. H. Watson, the second member, was in the middle, throwing the onus of proof that no offence had been committed on the chauffeur or owner, but as it happened the Attorney-General had already decided to strike this out. Dr. McGuire considered that the bill was altogether too severe on the motorist, while he fully realized that the public must be protected. The discussion provided much amusement for the rest of the House.

The act to regulate the use and operation of motor vehicles was taken up in committee of the whole. P. C. Craib took the chair, in the afternoon.

In regard to dealing the Attorney-General granted a change in the bill, which demands a registration fee of \$10 for each motor vehicle. It is presently \$5. It had been pointed out by dealers, he said, that it would be a hardship to have to take out a license and pay a registration fee in every town they had. This would be overcome by issuing a trade license costing \$50, and would give five tags which could be used for five demonstration cars, if a man wanted to sell a motor car, he would have to pay the fees. As soon as a dealer sold a machine he must make an application for a license in the name of the purchaser. Under the heading of "Chauffeurs" it is provided that no person under the age of eighteen shall drive or operate a motor along any highway. Chauffeurs must be licensed and no one shall drive a car unless he have a license and the car be licensed.

Mr. Brewster pointed out that while the superintendent of police was given power to cancel or suspend a chauffeur's license there was no right to appeal from him.

Mr. Bower did not think it would be any hardship, as he believed the superintendent could be perfectly fair.

C. E. Tisdall stated that the law was the same in Vancouver as regarded bartenders.

Quite a sharp difference of opinion occurred between some of the Vancouver members on the point of liability for accidents. Dr. McGuire thought the chauffeur was being treated as a person who had no sense. He wanted to see some amendment in the legislation, but he knew the Attorney-General would not listen to any reason in regard to it. There had been an accident in Vancouver where the chauffeur had refused to go back, and he (Dr. McGuire) believed that the Attorney-General was glad to have that accident to quote so he could put in these restrictions. While the Attorney-General was quite ready to restrict chauffeurs in this way he was not ready to restrict the sale of that which caused so many accidents, because he wanted the revenue.

Mr. Tisdall, fourth member for Vancouver, reminded his colleague that in the Liquor License Act the Attorney-General had refused to let the selling of liquor to chauffeurs.

The owner of a motor vehicle is to be held responsible for violations of the law committed by any person entrusted with the control of the vehicle, casting the onus of proof upon him. The minimum penalty is made \$5 instead of \$25 as in the bill. S. A. Cavley (Chilliwack) asked the minister whether a second offence confiscation of the car for a period of one to six months, but this was voted down.

Land Registry Office. The Attorney-General, in moving the second reading of an act to amend the Land Registry Act, said there was great congestion in all land registry offices, particularly in Vancouver. There the office was in a new building, a night and day staff was employed, and although the work of registration was behind it was hoped that within a few weeks the office would be pretty well up to date. The suggestion now was to bring all titles under the Torrens system, giving indefeasible title, title guaranteed by the crown. It was hoped that within five years the absolute fee system would be done away with and all titles indefeasible, thus doing away with a lot of work and obviating a great deal of the question of which the public complained. In order to give the staff time to keep up with the office work the public office hours would be from ten to three (ten to twelve on Saturdays) while registrars and their staffs would be required to be on duty between nine and five (nine and one on Saturday).

The minister of public works secured second reading for a bill amending the Sewerage Act of last session, under which Esquimalt and similar unorganized districts can have sewerage, in minor particulars. One amendment substitutes "any male or female, being a British subject and of the full age of twenty-one years, who is the assessed owner of land or real property" for "owners or occupiers of the lands."

Agricultural Bills. The minister of agriculture moved second readings for four of his departmental bills. The first consolidates, for simplification, the following acts: Horticultural Board Act, Dairy Associations Act, Farmers' Co-operation and Associations Act, Livestock and Horticultural Societies Act, Stock-breeders' Associations Act and Fruit Dealers Act, 1909. An act for the eradication of noxious weeds explains itself and will assist residents of the province to get rid of pernicious thistles, oxeye daisies, wild onion, ragweed, charlock, sorrel, burdock, wild mustard, tumbling mustard, shepherd's purse, stink weed or any other foul weed. Under the bill for the suppression of foot and mouth disease power will be obtained for keeping the appliances of British Columbia clean and free from a noxious disease which is doing immense damage elsewhere. The fourth bill provides for the appointment of a recorder of cattle-brands, who shall keep a register of brands and marks, and by this means cattle-owners will secure protection for their brands.

Coal Mine Regulations. Going over more into committee on the coal mines regulation bill some amendments proposed by the members were made, one of them being based on a suggested amendment by the member for Nanaimo emphasizing the principle of the eight-hour bank-to-bank day.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite thanked the premier for consideration of suggestions made by his colleague from Newcastle, Williams, and himself, and declared the bill to be one of the most complete of its kind in the world. The main thing was to have its provisions carried out thoroughly and efficiently. From the assurances he received he was satisfied this would be done.

The bill was reported from committee and will receive its further stages tomorrow.

Ever since Confederation the minister in charge of the department of lands and works has been known as the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works. Ever since the department was divided two sessions ago and the title of Minister of Public Works was given to that half of the old department the title of the minister in charge of lands was left unchanged. By which now stand for their final stage the anomaly is removed and Hon. W. R. Ross and his successors in office will be known as Minister of Lands.

A bill introduced this evening by the Minister of Lands, amending the Land Act in several particulars, provides for the change of the deputy commissioner's title to "deputy minister." The Minister of Public Works introduced a bill providing for the appointment of a deputy minister of public works.

VICTORIA'S WITHOUT MAJOR

MR. JUSTICE GREGORY'S DECISION IN THE CASE

List of Owners Prepared in Defiance of Act and Was Not Mere Irregularity

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The Queen ex Relator, St. Louis v. Reume et al, 28 O. R. 460, referred to by Mr. Maclean, is of some assistance in discussing this question, although it is not strictly in point. The question in issue here. But that case is decided on the Ontario Municipal Act 1892, sec. 188, which sets out the manner in which the list of voters may be compiled, but it contains no provision such as sec. 91 of our Elections Act does, viz.: that it may be contested on the ground that the voters' list has been compiled or revised in violation of the provisions of the act. In the province of Ontario the voters' lists are prepared under the provisions of the Voters' Lists Act, which is not in force in this province. It is not in force in this province.

His Lordship holds that the voters' lists had been corrected, but not properly made up or revised. He also holds that the respondent's contention that the court of revision was the final appeal of the voter was unsound. He refers to the fact that the court of revision, which is a committee of the council, had the advice of the city solicitor before it on its status in regard to the compilation of the lists, and that it was not a court of final appeal.

It is presumed that the gentlemen who have been acting as aldermen will simply cease to be aldermen, and that the matter will be taken in hand by the legislature. It is not in force in this province.

Mr. Taylor's real contention is that a document, purporting to be the voters' list, having been compiled and revised by the court of revision in violation of section 20 of the Elections Act, is final and cannot be disturbed except for fraud. Section 14 of the Elections Act provides that the voters' list shall be prepared by the clerk of the municipal council. It then provides for a revision of the list by the court of revision consisting of the mayor and two aldermen. It shall then be certified by the mayor, and the clerk of the council.

Section 17 makes provision for corrections in the list as posted on application to a police magistrate or a judge of the Supreme or County court. Mr. Taylor argues that a committee appointed to control the affairs of the city until such time as the necessary steps can be taken for holding another election, is not a court of revision.

The bill presented to-day enacts that "Nothing in this act shall apply to any person or persons who may be designated by the Minister of Lands to make any survey or surveys authorized by the provisions of the Land Act or amending acts." At the opening sitting it was read a second time, when Parker Williams contended that if it was a good thing for the government to charter a monopoly of the Land Surveyors' Association it would be equally good for the general public.

The resolutions adopted in committee of supply were read a third time, and the Minister of Finance introduced the supply bill, calling for a total of \$12,175,693.22.

Third readings were given to "An Act respecting infants and the Appointment of an Official Guardian," and "An Act respecting Railways."

ALL-RED STEAMER LINE PROPOSED

Strong Company With British Backing Plans Fast Service

Ottawa, Feb. 22.—The bill incorporating the All-Red Steamship Company was passed by the Commons private bills committee this morning. The company has very strong British backing, the incorporators including Vickers, Son & Maxim, Swan & Hunter, Sir Thomas Towbridge, Sir Thomas Lancre Pickford & Black, and the North British Locomotive Company of Glasgow. The company proposes establishing a line of steamers between Blackhead Bay and Halifax, having a speed of 25 knots, with train ferries between England and Ireland. It is claimed this will reduce the Atlantic passage time and a half days for the Pacific service from Vancouver to Auckland and Sydney twenty knot steamers are proposed.

WILL VISIT STATES. London, Feb. 22.—The Rome correspondent of the London Globe reported that the Duke d'Abuzzi has obtained a leave of absence from his command and will spend a month or more in the United States, visiting the family of the late Senator Atkins, of West Virginia. It is reported in particular that the Duke and his wife will be in the city of Washington, and that they will be formally engaged may soon be formally announced.

COURT MARTIAL. Washington, D. C., Feb. 22.—Upon request of a court of inquiry which has been investigating the sinking of the monitor Puritan during an ordnance test in Hampton Roads, it was announced yesterday that Captain Austin M. Knight will be tried by court-martial.

MOBK IN ROLE OF ARDENT PATRIOT

MOVES RESOLUTION AFFIRMING LOYALTY

Interesting Passages at Arms in House of Commons at Ottawa

(Special to the Times.) Ottawa, Feb. 22.—At the opening of the House of Commons this afternoon P. D. Monk sprung a surprise by proposing an amendment to the motion to go into committee of ways and means on the reciprocity proposition. He moved a resolution to preserve intact the motion. But before resuming discussion of the terms of the agreement concluded between the government of Canada and the United States, and which is a step towards the realization of the dream created in Canada by comments made in both countries as to the political consequences of the agreement, this member wishes to affirm emphatically his determination to preserve intact the bonds which unite Canada to the British Empire, and the full liberty of Canada to control her fiscal policy and internal taxation.

Mr. Monk, in moving the resolution, charged Hon. W. S. Fielding with having committed himself in his day to either secession or annexation. Mr. Fielding characterized this as absolute nonsense.

After a sharp exchange between Messrs. Monk and Fielding, the former said he would accept with pleasure Mr. Fielding's denial and withdrew his charge.

Mr. Monk then charged Hon. Rudolph Lemieux with also being in his younger days a secessionist. Mr. Lemieux said he had never proposed or indirectly advised annexation or secession.

Mr. Monk, continuing, then charged Hon. Louis P. Brodeur with having enunciated similar sentiments. The Minister of Marine was not present to make a denial.

The Nationalist leader in the Commons concluded by declaring that parliament should make the declaration he proposed and thus effectively answer continued statements in the press by public men of both countries to the effect that the reciprocity agreement was a deliberate step towards annexation.

Both Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Mr. Borden were taken by surprise by Mr. Monk's amendment and there was a long pause after he sat down. Sir Wilfrid, after carefully reading the amendment, said the government had no objection to it and could heartily accept it. The Premier added that such a declaration of Canadian loyalty was hardly necessary, but it might quiet some fearful souls.

COMMISSIONER REES

Head of Salvation Army Will Be Here Next Week

Commissioner Rees, who was recently appointed to succeed Commissioner Coombes in the administration of Salvation Army affairs in Canada, will conduct meetings in the Broad street hall on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings of next week.

His first meeting will be particularly for soldiers and ex-soldiers, and a cordial invitation is given to everyone in the city who has at any time been a Salvationist, either here or elsewhere.

This is the second time that Commissioner Rees has had the oversight of the Canadian field, he having preceded Herbert Booth, now in the city, in the command several years ago. For some years he has been at the head of the Army's training operations, which are conducted at the International Training College, Clapton, London.

The commissioner will see great changes in Victoria, as it is nineteen years since he visited the city, when the local corps occupied the old Methodist church, on which site the Brackman-Ker building has been erected. He will inspect the Citadel on Broad street, which is the headquarters of the Army, and also the new officers' quarters on Cormorant street, which have recently been completed.

Mr. Langford is the pugilistic hero of London to-day, and the British fight fans clamor for a match between the Boston "Tar Baby" and Champion Jack Johnson. Promoter McIntosh announced that he was trying to match the two negroes, and if he succeeds Englishmen who witnessed yesterday's bout between Langford and Bill Lang will back Sam.

Lang was outclassed and never had a show at any stage of the fight. Sam came out of the battle without a scratch. He announced to-day that he would remain in training until definite word was received from Johnson.

In a ringside interview Langford said he would try to force a match with Jack Johnson. There is no doubt that after to-day's showing the Boston "Tar Baby" can get backing for thousands here against the champion.

The first round was all Langford's, the second Lang was clearly outclassed, and for the rest of the fight he was simply a mark for Langford to point at.

TO ABOLISH RATE CUTTING. New York, Feb. 22.—The proposal to combine the Bell and independent telephone interests has not been dropped. It was reported yesterday that a "gentleman's agreement" will be made and that rate cutting and "unnecessary competition" will be abolished. Representatives of the independent and Bell interests conferred yesterday in the office of J. P. Morgan. Such a combination would not be in violation of the Sherman law, it is said, for the real purpose of the proposed combination is to divide territory and business and the establishment of rates based on conditions in various communities.

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COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS. "LAND REGISTRY ACT"

Quebec, Feb. 22.—Legislators had a busy time yesterday at meetings of the private bills legislation and railway committees. The legislation committee approved Mr. Mousseaux's bill which proposes to empower the College of Physicians to admit candidates to practice medicine instead of compelling them to obtain legislative sanction thereto. The bill also offers reciprocity with other provinces and with legislation and railway committees.

Notice is hereby given that it is in contemplation of the first publication hereof, to issue a fresh Certificate of the Registrar-General of Titles, in the form of the 14th day of September, 1883, and numbered 1094A.

REGISTRAR-GENERAL OF TITLES
Land Registry Office, Victoria, B. C.
the 31st day of February, 1911.

LAND ACT.
DISTRICT OF COAST RANGE III.
Take notice that Samarez Le Coque Grant, of Bella Coala, farmer, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted at the northwest corner of Crown Grant Lot 20 on the south side of North Bentick Arm, thence south 20 chains more or less to the shore line, thence east 20 chains along shore line to point of commencement, containing 40 acres more or less.

SAUMAREZ LE COQUE GRANT.
B. PHILIP JACOBSEN, Agent.
January 17, 1911.

LAND ACT.
DISTRICT OF COAST RANGE III.
Take notice that Samuel G. Parker, of Bella Coala, occupation bookkeeper, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted at the west side of B. C. L. Co's Lot 27, on the west side of South Bentick Arm, thence west 20 chains, thence south 20 chains to timber line, thence east 20 chains more or less to the shore line, thence north 20 chains along the shore line to point of commencement, containing 40 acres more or less.

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POLITICAL PREMIER'S OWN PARTY

Paris, Feb. 27.—The whole French political situation yesterday afternoon in the chamber of Deputies was a veritable drama. The bar which the government night in a vote of the chamber of Deputies the arranger of the Socialist, Louis, was a sore and his associates tamed many dim eyes. The decision of the chamber of Deputies was a veritable drama.

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