

MAKING EFFORTS TO END STRIKE

Representatives of Soft Coal Miners and Operators Hold Many Conferences to Consider Possible Settlement

MANY MAY BE IDLE FOR LONG PERIOD

President Lewis Confident That Companies Will Concede All Demands of Workers Within Thirty Days or So

INDIANAPOLIS, April 1.—Notwithstanding that today was a stated holiday of the United Mine Workers of America, being the anniversary of the institution of the eight-hour day...

President Lewis Confident ST. LOUIS, April 1.—Don't be alarmed over the outcome of this affair. Don't be afraid that we will not be able to sign an agreement. It will be all over within thirty days.

IN AN INTERVIEW, Mr. Lewis said the miners would win all their demands within thirty days in all fields, with the possible exception of Illinois and Western Pennsylvania. In these fields, he said, more time might be necessary.

HAWES WILL SUE

Affairs of Great Waterways Railway to Come into Court at Edmonton.

EDMONTON, April 1.—The despatches from Toronto published this morning to the effect that Alfred Hawes had instructed his solicitors to sue the Great Waterways Railway Company for an amount which would come close upon a quarter of a million dollars.

Railway Wages Increased NEW YORK, April 1.—The New Central Railway Company has received \$200 or less a month on the lines east of Buffalo by seven per cent. increase of the salaries of all employees.

C.P.R. Atlantic Steamers HALIFAX, April 1.—The Empress of Britain of the C.P.R. line, and the Corcoran, of the Allan line, came up today from London for the Liverpool.

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MORE SUBSIDIES FOR DRYDOCKS

Hon. Mr. Fielding Gives Notice of Important Resolution to Provide for Alterations in Present Law on Subject

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DRYDOCKS DIVIDED INTO THREE CLASSES

Largest to Be Equal to Accommodation of Greatest Ships in British Navy—New Scale of Subsidies

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COURT DECIDES TELEPHONE CASE

Bell Companies Are Enjoined from Discriminating Against Postal Telegraph Company in Use of Telephones

NASHVILLE, Tenn., April 1.—Judge Edward Sanford, of the Circuit Court of the United States, handed down an opinion today granting the Postal Telegraph Cable Company an injunction against the Cumberland Telephone and Telegraph Company (Bell Company) discriminating against the postal in the way of the use of telephones.

HEAVY EMIGRATION

Thirty Thousand to Sail from Liverpool for Canada—Australia's Extra Efforts

LONDON, April 1.—It is stated that 30,000 emigrants will sail from Liverpool for Canada in twenty-three steamers during this month. The increasing proportion of people with capital emigrating to the Dominion is a subject of comment here.

AMSTERDAM FAILURE

AMSTERDAM, April 1.—Vreeswijk & Geldermans, one of the most important of the firms of brokers on the oil exchange, failed today. Their liabilities are reported to be between \$1,250,000 and \$2,000,000.

CARPENTERS STRIKE

OGDENSBURG, N. Y., April 1.—All union carpenters here struck work for \$3 a nine hour day, an increase of 50 cents a day. Only one shop granted the demand, and most of the employers declared for the open shop.

NEW YORK, April 1.—Bradstreet's report on bank clearings for the past week: Montreal, \$27,789,000; Dec. 49%; Winnipeg, \$11,718,000; inc. 7.01%.

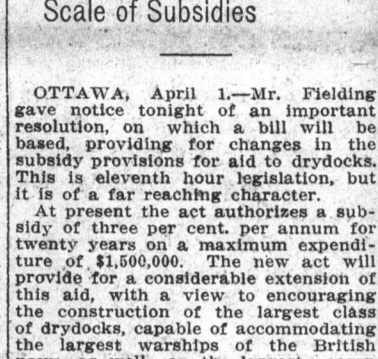
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Underwear and Corsets in Prominence Today

Perfect Fitting Underwear is the first essential to an attractive figure. You demand style and fit in outer garments—are you able to secure undergarments just as you would like them.

What Do You Think of Front Laced Corsets? If you have worn one, it is not necessary for us to ask the question for we know you are pleased with them, but you, madam, who have never worn one, what do you think of front laced corsets?



CUSTOMS RETURNS SHOW INCREASE

Amount Paid in Duties Twenty Per Cent Greater Than for the Same Period of Last Year

AN INDICATION of the growth of Victoria is the great increase of the customs returns over those of the preceding year. The amount paid in duties for the year ending on March 31st, 1909, was \$1,724,932.62, as compared with \$1,302,931.45 collected during the year ending on March 31st, 1908.

CITY WITH GREAT FUTURE

American Visitor Speaks in High Terms of Victoria's Claims to Prosperity

Among Americans there are few greater admirers of Victoria than J. F. R. Webber, superintendent of agencies on the Pacific Coast for the Springfield Fire and Marine Insurance Company.

ETNA STILL THREATENS

Expert Opinions Are Pessimistic as to Cessation of Eruption—Shocks at Messina

CATANIA, April 1.—Expert opinion concerning the activity of Mount Etna is pessimistic. Frank A. Perret, the assistant director of the Royal Observatory on Mount Vesuvius, thinks that the volcano still contains a considerable quantity of lava, and that a cessation of the eruptions would probably be only temporary.

NOTICE

Farm for Sale: Good buildings, with or without stock and implements. For particulars apply J. BECKENSELL, Comox, B.C.

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Fresh Fruits: Oranges, sweet and juicy, 3 dozen for 50c; Bananas, per dozen 35c; Apples, table, very choice, 3 lbs. for 25c; Dates, fresh, 3 lbs. for 25c; Lemons, juicy, per dozen 25c; RHUBARB, per lb. 10c

The Family Cash Grocery: Cor. Yates and Douglas Sts. Phone 312

Ellwood Wire Fencing: BULL PROOF CHICKEN PROOF FIRE PROOF Diamond Mesh Cannot Sag or Lose Its Shape

THE FAMOUS Washburn Guitars Mandolins Banjos 1910-Models-1910

Raymond & Son 613 PANDORA ST. Phone 272 - Residence 378

FLETCHER BROS. 1231 Government Street TAKE NOTICE

MANY APPOINTMENTS MADE BY EXECUTIVE

Inspector of Tramway for Province Named—Many Promotions in Civil Service Announced

The session of the provincial executive yesterday was chiefly notable by reason of the large number of civil service appointments decided upon...

Of greater local interest, perhaps, are the following promotions...

Of "outside" appointments there may be mentioned those of Aid. Johnson and John B. Smith...

The executive also decided yesterday upon the removal to Rock Creek of the Mining Recorder's office...

General French's Visit OTTAWA, March 31.—General French will arrive in Canada about month in which time he will endeavor to see as many Canadian sights as possible...

Verdict Shortly Expected VIENNA, March 31.—The verdict in the case of Lieutenant Hofrichter, Austrian staff officer with cyanide of potassium...

Differ as to Tariff Reform. DUBLIN, March 31.—A resolution in support of Tariff Reform was proposed at the last meeting of the Dublin Chamber of Commerce...

Ask Armour's Extradition. NEW YORK, March 31.—Renouit papers for the extradition of J. Ogden Armour, of Chicago, who was recently indicted by the Hudson county grand jury...

WATERBURY, N. Y., March 31.—The intention of the international paper company to withdraw from the policy of ignoring the striking parol resolution adopted yesterday by the board of directors and sent to the various division superintendents by A. N. Burbank...

BRUSSELS, March 31.—Kluge Albert is considering the exercise of his prerogative of mercy in the case of Leon Peltzer, who, with his brother, was condemned in 1882 to perpetual imprisonment for the willful murder of an Antwerp barrister...

LONDON, March 31.—The Bank of Montreal Grand Trunk Pacific loan of \$25,000,000 four per cent first mortgage bonds...

German Congo League. HANOYER, Germany, March 31.—The German Congo League was organized here today...

NANAIMO, March 31.—Statistics for the month of March in Nanaimo are returned for Nanaimo district...

NEW YORK, March 31.—How will Buckley, accelerator of insurance, former keeper of the life insurance "Yellow Dog" worked shoulder to shoulder with the legislative wheels...

SETTLERS WANT TRAIL BUILT

Cape Scott Residents Petition Government to Construct a Road from Cache-Creek to Fisherman's Bay

Through the instrumentality of the Vancouver Island Development League a petition has been presented to the government from the settlers in the Cape Scott district...

In the extreme northern end of the island there are 69,000 acres of good agricultural land...

NEW MILL FOR KENORA. KENORA, March 31.—One hundred thousand dollars has been subscribed towards the capital of the Royal Canadian Flour Mills Co. who will erect a mill here of 5,000 barrels a day capacity.

Miners Killed by Explosion WILBURTON, Okla., March 31.—Six miners were killed here today by an explosion in the Great Western Coal and Coke company's mine No. 2...

Senate Amendment objected to. WASHINGTON, March 31.—Objections being made to an increase by the senate to the extent of \$25,000 of the appropriation under which the state department may increase trade relations...

WINS HUGO LOTTERY, PRIZE PARIS, March 31.—M. Bompard, a salesman in the handkerchief department of one of the great Paris stores, has won the \$100,000 prize in the French State lottery...

GOLDWIN SMITH AND DIETROIT. The name of Professor Goldwin Smith, who is reported to have survived a serious log accident in Canada, should have been that of James Reginald Francis, an Englishman...

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POSTPONE ACTION ON TRAMWAY TANGLE

Provincial Government Still Has Under Consideration the Petition for the Reservoir Commission

Owing to the absence from the city of one of the ministers, Hon. Price Sillson, who does not return until today from his Easter visit to his home in the Okanagan...

Another matter which it had been thought would be brought before the executive yesterday but was not...

The exact nature of this would seem to be somewhat indefinitely suggested even to the petitioners themselves.

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He Joked With Corps. BERLIN, March 31.—Baroness von Ende, the wife of a retired major living at Wiesbaden, has applied for and received a balloonist's license...

Thinking it was one of the stage hands that threw a trick upon him, but receiving no answer, went closer...

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The Rain Brings the Spring--- The Spring Brings New Curtains

Nothing shows up the faulty places and bad defects in Lace Curtains so much as the bright Spring sunshine. As the window curtains proclaim the home within, all discerning housewives endeavor to have their own as dainty, pretty and artistic as possible.

Price Values in Curtains Not to Be Met in Any Direction NOTTINGHAM LACE CURTAINS—NEWEST AND PRETTIEST PATTERNS.

Table listing curtain prices: 2 1/2 yards x 36 inches—Per pair 75c, 2 1/2 yards x 40 inches—Per pair 90c, 3 yards x 48 inches—Per pair 1.25, etc.

HENRY YOUNG & CO. THE WHITE HOUSE 1123-1125-1127 Government Street, Victoria, B.C.

ALLEN & CO. Fit-Reform Wardrobe 1202 GOVERNMENT STREET, VICTORIA.

It All Depends on What You Want the Suit for. There is no one best style of Spring Suit. It all depends on what you want it for.

Your April Needs. Ogilvie's Mount Royal Hungarian Flour, per sack... \$1.75, Potato Flour—Health Brand—per packet... .20, Rice Flour, per sack... .25, etc.

COPAS AND YOUNG

Would ask you before placing your first of the month orders to compare all their prices with those charged by their competitors. SEE OUR BIG AD. IN WEDNESDAY'S PAPER.

COPAS & YOUNG ANTI-COMBINE GROCERS. Corner Fort and Broad Streets. Phones 94 and 95. Quick Delivery. Phones 94 and 95.

Our Hobby Again. Proud of our fine All-Wool English Shawls. Rugs, a large consignment just arrived. The appearance of your tourist would appeal to the close observer if it was equipped with one of these, or one of Chase's Genuine Mohair Rugs.

Dr. McPhee of Eslington is opening a drug store at Kitsilano. Work has begun for the sea-side Whitehouse shipyard. Chilliwaik's board of trade is latest organization of the kind to undertake a publicity campaign. The Bank of Montreal will erect a reinforced concrete building in Eslington this summer. F. E. They have been appointed municipal clerk at Penticton at a monthly salary of \$50. A private telephone system for use of the police department has been installed in New Westminster. The Fraser River Mills propose enlargements during the coming summer involving an expenditure of \$250,000. T. E. Crowell has been awarded contract to build a \$15,000 residence for R. C. Buchanan, of the Bank of Montreal, on his ranch at Long Lake. The C. P. R. is making arrangements to have its present station premises at Kamloops moved back 100 feet from the present main track. The marriage of Mr. Frank Port of Cobble Hill, and Miss M. B. Hince, of Eslington, was solemnized at the latter town a few days ago. Mr. J. A. Mara has sold to the C. P. R. a block of water front property which will be used as a private park. The price paid was \$4,000. Out of respect for the late registrar G. W. Chisholm there will be no sitting of the County Court at Chilliwack until May 5th. F. W. Walker, for the past few months acting divisional superintendent of the C. P. R. at Nelson, has been appointed instructor of new recruits at Vancouver. Nanaimo residents, regardless of political affiliations, approve of the appointment of constant Trowford as sheriff of the Coast. There were sixteen candidates for the office. Vancouver's health committee has decided to take no action respecting the removal of a building from the city, holding that responsibility here is provincial. Baron Daisaku Katochi of the Imperial Japanese University at Tokyo has been invited to be the guest of the Canadian Club of Vancouver at a luncheon on Tuesday next. J. Dewar, the man-under-the-bed-of-Edinburgh, who was captured while intimidating a lady hotel proprietor with a brace of revolvers, has decided to take a speedy trial. Immigration to Nelson and the surrounding district promises to be exceptionally heavy during the coming season. Every mail from the Old West and bringing inquiries to the secretary of the Nelson colony. New Westminster celebrated the opening of the trans-Fraser bridge with a free traffic bridge with a torchlight procession of men and women in the city. Mr. J. D. Taylor, Mr. P. E. Lee, Mr. M. McKenzie, M. P. F., and a number of others. Vancouver's city council has authorized Mayor Taylor to apply to the Attorney-General for the return of the methods employed by certain real estate speculators in subdividing and offering for sale property at a price which is not suitable for the purposes for which they had been advertised. The bar of the Incoquois Hotel at Vancouver is being investigated for trial against the Provincial service upon superannuation of Mr. J. J. Macdonald, chief clerk in the Land Registry office at Vancouver. This was presented by the late Mayor of Amel Shubben, who died after a fall from the bar while allegedly in a semi-conscious state. In connection with the retirement from the Provincial service upon superannuation of Mr. J. J. Macdonald, chief clerk in the Land Registry office at Vancouver, it was stated that the late Mayor of Amel Shubben, who died after a fall from the bar while allegedly in a semi-conscious state. Captain J. Cameron of the steamer New Era has been committed for trial at Vancouver on a charge of manslaughter in connection with the death of engineer Bramwell on February 26th. Trouble occurred between the captain and the engineer while the steamer was at Port Moody, and it was the scuffle both fell overboard. Captain Cameron was on the steamer but the engineer was drowned. Whether an injunction will be granted to prevent the Vancouver Power Company prosecuting its work at Coquitlam Lake, pending a final decision as to the ownership of the land in dispute will depend upon the length of time it will take before the case reaches the Exchequer Court, according to a statement of Mayor Lee of the Royal City. A coroner's jury at Vancouver has found that the Japanese boy killed by a tramcar on Thursday last, met death by accident, while expressing the opinion before the coroner that the accident might have been avoided had the car been better equipped. The practice was also deplored of persons carrying riding bicycles being permitted to hang on to cars in motion.

DAVID SPENCER, LIMITED.



Paris Has Contributed Most Liberally to Our Display of Spring Millinery

Hundreds of beautiful hats, direct importations from Paris, are to be seen here, as well as a liberal contribution from our own work rooms. The whole front of the second floor beckons to the woman who is hunting a hat—something that is out of the ordinary—something different. Nowhere else are there such assortments—not in any other store will you find such a wide diversity of styles at every price—delightful and becoming visions of what dame fashion has declared for in both medium and large hats.

Prize Value in Trimmed Hats at \$5.75---\$9.50

And not only that, but, as every one remarks, "they're just the best and swellest little hats for the price that anyone ever looked at!" and that's the case exactly—incomparable at the price, stunning models in milan, straw, as well as hand-made turbans, trimmings of flowers, brocaded velvet ribbons, imported ornaments, in all colors. Your critical inspection will most assuredly convince you that these are the best values you ever saw.



Decidedly Attractive Are the Values in Women's Tailored Suits at \$20, \$25, \$30 and \$35



Especially interesting assortments of authoritative Spring models of Tailored Suits have been assembled here at these prices, at the Spencer Store. Careful buying by us gives you a superb assortment from which to make your selection. Every suit shown is direct from the heart of Eastern style centres, and are characterized by uniform excellence in design, fit and tailoring. The new models are decidedly mannish, rich in harmonious colors and unique designing. The recent additions include suits of plain and diagonal serges, shepherd plaid suitings, novelty tweeds, and invisible stripe worsteds. These models have coats in semi-fitting styles, from 32 to 36 inches long, many being strictly tailored and others fastening at side with two or three buttons. The skirts are in full-kilted and cluster-pleated effects, being decidedly smart, while the quality could not be better.

Monday's Exceptional Bargain in Novelty Curtain Muslin. Reg. Val. 25c, 30c and 35c for - 15c

Spring renovating and cleaning is close at hand. No doubt you will be in need of new curtains. Monday we are offering you a very special bargain in Novelty Curtain Muslin. The widths are 30 and 36 in. They are trimmed with lace, 4 in. wide on the edges, also a panel running down about 3 in. from edge. The quality is exceptionally good. Sold regularly for 25c, 35c and 40c. Monday 15c

White Enamelled Beds, Monday, \$2.50

A splendid offering indeed is that of Iron Beds. They are made very strong, having column posts, in single, three-quarter and full size. We venture to say that these are without doubt the lowest priced beds hereabouts. Monday \$2.50

Child's Chambray Dress, \$2

This is a specially good dress for everyday wear. Made of very good quality French chambray, in pink and blue. Has collar of white, also cuff on sleeve of white, with white belt. Opens down front. Price \$2.00

Child's White Dress, \$3.50

This is suitable for a child from 8 to 10 years. Is made of fine white lawn, made with a beautiful tucked yoke, with insertion and embroidery. Bertha is made with sash. Skirt is plain effect with deep hem and tucks. Price \$3.50

Children's White Dresses at \$4.00

At \$4.00 we are showing an extremely handsome dress for the little one. Suitable for a child of 4 or 6 years. It is made of extra fine quality mull. Short sleeves. Has yoke of fine Valenciennes lace, also four rows extending down front. Shadow embroidery, in blue and white, French style. \$4.00



High Grade Spring Clothes That Are Correct for Men

You can with absolute reliance look to us for the best Ready-to-Wear Suits in the city for the price—and naturally we are ready for you as usual with the finest collection of suits that we have ever had.

"Correct," as far as good clothes are concerned, means that the designs reflect the latest developments of style, fabric and cut. They contain variations that rarely appear in the ready-to-wear line. They have that tailored "bench-made" appearance—coats with graceful, trim lines that appeal to tasty dressers, and trousers cut and finished up-to-the-minute.

Our great volume of business secures for us many advantages in buying. It enables us to offer you high-class garments and exclusive styles at most moderate prices.

These suits show their worth—fabric, tailoring and pattern are all of genuine quality. Our ability to fit you and please you can be thoroughly depended upon.

Suits \$15.00, \$20.00, \$30.00, \$35.00, \$40.00 and up to \$55.00 for Full Dress Clothes. Comparison will prove our values the best. Special styles for young men. Extra sizes for stout men and tall men.

Dress Goods—a Fine Assortment at \$1 per Yard

There is no need to worry about not getting the right kind of material for your Spring or Summer costume.

We do not hesitate a moment in saying that our stock is the largest in Western Canada, including every known weave.

New Resilda, Armure, Panamas, Poplin, French Diagonals, Prunella, Alexandra Cloth, Venetian Broadcloths, Cashmeres, Henrietta, Gloria, Eolinnés, Lústre, Cream and Navy Serges. This is the best dollar value in Canada. In all colors and black. All this season goods. Width 44 to 54 in. Monday \$1.00

Open Stock Dinnerware Priced Low

A specially useful feature of the Up-to-Date China Store is "Open Stock" Dinner and Tea Ware. Any quantity of an "open stock" pattern may be obtained. No necessity to buy more than is needed at the time. The prices are moderate, and only good, reliable articles are stocked in this way in the China and Glass Department, in the Annex.

Patterns in Teaware include—Clover Leaf, Three Gold Line, Celeste and 3 gold lines, Pink and 3 gold lines, and Worcester shape with gold edge and body line, the latter being a nice clean pattern, very suitable for hotel or boarding house use. We can supply—

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| Tea Cups and Saucers, at per dozen | \$1.50 | Cream Jugs, half pint, each | 20c |
| Bread and Butter Plates, 6 inch, per dozen | \$1.00 | Cream Jugs, quarter pint, each | 10c |
| Tea Plates, 7 inch, per dozen | \$1.20 | Cream Jugs, individual, each | 5c |
| Breakfast Plates, 8 inch, per dozen | \$2.00 | Slop or Sugar Bowl, each | 20c |
| Breakfast Plates, 9 inch, per dozen | \$3.00 | Platters, 10 1/4 inch, each | 75c |
| Covered Butter Dishes, each | 75c | Platters, 13 inch, each | \$1.00 |
| Covered Muffin Dishes, each | 75c | Teapots, \$1.00, 85c, 75c and | 50c |
| Oatmeal Dishes, per dozen | \$1.50 | Egg Cups, per dozen | 60c |

Men's Shirts Specially Priced at \$1.00

The Best Lot of Men's Shirts we have ever had at the price. Prints, Chambrays and Madras, in patterns and style to suit everyone. Over 30 different patterns to select from. Bold and some quiet designs, also nice pleated shirts in mauve, green, tan and grey. Amongst these are many of the coat shirts so popular. All are well made and the best cut in really good material. Special \$1.00

Mattress Special for Monday at \$3.50

Made in very strong, hard wearing tick, well filled, cotton top and bottom, sides and ends. A better bargain in Mattresses could not be wished for and we can safely say that this Mattress is the best value in the city for the money. Single, three-quarter and full size. Special price \$3.50

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ANTI-BETTING BILL COMES

House of Commons Starts Debate on Measure Proposed by Mr. Miller—Monk's Amendment Offered

INTENDED TO BE AN ALTERNATIVE

Hon. Clifford Sifton Speaks Opposition to Miller Bill—Vote Expected to Be Taken in the House Today

OTTAWA, April 6.—Miller's anti-racetrack gambling bill got under way in the house, and at the hour adjournment was still running. It does not have any for enthusiastic reception.

The greatest blow the bill got came late tonight, when Hon. Clifford Sifton in an able speech opposed it as being unwise legislation aimed to take away the liberty of the subject and framed to make it a mere formality to do what some of the most reputable citizens were doing every day. Mr. Sifton, whose views are rarely heard in Parliament nowadays, spoke effectively and with the old-time vigor which brands his utterances as having thought behind them, and he had an attentive audience while he dilated on the reasons why the measure in its present form should not pass.

An amendment which was moved by Mr. Monk in the special committee evidence was moved by J. B. McCall. This amendment, which is intended by those who support it as an alternative to the Miller bill, strengthens the present law against pool rooms, handbooks and sporting advertisements, limits the length of race meetings to not more than eight days of consecutive racing, with two meetings a year, and does not allow any person to be the custodian of any property or valuable thing to be paid to the winner of any lawful race, sport, game or exercise, or to the owner of any horse engaged in any lawful race, or to bets between individuals or to be made on the course of any corporate association during the actual progress of a race meeting.

Mr. McCall moved this amendment and Mr. Sifton seconded it. The real fight comes on tomorrow, when the house will divide on the amendment.

J. MARTIN REPLIES

Declares That J. M. Clarke is Not Good Authority on Canadian Naval Policy.

LONDON, April 6.—Joseph Martin, of British Columbia and Winnipeg renown, now member for East St. Paul in the British house of commons, writing to the Times this morning in reply to a letter of J. M. Clarke, declares the latter's knowledge of facts connected with Canada's naval policy, with which he attempts to deal, to be very inadequate. Mr. Martin at the conclusion of his letter, says: "Mr. Clarke refers to the parochial views of my constituents, and to many of my supporters in St. Paul, as coal heavers. I would back almost anyone of these coal heavers against Mr. Clarke in a political discussion touching the affairs of the Empire. If his address before the Empire Co-operative League at Westminster Palace Hotel, close by the houses of parliament, a short time ago, is fair sample of what he is capable of, to use a sporting phrase, my coal heavers could give him a good spanking, and yet win every game."

New Tariff is Blamed.

HAVREHILL, Mass., April 6.—The responsibility for the high cost of the living was laid at the door of the Payne-Aldrich tariff by nearly every Massachusetts retail grocer and provision dealer at the annual meeting of the Massachusetts Association here today. One hundred and seventy-five delegates were present.

Interior Rifle Association.

NELSON, B. C., April 6.—At a well attended meeting of the council of the Interior B. C. Rifle association preliminary arrangements were completed for its second prize meetings here on June 17th. The prize list has been considerably increased, and a feature this year will be shooting by the Nelson club. The ranges will be added to and greatly improved.

Railway Work in Alberta.

EDMONTON, April 6.—Grading was commenced yesterday on the completion of Tofteld-Calgary branch line to be finished this year. This line will be started on the Calgary C.N.W. branch by the end of the week there will be 1,000 men working on railway construction at this point of the province. Several hundred men are needed.

C. F. R. Liners Delayed.

MONTREAL, April 6.—The announcement was made this afternoon that the C. F. R. would not proceed with the construction of the two new Atlantic liners at this time. In a conference with Sir Thomas Shaughnessy and Mr. Bayworth the plans they had presented after Mr. Arthur were gone over, with the result that they found them unworkable, and new ones will be prepared.