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UNREST AMONG TRAMWAY MEN HAMILTON EMPLOYEES TALKING STRIKE

New Mining Companies In Ontario --Chinook Visits Alberta--J. M. McMullen Dead--

Toronto, Feb. 11.—A Hamilton dispatch says the street railway employees are talking strike again. The company has discharged eight conductors and car men prominent in the last strike for taking fares from passengers and putting them into the box, instead of allowing passengers to do so. The men say the company is woeing them out and will break up the union unless stopped. Three employees have been arrested on a charge of robbing fare boxes.

New Mining Companies. Toronto, Feb. 11.—The Gazette for last week announces the incorporation of eighteen new mining companies, with capital of over \$15,000,000.

G. N. Kidd, M. P., Dead. Ottawa, Feb. 11.—George N. Kidd, M. P., Carlton county, died of typhoid fever on Saturday night at his home at Carp. He had been confined to his room for four weeks.

Death of J. M. McMullen. Brockville, Ont., Feb. 11.—John M. McMullen, the Canadian historian, died yesterday afternoon at the age of 87. He spent the greater part of his life in Brockville. He published a paper named the Monitor, and also had a book store for half a century. The widow and a large grown up family survive.

Chinook. Lethbridge, Feb. 11.—A week ago this town and district was snowbound, but a Chinook has restored the climate to which southern Alberta is accustomed.

Hockey Match. Quebec, Feb. 11.—The Ottawa hockey team defeated Quebec on Saturday night in a game full of interest from start to finish, and extra time had to be played to decide, as the score was 4 to 4 at full time. Ottawa scored the deciding goal in two minutes.

Hockey at Montreal. Montreal, Feb. 11.—The Wanderers' hockey team defeated the Montreal team on Saturday night by 15 to 2.

HART GRANTED LEAVE OF ABSENCE IS NOT EXPECTED TO RETURN TO CHINA

Has Been Connected With the Chinese Customs Service for Nearly Fifty Years.

London, Feb. 11.—It is announced that Sir Robert Hart, director general of Chinese Imperial customs, will leave China for England at the end of February on a two years' leave of absence, and that he is not likely ever to return. This is regarded as the outcome of the appointment last summer of a Chinese as commissioner.

Sir Robert Hart, who is an Irishman by birth, has been in the Chinese customs service since 1858. He became director general of Chinese customs in 1901. The office was bestowed on him as a reward for services rendered the Chinese government in connection with the international settlement of the Boxer troubles. He created the customs service and gave China a tariff which at the same time was stable and comprehensive to the business men having commercial relations with China. He has been behind every commercial treaty that China has made. He also established the light-house service on the dangerous Chinese coast, and the postal service, which is now being extended to all parts of China. He has received the greatest honors in the gift of the Chinese government.

CASTELAINE DIVORCE CASE

Count Boni has Appeared From Decision of Paris Court. Paris, Feb. 9.—The rumor that Count Castelaïne has appealed from the decision of the courts last November granting a divorce to his wife, who was Miss Anna Gould, of New York, is confirmed.

MANY MESSAGES OF CONDOLENCE RECEIVED BY LORD AND LADY GREY

Their Excellencies Deeply Touched by Expression of Sympathy From People of Dominion.

Ottawa, Feb. 11.—Telegrams and cables of condolence to their excellencies, Lord and Lady Grey, have been received from all parts of the empire, the United States and other countries.

From the King and Queen came the following: "The Queen and I feel deeply for you and Lady Grey in your sorrow and offer you our deepest sympathy." ("Signed) EDWARD REX."

From the Prince and Princess of Wales: "Deeply distressed at your great sorrow. Offer warmest sympathy." ("Signed) George: Victoria Mary."

From Princess Louise: "Deepest sympathy with you and yours in your great sorrow." ("Signed) Louise."

From Princess Christian: "Heartfelt sympathy." ("Signed) Helena."

Messages were also received from the Viceroy of India and Lady Minto, the Viceroy of Ireland and Lady Aberdeen, the Earl of Elgin, high commissioner for South Africa; Sir Edward Grey, Hon. Arthur Balfour, Hon. Jos. Chamberlain and Mrs. Chamberlain, the Marquess of Londonderry and Lady Zaslavsky, Lord and Lady Strathcona, Earl Rosebery, the prime minister of Cape Colony, the lord mayor and corporation of Newcastle-on-Tyne, the president and directors of the British South Africa Co., General Booth and a great number of public bodies and private individuals in Canada.

The following statement has been handed out at Government House: "Their Excellencies would like the people of Canada to know how much comforted and deeply touched they have been by the kind expressions of sympathy which have reached them from all parts of the Dominion. The feeling shown for their Excellencies has lightened for them a sorrow, the burden of which has been shared by so many friends."

SLIGHT CHANGES IN THE TARIFF NONE OF THEM OF RADICAL CHARACTER

Ready to Be Submitted to House--The Proprietary and Patent Medicine Bill.

Ottawa, Feb. 11.—The cabinet had the tariff under consideration on Saturday. With the exception of a few items that were opposed, and some that were held over for amendment, parliament has already adopted the new tariff.

The items that were standing upon were discussed on Saturday. All of them were passed. There will be about forty changes in all. None of them are of a radical character nor a departure from the lines upon which the revision has taken place. One change will have the effect of still further reducing the customs tariff upon farmers. Most of the changes are of an account of some incongruities that crept in during revision. A couple of days will be about all that is necessary to put them through the house, but this will depend a good deal upon the number of amendments which the opposition have to make.

Patent Medicines. Hon. Wm. Templeman will introduce his bill respecting proprietary and patent medicines. It provides that no medicine shall be sold unless a sample has been sent to the minister for registration, accompanied by an affidavit as to whether it contains alcohol or poisons and their percentages. None can be sold unless it is of some composition as the standard sample. A registration fee must accompany each sample. Every bottle or package of medicine offered for sale must have the inland revenue stamp attached to it. If an analysis discloses that the sample submitted does not conform to the statement that accompanies it, or if the minister considers the medicine unfit for use the dealer will have an opportunity of presenting his side of the question, after which the minister may, if he so desires, prohibit its sale and manufacture. The act applies to any one who is not known as a wholesale manufacturer or importer, but who makes imports of proprietary or patent medicines for sale direct to consumers. The distribution of medicine samples from door to door is prohibited. The penalties provided reach a maximum of \$5,000 and imprisonment of twelve months.

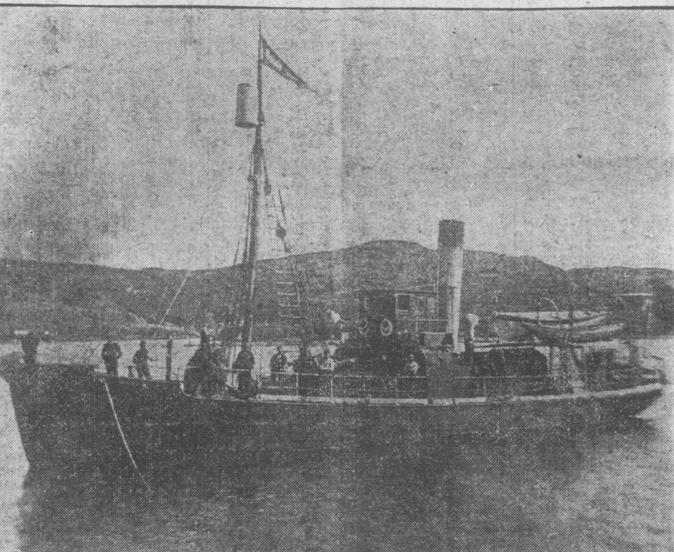
KANSAS CITY TRAGEDY

Bodies of Doctor and Woman Found in Office. Kansas City, Feb. 9.—Dr. F. R. Merwin and a woman, said to be a Miss Slater, were found dead in Dr. Merwin's office in the Hall building late this afternoon. She had a bullet hole in the head.

Dr. Henry Toelle, who has an office at the corner of 10th and Main streets, shortly after 2 o'clock. He tried to open the door of Dr. Merwin's office but found it locked. Glancing through the glass panel of the door he saw the body of Dr. Merwin on the floor. The body of the woman was crouched in a corner of the room. On the floor between the bodies lay a revolver.

EXPRESS CAR DESTROYED

Trunk Express Car, Attached to No. 2, Billed Through from Toronto for Winnipeg, was Completely Gutted by Fire on Saturday Night. The cause of the fire is unknown.



NEW STEAM WHALER ST. LAWRENCE.

The Pacific Whaling Company expect the arrival of the steam-whaler St. Lawrence, the latter vessel having been reported clearing from San Diego, her last coaling point, some days ago. The St. Lawrence, shown in the illustration, is a smaller vessel than the Orion, being five feet shorter, but is considered by those qualified to know, a better sea boat, her higher bows and greater sheer making her drier and more buoyant in a seaway.

The season of the year selected for her voyage round the Eastern coast was favorable in the Southern latitudes, and it is thought the St. Lawrence will have experienced a good weather throughout. Upon her arrival here the St. Lawrence will be placed on the ways, cleaned and painted, and will then proceed to the points selected on the West Coast for the new stations, taking up Capt. Balmou and E. Scaplen, who go to choose the building sites and to the preliminary details of the whaling.

The St. Lawrence is at present in command of Capt. Ross, of Halifax.

WILL COMMENCE ON WEDNESDAY

DREDGE IS GETTING READY FOR WORK

James Bay Flats Will Be Filled Up by Centrifugal Pump Uniting Suction and Force.

(From Monday's Daily.) The dredge King Edward will commence the operation of filling in the James Bay flats on Wednesday afternoon. The dredge is at present awaiting the arrival of the tugs Restless and Dauntless coming from New Westminster with pontoons and scoops. These are expected to reach Victoria to-night.

When the dredge begins working 1,200 feet of land and 1,000 feet of water will be used. Through this the mud will be forced by a centrifugal pump which unites suction with force. The pump is capable of throwing material 45 feet high, but will only be required to throw it 25 feet to reach the James Bay flats.

The King Edward has been fitted with a new pump made in New Westminster from Toronto. Captain De Boek gave these a preliminary trial on Saturday afternoon and found that they were much more satisfactory than those used here in 1903. He states that the dredge will throw up from 3,000 to 4,000 cubic yards of solid matter each day, and as the operation will last for three weeks, the water which comes through the pipes along with the mud will be deposited in a settling basin and from thence drawn off by the sewage system. It is calculated that there is about 60,000 cubic yards of mud present in the bay, which amount was recently brought by the dredge Muldark from the outer harbor, and deposited there.

At present the piling is being run across from the King Edward on pontoons to connect with the land piling, which is already in position. Operations have this afternoon been temporarily suspended pending the arrival of the tugs from the Royal City. They are bringing 20 scoops.

When the James Bay flats are covered with mud a surface of dry filling will be laid down. It is understood that 35,000 yards of this dry filling will be used, and the cost of the work will be shared by the city and the C. P. R.

The school girls' hockey match between North Ward and South Park teams, played at Beacon Hill on Saturday, resulted in a draw, the score being one goal each. The game was for the Colonel cup, of which the South Park team is the holder.

FACTOR ARRIVES FROM THE NORTH

SEVEREST WINTER IN THIRTY YEARS

Grand Trunk Pacific Survey Parties Tied up on Account of Frost Bite.

(From Monday's Daily.) After three days spent at Fort St. James without a trip to the outer world and civilization, Alexander C. Murray, chief factor of the Hudson's Bay Company for the Caladonia district, arrived in the city this morning. He brings his accounts for the local office, and will lay in fresh supplies for the posts under his control.

Badly frost bitten during the 225 miles by dog train to Quesnel, Mr. Murray states that he is no exception to the rule. Nearly everyone in the north has suffered in the same way this year.

"It is the severest winter that I have experienced in the thirty years during which I have been in the north country," he said. "It is not an off-hand estimate either, for we keep the thermometer hovering around 60 degrees below zero all the time. For this reason the Indian hunters have not been able to do as much hunting as ordinarily, and the supply of furs will not be so great this season."

"On our way down here," Mr. Murray continued, "we passed many cattle lying dead along the trail. We made the 220 miles to Quesnel by dog train in ten days, which is pretty good time. On the way we met a G. T. P. engineer northward bound, who had set out from Quesnel with ten days' provisions, but who had taken seven days to go thirty miles, not one-third of the distance."

Fortunately for the engineer Mr. Murray was able to help him out, and at Quesnel he heard by wire that the man with his two Indians had arrived safely at Fraser lake.

There are a number of settlers going in around Fraser lake, and a number of pre-emptions of land in that region have been made. Most of the pre-emptors have obtained permits to live off their land during the winter, and many of them have been working for the G. T. P.

Mr. Murray proceeds from here to Winnipeg, and will return to his post about the middle of March.

MAILS ARRIVE THIS EVENING

BREAK IN SERVICE IS ENDED AT LAST

Longest Break in Last Decade, Ends With Arrival of Four Trains at Vancouver.

(From Monday's Daily.) Five Eastern Canadian and two English mails are expected to arrive in Victoria this evening. A telegram was received by the post office officials here this morning stating that the C. P. R. line had at length been cleared and the mails due previous to yesterday, had been received.

The receipt of these terminates the longest break in the service from the east experienced in the last eight years according to the officials here. In the early days of the C. P. R. delays were more common, but the service in the last decade has been most prompt and delays occurred but seldom.

The reception of the mail for Victoria, while it will lighten the minds of Victorians generally, means a huge amount of work for the staff in the local office.

The Eastern Canadian mails will mean 200 sacks of matter, averaging each mail at 40 sacks. The two English mails will mean an additional eighty sacks. The letter mail average anything from eight to 1,000 letters per sack and it is probable that over one-third of the above consist of letter mail. The sorting and distribution is a work of no mean magnitude.

On Saturday a few letters from the Eastern States were received, but none arrived either yesterday or this morning. The last mail from New York to reach here here that day on January 10th. It is evident that the block on the American lines has not been broken, so that the C. P. R. is luckier than its southern rivals.

Four trains arrived in Vancouver this morning and two more are expected in this afternoon.

The entertainment to be given by the ladies of the First Presbyterian church at the residence of Capt. Gould, 28 Simcoe street, corner of Clarence, on Tuesday afternoon and evening, promises to be very attractive, and an invitation is extended to all to be present. In the evening a good programme will be forthcoming. Admission is free. Tea, home made candy and a good collection of dainty hand-made articles will be on sale.

NANAIMO-ALBERNI ROAD TO BE BEGUN

R. Marpole Arrived at Coast--Will Rush Construction of Road to Develop Vancouver Island.

(Special to the Times.) Vancouver, Feb. 11.—R. Marpole returned to-day from Montreal. He announced that the line on the Nanaimo-Alberni route will probably be commenced this year. It has not been finally decided yet whether it will go to Alberni town or not. That is the question which depends altogether on topographical conditions, and surveys will be made to show whether Alberni or some other harbor on the West Coast shall be selected.

Mr. Marpole has been appointed general executive assistant. He will continue to have his headquarters at Vancouver.

Amongst his new duties will be the supervision of exploration and the construction of new lines and extensions. He will be assisted by H. J. Cambie.

As vice-president of the E. & N. he will take direct control of the administration of the E. & N. land grant, relieving J. S. Dennis.

By the express direction of Sir Thomas Shaughnessy he will make a special study of the best methods of exploring and developing the great wealth of Vancouver Island, and will follow in a general way the lines laid down by Mr. Dennis.

The announcement contained in the special from Vancouver that the C. P. R. would be prepared to begin construction on the Alberni branch early this summer, bears out the information published exclusively in the Times several weeks ago that this was under contemplation, and that the Alberni survey was being rushed as quickly as possible with deep water on the Alberni canal as the objective point, it being presumably under contemplation to connect with the Empress lines there and expedite the transfer of the mails to and from the terminus on the mainland of the C. P. R.

Nanaimo, in contemplation of that city being made the landing place, has made a forward move in so far as real estate is concerned. It is reported there that the C. P. R. is entering into an arrangement with the Western Fuel Company at that city by which the old Southfield track may be used and the direction of the E. & N. altered into Nanaimo, so that it will enter the city on the waterfront. This would facilitate shipments of coal by the line, and also afford connection with the ferry line should it be altered from Lady-smith to Nanaimo.

In shortening the route across the Gulf of Georgia, between Vancouver Island and the Mainland, it was at one time in the history of the E. & N. seriously contemplated to bridge Dodda's narrows and cross onto Gabriola Island. With a railway carried out to the eastern bounds of that island, the run across the Gulf would be materially shortened.

It may yet be considered advisable by the C. P. R. to do this in their efforts to shorten the time in mail service and in competition with other lines projected.

QUESTION OF SUB-HIGH SCHOOL

PROPOSED TO CALL SPECIAL CONFERENCE

(From Monday's Daily.) The following notices of motion will be given at the regular meeting of the school board on Wednesday evening next:

I beg to give notice that at the next regular meeting of the school board I shall move the following resolution: That, whereas it is necessary that the question of continuing the "Sub High school class" upon its present basis shall be brought before the board, and it is deemed to be in the best interests of the school to form an opinion as to whether it is desirable or not to the best interests of the High school proper, and physical resources; be it therefore

Resolved, that a conference be called for the purpose of frankly discussing the whole question of Sub High school work, and that the city superintendent, Principal Paul, the staffs of the High school, Victoria College, Sub High school and the principals of the public schools be invited to meet the members of the school board in such conference; and, further, that the minister of education, together with Superintendent Robinson, of the education department, be respectfully invited to attend, in order that the conference may have the benefit of their experience and advice.

ALFRED HUGGETT.

REPORT OF TEAW CASE

Ottawa, Feb. 9.—The postmaster-general has been asked to deny the use of the mails to all local papers which printed the details of the evidence of the Thaw trial in New York. The postmaster-general said he had not read the report in the newspapers, but the law was clear upon the point and he would see that it was enforced. Any newspapers publishing flimsy evidence of a trial in court, he said, would be guilty of a misdemeanor under the act.

NEGOTIATING WHALING COMPANY

Representatives of a Second Japanese Firm Endeavoring to Secure Whale Meat for Export.

D. Ehama and J. Yamawaki, expert whalers in the employ of the firm of S. Hara of Nagasaki, are in the city endeavoring to enter into arrangements with the Pacific Whaling Company for a supply of their whale meat for export to Japan.

REALIZED GOOD SUM.

Proceeds of Vaudeville Concert in Aid of New Maternity Ward at Hospital.

APPOINTMENT FOR J. D. McNIVEN

Fair Wage Officer for the Dominion Selection of Federal Government Regarded as a Wise One—Long a Resident Here.

SNOW SLIDES BLOCK TRAFFIC

Three Trains Are Held Up at Laggan Great Northern Line to Seattle Also Crippled—Vancouver Practically Isolated.

ORDER FOR ENVELOPES.

Purchasing Agent of Railway Commission Before Public Accounts Committee.

NEW COAL MARKET.

John Howard Has Been Elected Vice-President of Bellingham & C. Railway.

BARQUE WAS TOWED TO VICTORIA HARBOR

Cost the St. James, Fifteen Hundred Dollars for Assistance Recently Rendered By Orion.

FIFTH TO PARADE ON PAARDEBERG DAY

Regimental Orders Issued By Lt-Col. Hall Commanding—Various New Enlistments.

COMMITTED ON MURDER CHARGE

PRELIMINARY TRIAL IN SALT SPRING CASE

WILL APPEAL CASE.

CADET SCORES.

COW TESTING.

NEW COUNTY COURT JUDGE.

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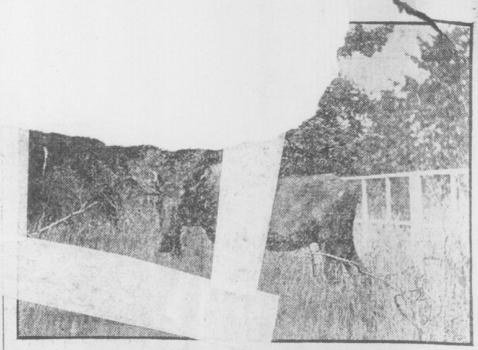
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VICTORIA'S PET MOOSE

Tim, Victoria's pet moose, was born in the spring of the year 1904 in the country between Dease Lake and the Liard River, in northern British Columbia. When about a month old he was one day swimming across the Dease river with his mother and had reached mid stream when Charles Cullin's freight barge rounded the point about two or three hundred yards distant. The cow moose was driven to the shore and "Tim" being left to shift for himself was captured. He was at first an unwilling passenger, but was soon taught to be driven to the bottom of the barge, three stops being made every day to allow the little fellow to get a bellyful of the succulent herbage growing by the water-side.

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ADOPT CONSTITUTION AT ANNUAL MEETING

Officers Elected and the Provisional Executive Organized.

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The club shall be called the Canadian Club of Victoria.

It is the purpose of the club to foster patriotism by encouraging the study of Canadian history, literature, and resources of Canada.

Application for membership must be made through the club.

The officers shall be elected at the annual meeting of the club.

Nominations shall be made by a nominating committee.

The ordinary meetings of the club shall be held on the first Monday of each month.

Upon his accepting election Mr. McCurdy commented upon their being such a representative body present.

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NO FEAR OF STRIKE

Firmly Content to Leave Their Case in Council's Hands.

(From Saturday's Daily.) "There isn't anything in it," said Chief Watson this morning when seen with reference to the report that the firemen might strike unless they received an increase in wages.

"We have no intention of quitting. It's all nonsense to talk of the firemen going on strike unless they receive an increase in wages amounting to \$12.50 per month.

"The amount asked for can be saved out of the office itself, by arranging things a little differently."

A formal constitution was adopted which contained, amongst others, the following clauses:

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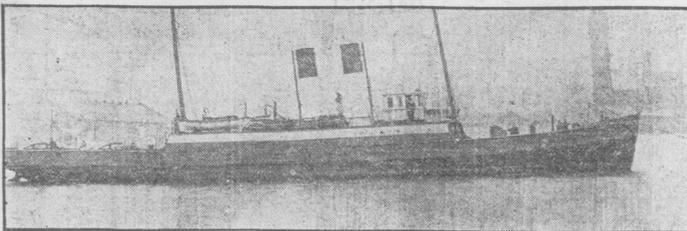
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TUG WILLIAM JOLLIFFE PURCHASED FOR VICTORIA.

The above is the tug William Jolliffe, which left Liverpool on Wednesday on her way to Esquimaux.

South Shields and has been employed in bringing vessels from British ports to the Esquimaux.

The tug is 14 feet deep. Her two cylinders are 39 and 40 inches in diameter respectively.

BOARD OF TRADE COUNCIL MEETS

PREPARES BUSINESS FOR MONTHLY MEETING

Asked to Endorse Various Measures to Come Before Dominion Parliament.

The council of the Board of Trade met this morning and dealt at length with the business to be introduced at the monthly general meeting.

A lengthy discussion took place upon the scarcity of labor which exists at present.

The deputy minister of agriculture has been requested to give publicity to the following:

By instruction of the hon. minister of agriculture a distribution is being made this season of samples of superior sorts of grain and potatoes.

The committee on trade, commerce and transportation reported concerning the complaint of the George Carter Company that the parcel post and from the Orient per Express steamers is made up and distributed at Vancouver.

The Toronto branch of the Navy League in a communication drew the attention of the board to a notice of motion in the House of Commons made by A. C. Macdonald, M.P. for South Toronto.

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GAZETTE NOTICES

Information Contained in This Week's Issue of Government Official Organ.

This week's Provincial Gazette contains notice of the following appointments:

James R. Brown, mining recorder, to perform the duties, temporarily, of government agent at Fairview; gold commissioner for the Osoyoos mining division; registrar of marriages; registrar of the county court of Yale, holder at Fairview; registrar of voters for the Similkameen electoral district, and recording officer, under the "Cattle Act."

There is also a copy of an order in council, dated February 8th, postponing the date for the holding of the provincial election in the Douglas polling station, Dewdney riding, until February 18th.

The following companies have been incorporated: British Coast Company, with a capitalization of \$100,000; British Canadian Lumber Company, capital \$1,000,000; General Fishery Corporation with a capital stock of \$10,000; Goldsmith, Limited, with a capitalization of \$10,000; Jones, Sanderson & Company, with a capital stock of \$15,000; National Finance Company, capitalized at \$500,000; National Finance Trust, with a capitalization of \$10,000; Prince Rupert Water Company, capitalized at \$250,000.

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SALMON EGGS FOR ANTIPODES

SHIPMENT IS MADE TO NEW ZEALAND

E. G. Taylor Tells of Efforts Made at Ottawa to Assist Fishing Industry Here.

E. G. Taylor, fishery inspector, is in the city to-day, having recently returned from Ottawa.

Mr. Taylor brought west with him 120,000 Atlantic salmon eggs, consigned to New Zealand, where the government of that country is taking steps for the propagation of the fish.

The eggs, in spite of the fact that they were delayed somewhat on the trip arrived in splendid form and were given over at the hatchery on the Esquimaux before being forwarded to San Francisco to catch a steamer for New Zealand.

Inspector Taylor says that while in Ottawa he was impressed with the interest which the department manifested in matters affecting British Columbia and also with the attention which Hon. Mr. Templeman, Ralph Smith and Mr. Sloan manifested in everything pertaining to the Pacific fisheries.

The heavy financial burdens which are weighing on the empire of the Mikado have induced the military and naval authorities to drastically curtail their requirements.

Japanese statesmen felt assured that even if no practical result came out of the discussion at the Hague Conference, the topic will be at least thoroughly ventilated.

Now that Japan has come forward in favor of discussing disarmament, the matter is certain to be taken up officially. The present attitude of the great powers with regard to this question is as follows: For discussion, Sechart, Mr. Taylor points out, has already proved of use in the probable saving of life. Mr. Sloan's efforts have had this line built have thus early proved of advantage.

CHEVALIS CASE. Trial Arising Out of Claim For Damages Is Now in Progress in Vancouver.

The civil action arising out of the loss of life when the Chevalis was sunk at the entrance to Vancouver harbor is now in progress in the Supreme Court on Wednesday before Mr. Justice Martineau, who is assisted by two assessors, Capt. J. T. Walbran and Capt. J. D. Warren.

The plaintiffs are as follows: Robert Henderson Bryce, who sues for the loss of his wife, a passenger, \$5,000; J. O. Fenwick and Mrs. Fenwick for the loss of a son, Charles, a passenger, \$2,500; Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Crawford, a deck-hand on the Chevalis, \$20,000; Umakichi Yamaguchi, an administrator of estate of his brother, Sadakichi Yamaguchi, a fireman on the Chevalis, \$10,000; Capt. J. E. Howes, of the Chevalis, unstated damage for injuries and loss of personal property; and Cyrus A. Dean, engineer of the Chevalis, similar claim, damages sought, \$2,500.

For them are appearing W. J. Bowser, K.C.; Joseph Martin, K.C., and F. Peters, K.C. While D. Donaghy is looking after the interests of Mr. Crawford, K.C., S. Schultz for the family of the deceased Japanese.

For the C. P. R. are E. V. Bodwell, K.C., P. Davis, K.C. and J. E. McMullen.

His Lordship ruled that only three lawyers on each side should take an active part in the trial.

Frank Grant, of this city, who is a witness, left last night to give evidence to-day.

THREE MEN KILLED. Napanon, Ont., Feb. 7.—Willbur Bush, Stanley Raymond and Charles Boyd met death on the morning of the 7th north of here, to-day. The engine boiler had frozen during the night, and but not fast enough to let the steam escape. The boiler exploded, killing all three.

LAUNCH CAPSIZED. Seven Persons Lost Their Lives in the Sacramento River. Sacramento, Cal., Feb. 7.—A steam launch containing seven persons struck a rock in the Sacramento river bridge late to-day. All the occupants were thrown into the water and drowned.

FOUND DEAD. Cralk, Sask., Feb. 7.—Harry Simmons, a young Englishman, was found dead in the city. The anatomist says still active and have made threats that they will continue their work.

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PROVED A SUCCESS.

Concert in Aid of Tourists' Society Went Off Well.

A select, rather than a large audience greeted the performers at the Victoria theatre last evening. On the score of appreciation, however, nothing was lacking. All were generously applauded, and all deserved it.

The scenic effect in the first number was splendid. That Mr. and Mrs. Kent completely fulfilled the expectation of their audience was shown by the applause showered upon them.

Where all did well it is perhaps invidious to particularize, but the Gibson tableaux were certainly the finest things on the programme.

Next to big game Oo Long-II was perhaps, from a dramatic standpoint, best rendered.

The fine costumes, combined with the scenic effect and Mrs. G. Pooley's rich voice, to make it linger long in the memory of those who heard it.

Miss Seil and Miss Newling showed in the double quartet the higher dramatic talent. It went with a swing throughout, and won its due meed of praise from the audience.

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CROFT'S ESTATE CHANGES HANDS

MANY DEALS REPORTED BY LOCAL AGENTS

Investors Expected to Arrive on Delayed Excursion--The Day's Sales.

The Croft's estate, situated on the Gorge, has been purchased by Captain E. S. Andrews, of Saskatoon. The figure mentioned is \$5,500.

Andrews leaves immediately for his home in the middle west, and will shortly return with his family to take up his residence here.

Coming out on the recent excursion he had no intention of acquiring any property here, but he could not withstand Victoria's climate.

He came, he saw, it conquered, and now retires from the pursuit of farming, he will reside here.

The excursion leaving Winnipeg on the second has been delayed by the storm through the middle west. The train took thirteen hours in going from Winnipeg to Brandon, and three days to Medicine Hat.

Consequently the excursionists have not arrived in Victoria yet. Amongst them are a number of prospective investors, according to their friends already on the scene.

Many of the Whangpooers urge the formation of a real estate exchange, both in the interests of the agents themselves and in that of the customers.

"The other day," remarked one of them, "I had just closed a sale. The real estate agent was very busy, and made yesterday. I went to the agent and found that he would not go through with the deal, thinking that he might close to better advantage with some one or other of the prospective arrivals. That's bad for business and the entire trade suffers."

Famberton & Son sold two residential sites near the sea shore, three acres on Shoal Bay for \$2,500 and two acres on Foal Bay road for \$3,500. Some un-subsidized lands at the corner of Belmont avenue and Pandora street, amounting in extent to about eight city lots, brought \$2,000.

The Hugo Ross Realty Company sold 37 lots of the Seaview estate, north of Hillside avenue, to investors from Victoria and Winnipeg, and two lots in Victoria West.

Grant & Lineham sold three lots on Fairfield road to a local man for \$1,600.

Another firm is responsible for the transfer of 2 1/2 acres fronting on Faithful street, near Dallas road, to a Winnipeg professional man.

THE KING AND A HERO. Albert Medal For Assistant Political Agent at Chitral.

Captain Robert Walter Edmund Knollys, of the Indian Army, assistant political agent at Chitral, was honored by being received by the King at Buckingham Palace recently, when His Majesty conferred upon him the Albert Medal.

Captain Knollys is a nephew of Lord Knollys, the King's private secretary.

The story of Captain Knollys' heroism in the Chitral campaign of December, 1895, a party consisting of Captain R. W. E. Knollys, the native assistant at Chitral, a clerk, a Chitrali order, and two or three servants, and a few Dir villagers, were crossing the Lowarah Pass. The snow was about six or seven feet deep and still falling.

About half an hour's hard digging in several directions all the three men were successfully extricated from the snow. "In remaining in the dangerous zone during the whole of this time, digging in the snow with their hands and feet, and in the end rescuing the three buried men, Captain Knollys and his two companions," says the Court Circular, "undoubtedly showed conspicuous courage and self-devotion."

DENATURATED ALCOHOL. Washington, Feb. 7.—The house of representatives to-day passed the bill allowing the right to withdrawal from bond tax free of domestic alcohol, when rendered unfit for beverage or liquid medicinal use, and by mixture with suitable denaturing materials.

The bill provides for the establishment of control denaturing bonded warehouses, other than those at distilleries, to which alcohol of the required proof may be transferred from distilleries or distilling bonded warehouses, without payment of the internal revenue tax.

Mr. Hill, of Connecticut, in charge of the bill explained its purpose, and said it was demanded by the farmers of the country. Mr. Clark, of Missouri, suggested that three interests were opposed to the bill, the whiskey trust, the wood alcohol trust and the Standard Oil trust. He was in favor of the measure because the farmers wanted it, and because the "interests" were against it.

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MAIL CONTRACT

BE LATE IN ARRIVING

The morning Charlie ahead of the pack or rope long enough to run ahead. Often an hour or two and lie down until quite the journey.

at Telegraph Creek, at the camp, the dogs that loved to nest of his master.

the dog was shipped to Wrangell, and to Victoria. Since lived in the deer park there for more than been fed and petted and butted around by o-day the deer take him up when they are in making time for him, even times their size. The come, however, ze his power and as-may of his little op-

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THE CANADIAN NORTHERN AND VANCOUVER ISLAND.

Mr. Frank Barnard writes to the Colonist advocating encouragement from the provincial government, presumably in the form of a land grant, to the Canadian Northern Railway. This company, Mr. Barnard points out, has already reached Edmonton, Alberta. Its objective point is undoubtedly the Pacific Coast. It has not yet made up its mind respecting the precise locality at which it would prefer to make its terminus. That would probably depend on the nature of the assistance it may receive from this province. The only matter that is quite clear is that the company is prepared to negotiate. It has announced its intention, and has taken practical steps in accordance with such intention, to build through the Yellowhead Pass. Mr. Barnard evidently believes, and doubtless has special reasons for his belief, that the Canadian Northern can be induced to divert its line southward through the Cariboo and Lillooet country towards Bute Inlet, and thence across to Vancouver Island. He says that as the McBride government has been returned to power with a safe majority and is in a position to carry out a progressive railway policy, it would appear to be its duty to grant every assistance in its power, "consonant with a wise and proper conservation of the public domain," to the Canadian Northern Railway Company in order to induce it to push its line southward through British Columbia and to make its terminus either at Victoria or Esquimalt. There is something to be said in favor of Mr. Barnard's proposition. It was not brought forward previously to the election with the idea of influencing the electors of Vancouver Island in favor of the McBride government. In this respect it is unique, and must command attention. But as a peculiar phase of the ever-present railway agitation in British Columbia the course of Mr. Barnard may be accounted for by the fact that if such a proposition had been brought forward at an earlier date it might have had an adverse influence upon the fortunes of the government. Mr. Barnard supports upon the adjacent constituencies of the Mainland. We do not know whether or not the advocate of an bonus to the Canadian Northern writes with the approval of the provincial government. On that point we shall probably have our curiosity gratified in the course of political events. The Legislature will meet in less than a month, and if the government is disposed to do something that will prove of benefit to Victoria it will probably act immediately. At the same time, we confess there are features in the policy of the McBride government as illustrated by the events of the past that do not harmonize with the proposition of Mr. Barnard. The administration has taken great credit to itself for successes achieved in the promotion of railway construction, although during the three years and a half it has been in power it has never lifted its hand to assist any railway in process of construction, or proposing to build, through any section of British Columbia. On the contrary, it has opposed with all the influence it could command railways that merely asked to be permitted to come into the province. Consequently if Mr. Barnard's proposition is an inspired one, it indicates that a marked change has come over the view of the McBride government. Another feature that is noteworthy in connection with Mr. Barnard's suggestion is the marked coolness with which it has been received by the Colonist, a newspaper that for the past few months has been advocating with all its might the construction of a bridge across Seymour Narrows notwithstanding the obvious fact that no railway had been seriously projected that might require the structure. Perhaps this peculiar phenomena may be accounted for by the marked disposition of our contemporary has shown for wallowing in nebulous rather than discussing practical matters from the standpoint of practical-minded men. Or it may be that the suggestion of Mr. Barnard involves the construction of line of railway having its terminus at Victoria or Esquimalt, whereas the Colonist has consistently maintained that the natural terminus of any railway penetrating the province from the northwest and crossing Seymour Narrows would be a port on the west coast of the Island, preferably Quatsino Sound.

PRESERVATION OF GAME. A considerable number of people, possibly a great majority of people, in British Columbia treat with scorn the agitation for the better protection of the wild game of the country. At the same time we observe that some of the older provinces of Canada, and some of the newspapers which have been in the habit of ignoring all but matters of alleged weightier import, have arrived at the conclusion that a great mistake was made in not attending to the question of game protection ere there was practically no game left in the country to protect. The Toronto Globe is now one of the most persistent advocates of game propagation and protection in the province of Ontario. And our Toronto contemporary takes a very strong and advanced position on the subject. It advocates not only the conservation of the game, but the

retention for all the people of the inalienable right to pursue and to take the game wherever it may be found. It is opposed most strongly to the creation of game preserves for the benefit of the wealthy classes of this country and of the United States. Senator Kirchoffer, the leader of the Conservative party in the Senate of Canada, made a strong effort to secure a very large preserve in Manitoba for his own exclusive use and for the entertainment of his affluent friends. The Senator had actually secured a lease of the property he desired, but public opinion in Manitoba and in other parts of the country compelled the cancellation of his lease and the property in question being thrown open to all the people. There is a lesson and a warning for the sportsmen and the government of British Columbia in this case of Senator Kirchoffer. There is no part of the continent of North America so prolific in game as British Columbia, but if the public are not on the alert they may find their great natural heritage in game and fish has been fished from them by wealthy seekers after exclusive privileges. That is one aspect of the game question in British Columbia. There is another and more pressing feature to which we invite the attention of sportsmen and the government. This aspect we are pleased to see the Vancouver News-Advertiser has been pressing upon the attention of the government. It is that something must be done, and at once, to more effectively preserve the game of the province. The present laws, although no effort has been made to enforce them, may have been sufficient for past circumstances. Possibly they would be sufficient under present circumstances if they were enforced. That is something for all interested to determine for themselves. The legislature will meet in a few weeks, and we understand from the observations of our Vancouver contemporary, which is in a position to speak with authority, that the government now that it is free of all extraneous influences, would be agreeable to meet the wishes of the fraternity in the matter of game laws. Now is the time to act. Let the sportsmen assemble and decide for themselves what amendments they want to the game laws, whether the present open season is too long, whether they want the laws enforced, and whether they are willing to submit to a gun license that will produce a revenue that will ensure the effective enforcement of the statutes. There are some members in the new House who are known to be friendly to their cause, who understand the situation thoroughly, and who would probably gladly undertake to press the matter upon the attention of the government.

A GOOD APPOINTMENT. The many friends in British Columbia of Mr. J. D. McNiven will be pleased to hear that he has received and accepted the appointment of fair wage officer in the Department of Labor under the Dominion government. This department, under Mr. Mackenzie King, the able and energetic Deputy Minister of Labor, has become one of the most important and useful branches of the Dominion government service, and all who know Mr. McNiven and understand the high qualifications he will take into his new field of labor will agree in the opinion that its usefulness will be increased by the appointment. The new fair wage officer, it may be stated, was not an applicant for the position, in his capacity as a representative of labor in British Columbia he had been brought into close relationship with Mr. King, and it was the knowledge of the character and capacity of Mr. McNiven thus obtained, of his sympathy with the cause of labor as well as his fair-mindedness and capability for dispassionate explanation of all sides of questions that came up for consideration, that induced the deputy minister to tender the post to the ex-member for Victoria in the provincial legislature. We believe under the circumstances it is not Mr. McNiven that is to be congratulated, therefore, but the department of labor upon having succeeded in securing the services of so capable an official and the workmen of Canada upon the appointment of one who has during the whole of his career so consistently espoused their cause. Mr. McNiven has for many years been a valued employee of the Times, and we regret exceedingly that in the course of events he must sever his connection with this establishment.

THE CHANNEL TUNNEL. We observe that some optimistic people who believe that direct railway connection is a sure cure for all physical disabilities, assume that all objections to a tunnel under the English Channel have been removed and that in ten years or so trains will be running from Great Britain to all parts of Europe and of Asia. There is some doubt about that. The British do not yet look upon the scheme with unalloyed trust, notwithstanding the strength of the "entente cordiale." They still fear military incursions from France or Germany in the event of the dissolution of the "entente." One would naturally think the Briton in any event could control one end of the hole and let the waters of the channel flow in if he suspected it to be occupied by a hostile army, in which case the fate of the invaders would be worse than

that of the army which followed the Israelites across the divided waters of the Red Sea. But we must make allowances for the moods of our Brother Britons and we are not surprised to read that the prevailing impression in England just now seems to be that all hope of a channel tunnel must be abandoned. There seems to be no doubt that the majority of the responsible military authorities, including the secretary of war, are unalterably opposed to it. The most potent argument against it seems to be, that if it once existed and Great Britain were successfully invaded, the surrender of it would be exacted as one of the inevitable conditions of peace. This seems to be taking a good deal for granted, and many writers express the view that it could be irretrievably destroyed in many ways, long before it came to any question of surrender. As to the attitude of the French on the matter, there is much diversity of opinion. Some Paris correspondents declare that they are greatly hurt by the disinclination of the British to establish this new bond of connection between the two countries, while other writers maintain that the French exhibit very little interest in the matter either one way or the other. But, of course, they are not willing to admit the likelihood of the French and of the tunnel ever falling into the hands of the Germans, which is one of the eventualities dwelt upon by the opponents of the scheme. Some Frenchmen think that Great Britain attaches too much importance to the inviolability of her "silver streak," but at the same time admit that they would be very pleased to have something of the same sort on their own eastern frontier.

Montreal Star: The Toronto Globe points out an absurdity in our legal system, which will certainly have to be remedied one of these days when we get to "wiping things off the slate." It remarks: "Two legal gentlemen of distinction journeying to England to argue before the law lords about the street corner at which a car should stop for a passenger in Toronto to the climax of absurdity. But we would have a street railway company." It is not for such purposes surely that the appeal to the Privy Council was established. When delicate and dangerous inter-provincial questions or disputes affecting race and religion arise amongst us, it is an excellent thing to have a far-away and absolutely impartial tribunal to which to refer them; but that we should trot over to London with petty little disputes of this character is to disgust our people with the whole arrangement. Then it gives the rich man an advantage over the poor man in getting justice—which is simply intolerable.

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LOCAL NEWS

The question of the Quadra street cemetery will be discussed at an early meeting of the city.

Some changes may be made in the freight rates by the freight bureau, which meets this afternoon.

J. A. Sarnard occupied at the meeting of the Vancouver Employers' Association, held at the Board of Trade chamber business only was discussed.

Postmasters are requested to call on the post office inspector at this office to receive their salaries from the date hereof, unless received from Kingston, Jan.

A good audience is expected to attend a social and entertainment party to be held on 11th at 2.30 p. m. in Christ church schoolroom, by the members of the church auxiliary and the Women's Auxiliary to miss.

Owing to increased business, the resignation of the choir-master of Christ church during his four years' service, which was not for the chief up to a proper resignation. His resignation was closed last to the church.

The B. C. Agricultural Association will hold its first meeting of the afternoon next. There is amount of work to be done, hence the early meeting.

The James Bay A. A. concert on Tuesday evening good programme has been and it is expected that the good turn out. The admission is 50c.

C. J. Brace, secretary of the Centennial Methodist Sunday morning, and will be at night.

Dr. Tolmie and F. M. Lee, the judging at the competition held under the auspices of the Institute of New Zealand, at the end of the present month.

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H. W. Lomas, proprietor restaurant, Yates street, was to Miss Kaehler, who was by W. L. Clay, pastor of St. Presbyterial church yesterday.

The funeral of the late Clark took place from the Gordon Head road, to Ross E. Terry, the millwright, who was by Rev. Forest, Woods, Somerset and Great.

At a meeting of the office of the Centennial Methodist last evening a unanimous resolution was passed by Rev. S. J. T. the pastor, to remain for the year. The latter expressed his and accepted.

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The half-yearly session of the Presbytery of Victoria will be held in St. Andrew's church, on Monday, March 4th, at 2 o'clock.

E. D. Soter and Annie C. Ritchie, of Port Angeles, were married at the Dominion Hotel palace yesterday by Rev. Dr. Campbell. Wm. Ritchie, father of the bride, an attorney at Port Angeles, was present, as was also Mrs. Ritchie.

At the next council meeting Ald. Maston will bring in a by-law to prohibit the B. C. Meat Company from erecting a stable on North Park street contrary to the wishes of the residents. A petition asking that such a course be taken has been largely signed.

M. Humber & Co., of this city, have just shipped to Prince Rupert the first consignment of bricks to go from the local yards. The shipment contained 50,000 bricks, and will be used in connection with the new building now in course of construction at the new city. This shipment is expected to be only a beginning in the demand for bricks at the northern terminal point.

As a result of the ramcar leaving the track near Point Ellice bridge yesterday morning Motorman Phillips received injuries which render him unfit to do duty for a day or two. None of the passengers were injured. The accident was the direct result of the heavy rain of the night previous, which clogged the tracks with mud and gravel, etc. There were several other cases of a similar kind during the early morning, but no serious results.

The management of the Aged Woman's Home take this means of thanking Waitt & Co. for the loan of an organ. They desire also to acknowledge, with thanks, the following donations: Mrs. Morley, sandwiches, cakes, oranges and figs; Daughter of Rebecca, sandwiches and cake; Mrs. Litz, preserved cherries; Mrs. Blyth, jelly; Miss St. Savours, stove grate; ladies of St. Saviour's church, cake; Mrs. Bradshaw, dress; Mrs. Van Tassel, apples; Mrs. Rykert, clothing; Haggerty & Co., cash.

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Winnipeg, Feb. 8.—The C. P. R. express eastbound was wrecked at Kalmater, Ontario, yesterday afternoon. One man, name unknown, was badly injured.

Instantly Killed. Hamilton, Feb. 8.—Roy Pottruff, a freight conductor on the H. G. & B. Electric railway, was instantly killed at the junction of the T. H. & B. railway and the H. G. & B. railway.

Strike Over. Halifax, Feb. 8.—The strike at No. colliery, Sydney mines, was settled by non-union men all joining the association. There are now over nine hundred and fifty members in Pretorian lodge. The colliery resumed operations yesterday, a thoroughly union mine. The strike was a complete victory for the union, and the occasion was celebrated with much enthusiasm by the lodge. The company took no part whatever in the difficulty, the dispute being altogether a matter between the men themselves. The question at issue was whether or not non-union men should work in the colliery.

Railway Rates. Toronto, Feb. 8.—The executive meeting of the Eastern Passenger Association was held to-day at the King Edward hotel, when summer rates were considered. The place of the next convention was not decided. Milwaukee, Winnipeg and Denver being considered. The Canadian railway freight agents were in session at the Union station to-day. The subject under discussion is the classification of summer rates.

Going to India. Toronto, Feb. 8.—Rev. J. A. Sharrod, M.A., has been selected by the Presbyterian foreign mission committee for the Presbyterian College, India, Central India, and will go out in June for nine years.

Visit University. Kingston, Feb. 8.—The members of the Ontario legislature visited the city. Mayor Morley, Dean Goodwin, Principal Gordon, civic and Queen's authorities met the Grand Trunk special. Carriages taken to Queen's University. A formal reception occurred. Principal Gordon speaking. Then followed the inspection of the university buildings, chiefly the school of mining. Afterwards the ground was broken by Premier Whitney for a medical biological building, for which the legislature last year voted \$50,000.

Outbreak of Smallpox. London, Ont., Feb. 8.—There is an outbreak of smallpox in the Muncie Indian reserve, causing the health authorities much alarm. The disease is general outbreak is imminent. Three new cases were discovered Thursday. The disease was brought from Oil Springs by a squaw.

WELCOME CHINOOK. Rossland Mine Managers Look Forward to Early Resumption of Operations.

Roseland, B. C., Feb. 9.—The chink which has prevailed for the past three days is welcomed by the mine management as it is melting the snow rapidly. The railways have been partially unbound for some time past, and unable to deliver to the mines and smelters sufficient quantities of coal in operation. The result has been that they have only been partially operated, or shut down during a portion of the day. This entailed a considerable decrease of profit, which should be largely owing to the high price of metals. Now that the freeze-up and partial tie up of the railways has been done away with by the chink, the mine managers look forward to a day not far distant when the mines can be run to their full capacity, as the railways will be in a position to handle the normal quantity of fuel. It is certain that the quantity of ore produced here and in adjacent camps will show a considerable increase during the next thirty days.

Following are the shipments of ore from Rossland camp for the week ending to-night: Centre Star, 1,170 tons; Le Roi, 2,585 tons; Le Roi No. 2, 210 tons; White Bear, 70 tons. Total for week, 5,685 tons, and for year to date, 26,841 tons.

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PRELIMINARY TRIAL BEGINS

ALLEGED MURDER CASE AT SALT SPRING ISLAND

Evidence Given by the Companions of George Williams Charged With Murder.

(From Saturday's Daily.) George Williams, charged with the murder of Alfred Douglas at Salt Spring Island, in January 24th, came up for his preliminary hearing this morning before Magistrate Hall.

Superintendent Murray, who presided over the case for the crown. Mr. Moresby appeared for the prisoner. The latter stood the ordeal very well, and did not appear to worry at the result. None of his relatives, save one, who came over from the Island, were present.

The first witness called was Dr. Mackenzie, who performed the post-mortem on deceased at the Island. He testified that the body was that of a young, half-breed, who never was before. When he saw it rigor mortis had set in. There were no wounds on the body, but a bullet entered the forehead and came out about two inches behind the ear. Death was instantaneous, being caused by shock and loss of blood. A rifle lay near the body.

Cross-examined by Mr. Moresby, the witness said the body was that of a well built muscular half-breed, who was about 20. He looked older, but the doctor could not be sure as to his age. Dr. T. Stahler, of Victoria, was next called. He deposed that on the 25th ult. he examined the prisoner. He found over the right shoulder posteriorly an abrasion about five inches long by one inch wide. Over the left eyebrow was a bruise. On the right side of the forehead, just above the lower ribs, was a bruise the size of a half dollar. There was another bruise on the left side behind, about three inches by one inch. There were seven or eight other bruises, some of them five or six inches long, some one and a half inches wide. The wounds were not fresh, but were about three or four days old. The wounds were not fresh, but were about three or four days old. The wounds were not fresh, but were about three or four days old.

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THREE REPRISALS DEAD FROM COLD

Women and Five Children Perish--Six Woodchoppers Frozen to Death--Young Man Missing.

Winnipeg, Feb. 9.—Arthur Congdon, wholesaler, has received word from a merchant at Alameda that a German settler's wife and five children were found frozen to death eight days ago in their farm house, 20 miles north of Bismark.

The farmer had gone into the village to get fuel, and on his return, he found the bodies of his wife and five children lying in the snow, and he was unable to get them out.

Woodchoppers Reported Dead. Winnipeg, Feb. 9.—A report reached the city to-night that the bodies of six woodchoppers in the vicinity of Darwin, which is on the border between Manitoba and Ontario, were frozen to death a few days ago, having cut their way in the woods. Three of the men were named Davis, Schultz and Graining, the first named two having

relatives here. Nothing confirmatory can be learned to-night.

Perished in Storm. Winnipeg, Feb. 9.—Aeneas Macintosh, who resided with R. A. Franklin near Goose Lake, Wayburn, Sask., met his death on Wednesday in the storm. He had gone to the post office, four miles distant, for the mail for Goose Lake. Mr. Davidson, the postmaster, seeing that a storm was coming, advised him to remain, but he was determined to return. Shortly after leaving the post office, he was seen on the right trail, but not since.

The deceased was a Scotchman, a search party was organized and the country was searched for miles without finding any trace of the unfortunate man. The large ship Chelmsford, which was on close inspection for the community of Victoria, has not provided the Bishop of Columbia with a building worthy of the city, and in other quarters the Royal Jubilee hospital of 1887 in memory of the fiftieth year of the Queen, whose stately name the little city bears, the fine high school, the palatial tourist hotel which the C. P. R. is building—in almost too close proximity to the government buildings

of schools, and even some factories, and have caused infinite inconvenience to householders, and yet the thermometer has not gone lower than 12 or 13 above zero.

Many Winnipegers Here. Winnipegers are really here in considerable numbers, and most other cities of the plains are represented by a sprinkling of visitors.

Winnipegers are not all pleasure bent. Some of the keenest business men of the city are here, investigating real estate conditions and intentions on participating in the profits of the rising values in Victoria. Many of these, however, are accompanied by the members of their families, and will spend most of the winter here. So numerous are the Winnipeg men that they have organized a dinner for Saturday evening next at the Drake hotel, to which they have invited visiting representatives of other western cities. Some of the visitors are not content with quiet speculation in land, but are going into business here. One of the best known is Hugo Ross, who is president of the Hugo Ross Realty Company, Limited, with a capital of \$100,000, backed by several wealthy Manitobans. Mr. Ross will be remembered by many as a son of the late A. W. Ross of Winnipeg and a resident of Victoria at the present time. He has established himself as one of the most successful real estate dealers of Winnipeg. Mr. Ross visited Victoria late in the afternoon of the 9th, and he is the result of the visit, but he is himself remaining in Winnipeg. Another real estate operator from Winnipeg is J. V. C. Macdonald, who is as aggressive of his kind, and who has also opened up an office here. Other business men from Winnipeg who were opening branch real estate offices here, the father of Saskatchewan, and a big dealer in real estate in that city, Dr. Dougherty, is also among the visitors.

The city is a most interesting one, however, as yet, with representatives of the land business. Victoria is more than twice the size of Edmonton, and has no more than a score of real estate men as against sixty-three offices supported by the Alberta capital last summer, while the value of the real estate in the prairie cities is proportionately more than in the prairie cities. One thousand dollars a foot on Government street for a bank site compares favorably with \$800 a foot for a similar property on Jasper avenue in Edmonton, which a short time ago was the highest level reached here.

Just Beginning to Grow. It would be absurd, of course, to pretend that Victoria is growing as fast as the cities of the west coast. It must be remembered, too, that there were many vacant houses in Victoria a year or two ago, both stores and houses, and these had to be filled up before there was any considerable demand for new buildings. There is not yet the crowding and pressure for housing that is being felt during the summer in the prairie cities. The late Mr. Goldie was appointed inspector of boilers in 1901 and was well known in this city. For some years he was employed in the Albion Iron Works. He was originally a native of Scotland and was but forty years of age.

BOILER INSPECTOR DEAD. Thomas Hillhouse Goldie 57 New Westminster Was Well Known in This City.

Thomas H. Goldie, government inspector of boilers, died Friday in New Westminster. Good hopes for his recovery had been entertained for some time though it was known that his situation was serious, a clot of blood having formed upon the brain. Dr. Ernest Hall of this city was called in consultation.

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ROADS BLOCKED ACROSS BORDER

TRAINS IMPRISONED IN THE CASCADES

Freight Service Is Not Likely to Be Resumed for Ten Days--Snow-slides and Floods.

Seattle, Feb. 10.—The lifting of the blockade on the Northern Pacific Friday night and yesterday morning, when eight passenger trains, with about 700 people, pulled into the King street station, was only temporary. Yesterday other washouts in the vicinity of Kennebec, Pasco and Prosser caused all train schedules to be annulled.

Several of the trains that reached Seattle Friday evening and yesterday morning were due here on February 4th. Many of the passengers spent five days in reaching Seattle from Spokane, and it took ten days to come from St. Paul to their destination.

It will be several days before the trains imprisoned in the Cascades on the Great Northern can reach Seattle. Snowslides, landslides, floods and almost every imaginable annoyance are besetting the operating officials of the Great Northern in their efforts to get the track open.

Traffic on the coast line is delayed by washouts near Silvana. Passengers for Tacoma and other points are transferred around the washed out portions of the road beds. Small landslides yesterday delayed trains between here and Everett.

Trouble on Idaho Division. Tacoma, Feb. 9.—According to dispatches received by Northern Pacific officials this evening, trouble of the worst kind continues on the Idaho division.

Two transcontinental trains are being held at Pasco and the yards at Spokane are occupied with delayed passenger trains. No trains will be dispatched from Pasco till late to-morrow night. There are frozen washouts between Pasco and Lind and available men and work with pile drivers and bridge material repairing breaks in the track between Pasco and Lind.

Streets Flooded. Walla Walla, Feb. 9.—The flood situation here is practically unchanged since the 7th. The city is practically cut off from any road and the only trains that came were from Dayton on the W. & C. R. A box car special was sent from Dayton to Walla Walla on the Red Feather opera troupe into this city. The company was transferred from Pasco on a train which left yesterday at noon.

Athens, twenty-five miles from here, is reported to have water standing deep in the streets. The water is reported to have come from the Red Feather opera troupe into this city. The company was transferred from Pasco on a train which left yesterday at noon.

Still Blocked. Spokane, Feb. 9.—Railroad traffic between Spokane and the Pacific coast is still completely blocked. This is the fourth day that traffic to the West has been at a standstill with the exception of a few hours Tuesday morning when the Northern Pacific had a clear track and was able to send through to the coast seven passenger trains which had been stalled at Pasco.

The movement of these trains gave rise to reports on the coast that the road was open. Before any trains got through from the coast, however, or before any could leave Spokane for the North Pacific Steamship Company for \$225,000. The Elder was sunk near Portland a few years ago and lay at the bottom of the river for several years. The marine underwriters spent thousands in an attempt to raise it, but failed. Capt. Peterson finally succeeded in raising it and afterwards was placed on the San Francisco route. The fact that the boat brought such a price was a surprise to shipping men.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE. Loss Placed at \$1,500,000--Valuable Paintings Destroyed.

Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 9.—Former Postmaster General John Wanamaker, whose beautiful country home at Jenkintown was destroyed by fire last night, said he thought that \$1,500,000 was a fair estimate of damage. While many of the valuable paintings were destroyed Mr. Wanamaker is thankful that the two great paintings, "Christ Before Pilate" and "The Crucifixion," were saved. These masterpieces were contained in frames so massive that the painting had to be cut from their frames in order to save them. These pictures alone are worth \$750,000.

TWO RAILWAY WRECKS. Four Persons Reported to Have Been Killed and Several Injured.

Birmingham, Ala., Feb. 9.—Passenger train No. 3, on the Frisco line from Memphis, died here at 5 a. m., was wrecked near Platt City, Ala. Two persons are reported killed and twelve hurt.

Trains in Collision. Halifax, Feb. 9.—Two persons are reported killed and several injured in a collision upon the Halifax & South Shore railroad near Mahone Junction.

From burns sustained through the ignition of his celluloid coat, Sidney Weaver, aged six, died in the infirmary at Gloucester.

FATAL SNOWSLIDE

HONOR MEMORY OF A GREAT CHIEF

SAANICH INDIANS HOLD CELEBRATION

Portrait of Chief Pete Quaseleck, Unveiled Last Week--Unique Gathering for Occasion.

Two years have passed since the Saanich Indians first mourned the loss of a great friend, of probably one of the most noted aborigines in the province--Peter Quaseleck, of the celebrated Malahut tribe, chief and father of all the Saanich Indians. His funeral was a noteworthy event, being attended by the Indians from the four reserves, by the Songhees, from whom the path-keepers were taken, and by many white settlers. There was a large procession from the Catholic church to the cemetery, headed by the Indian brass band.

"Good old Peter," as he was generally called, indeed was "good" and "old" in the sense that he was a true and noble man, and his life was a noble one. He was a man of broad shoulders, rather long, black hair, and his general physical appearance somewhat above the average, dignified and dignified. He was a man of broad shoulders, rather long, black hair, and his general physical appearance somewhat above the average, dignified and dignified.

The west end of the city is steadily advancing in the industrial aspect. Several new factories and works have lately been established there, and J. Schaeke is now seeking authority from the government to erect two single mills on the government reserve between 16th and 17th streets.

Sixty thousand baby sockeyes have been liberated in the Serpentine river. They were made by the Hon. J. A. Campbell, Minister of Fisheries, and Superintendent Johnston had them shipped some time ago, when the sleighing was good, though they were not liberated till last week. This is the third year that sockeye fry have been liberated in the Serpentine with the object of saving that fish to make the Serpentine his home.

At present there are no number of cohoes in the Horn and raised in an aquarium, but no sockeyes. The other rivers that are being stocked from the hatcheries are the Lillooet, the Pitt and the streams on Vancouver Island.

Peter Peebles has been appointed by the board of school trustees to represent them at the annual convention of the British Columbia Association of School Trustees, which convenes in Nelson, B.C., next Wednesday morning.

Quentin McGill, Jr., Columbia street, Sapperton, the deceased was 66 years of age.

WEDDED AT NOON

THE SKENA ELECTION.

REASSEMBLING OF PARLIAMENT

CONTEST BETWEEN THE TWO HOUSES

The Government is Ready to Appeal to Country Against the Upper Chamber.

London, Feb. 9.—The reassembling of parliament on February 12th arouses intense interest here, as the government intends to immediately inaugurate measures to compel the members of the House of Lords and make it subordinate to the will of the people as expressed by the House of Commons. This is nothing less than a revolution in the present constitutional method, and foreshadows a bitter contest between the two houses, with the government already Prepared for a Disolution and an appeal to the country upon the necessity of curtailing the power representing the aristocracy in the interest of the democracy.

At recent councils the ministers have determined the main lines of the government's action, which is expected to begin with a resolution laying down the House of Commons' inalienable rights. A similar historic resolution was adopted in the seventeenth century upon which the rights of the Commons to control money matters was based. This will be merely preliminary to a series of resolutions by which Premier Campbell-Bannerman proposes to frame a clear issue against the Lords and then appeal to the people upon it. The determination to make the fight now is due to the Defeat of the Education Bill by the upper house and the prospective defeat of all other features of the existing ministerial programme.

It is seldom that a speech from the throne has been awaited with such eager interest, as it is asserted that the ministry has induced the crown to make an appeal to the electorate between the Lords and the Commons. Whether King Edward is ready to take such significant action is open to doubt. It is probable that any reference to His Majesty many make to the subject of the House of Lords will be couched in moderate, uncontroversial language, and the speech is addressed to both houses.

Challenging the Powers of the House of Lords can have little effect in itself, as the Lords' powers will remain despite the resolution; but the passage of such a resolution is destined to give the keynote of the ministerial plans. These will consist chiefly of sending the Lords a number of popular measures, including a drastic land bill affecting the estates of peers and other members of the aristocracy. These measures are sure to be rejected by the House of Lords.

Members of the majority openly disregard these plans, and predict several dissolutions before a reform of the House of Lords can become effective.

MAY BE BANISHED. German Officials Demand Punishment of Chief of the Sultan's Secret Police.

Constantinople, Feb. 11.—The special commission of inquiry ordered by the Sultan to examine into the charges against Fevzi Pasha, chief of the secret police, which the German ambassador alleged caused the seizure of a ship's cargo destined for Hamburg, has concluded its work.

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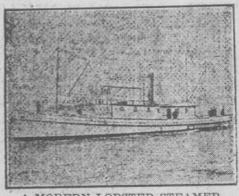
GREAT FISHING INTERESTS OF THE DOMINION.

The immense importance, and enormous value of the fisheries of Canada, are comparatively unknown to those not directly or indirectly interested in the business. Foreign countries, especially the United States, pertinaciously cleave to any right or privileges, which by treaty, or other arrangement enable them to use what are properly described as the Canadian fisheries. Even though the actual places where fish are taken are beyond the territorial waters of Canada, and placed in modern interpretation, their adjacency to the shores of the Dominion, and the fact that these shores from the natural, and most useful basis of operations, makes the Canadian fisheries the leading industry of the kind in the world.

From the time of the early attempts of France to colonize in America, the rich harvest of the sea was the chief temptation. When the British "came to stay," France held out for, and received the right to a share in the fisheries of the British American coast, held certain islands and gained the privilege of using certain parts of the Newfoundland shore during the fishing season. Fully realizing the value of the fishing industry, France to this day pays a generous bounty on the quantity of French caught fish sold in a foreign market.

The United States has been using the Canadian privileges, and Canadian waters for five years without permission, and an international commission at Halifax heard evidence, and awarded Canada and New Foundland five and a half million dollars for that five years use of the fisheries. American fishing vessels are now allowed the

privileges of Canadian Atlantic ports to obtain supplies, and tranship their catches on payment of a tonnage duty. The government of Canada utilized their share of the fishery award from the United States to pay their own Atlantic fishermen an annual bounty. The Americans paid up in 1877, but it was not until 1882 that the idea of using the interest for bounty purposes was acted upon. In that year \$150,000 was set apart for that purpose, but in 1891 the appropriation was increased to \$100,000. As a matter of fact, the appropriation from the fish has been exceeded. Vessels are paid at the rate of 11 per cent on the value of each vessel fishery, \$3.50 per man to boat fishermen, and something like 14,000 receive bounty. The total number of boat and vessel fishermen annually drawing bounty is about 10,000. Since 1892 the total amount paid in bounties has reached nearly four million dollars.



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The dangers of bank fishing can hardly be exaggerated, as the only way to visit some of the fishing villages of Nova Scotia, and see the number of widows to realize the perils of the calling. Bank fishing is also largely carried on from New England, whose shore fishing is less extensive and productive than that of Canada. Their vessels are chiefly named and captained by Nova Scotians, Newfoundlanders and Portuguese. There is a very pretty and touching annual ceremony in the New England fishing ports—Decoration Day. The graves of soldiers and members of fraternal orders are remembered on land and strewn with flowers by loving hands, one year. This cannot be done where the dead are entombed in the dark waters of the Atlantic, so once a year the

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Shore fishing, while calling for skill, hardihood and bravery, is now done with such perils as the bank fishing. Until recent years this work was done on the Atlantic coast almost entirely by men in small sailing craft, who usually ran in to land their fish, and get more bait and provisions once a week or oftener. These sailing boats are bound to be replaced by more powerful motor boats, and there are several hundred barrels of fish there is an exciting experience. In addition to the mackerel there will be sharks, and the fish are on their travels, the splendid salmon, horrible looking sculpins, and in fact almost everything that swims, which either followed the mackerel to prey upon them, or were carried along by the crowd. The sharks and dog fish have to be fought and dispatched with axes or boat hooks, and the men are not infrequently men who strictly obey the law in this respect, but as they bring a fine price in the Boston and New York market for their fish, and are among the most delicious salmon that grow, they usually regard the market carefully packed in ice, and perhaps described as "white bait."

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absolutely convincing. As far as Canada is concerned, they appear in the Bay of Fundy on May 15th. Many fishermen claim that this date is the exact one when the fish first appeared there. Certainly they invariably show up at about the same time. The methods of catching mackerel are by hand line, from the side of vessel or boat, purse seining and trapping. Handling is less a science than formerly. With the New England fisherman seining is principally used, but with Canadians the trap is preferred. The purse seining is done by the fish open with their schooner, and when a "school" is overtaken two seine boats are sent out, and the fish are surrounded by a seine net hung on the boats.

IMPROVING THE FERRY SERVICE

VICTORIA TERMINAL INVITING TENDERS

Tug and Two Barges Will Be Built --May Run to Blaine Instead of Port Guichon.

Although not yet definitely decided, it is probable that in the near future a ferry service will be instituted between Sidney and Blaine. In view of F. Van Sant, traffic manager of the Victoria Terminal railway, has invited tenders for the construction of a steam tug and two large barges. The tug is to be 31 feet long with engines of 325 horse-power. The barges are to have a carrying capacity of 475 and 850 tons respectively, with space for nine cars.

It is thought that the proposed service between Sidney and Blaine would be better than a trade standpoint than the existing one between Sidney and New Westminster. The run between the two points is about 40 miles, could be made by a tug and her tow in about six hours. When all the tenders have been received it will then be finally decided whether the new service will be instituted.

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The building of a tug and new barges promises better service with the Mainland by the Victoria terminal route, and will be gratifying to residents of this city who recognize in this the advantage of competition in transportation matters, something which is always to be desired.

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