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LICENSE TO AN EXTRA-PROVINCIAL
COMPANY.
"COMPANIES ACT, 1917."
Canada.
Province of British Columbia.

This is to certify that "E. P. Charlton
& Co., Limited," is authorized and licensed
to carry on business within the Province
of British Columbia, and to carry out or
effect all or any of the objects of the
Company to which the legislative authority
of the Legislature of British Columbia
extends.

The head office of the Company is situ-
ated at the City of Montreal, in the Pro-
vince of Quebec.

The amount of the capital of the Com-
pany is seventy-five thousand dollars,
divided into seven hundred and fifty
shares of one hundred dollars each.

The head office of the Company in this
Province is situated at 333 Hastings street,
in the City of Vancouver, and M. O. Up-
per, Manager, whose address is Van-
couver address, is the attorney for the Com-
pany.

Given under my hand and seal of office
at Victoria, Province of British Columbia,
this 2nd day of September, one thousand
nine hundred and eight.

(L.S.)
Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.
The objects for which this Company has
been established and licensed are:

1. To carry on in all its branches the
business of trading, buying and manu-
facturing of all kinds of goods, wares and
merchandise.

2. To acquire and take over, as a going
concern, the business carried on in the
City of Montreal, in the Province of Que-
bec, under the name of E. P. Charlton &
Co., Limited.

3. To acquire and undertake the whole
or any part of the business, property and
liabilities of any person, company or cor-
poration, carrying on any business the
Company is authorized to carry on, or
possessed of, wholly or partly, for any
purpose of this Company.

4. To subscribe for, or in any way
acquire the stocks, shares, bonds, debentures,
or other obligations or securities of any
company having objects similar to those
of this Company, to sell, or other-
wise dispose thereof, subject always to the
provisions of section 44 of the Com-
panies Act, to guarantee any bonds, debentures,
obligations or securities of any company
or disposed of by this Company, or of any
company having objects similar to those
of this Company.

5. To purchase, lease, or otherwise ac-
quire real or personal property, and any
rights or privileges in or to any such prop-
erty, which may be necessary or convenient
for the purposes of its business.

6. To sell or dispose of the undertaking
of the Company or any part thereof, for
such consideration as the Company may
think fit, and in particular for the pur-
pose of guaranteeing any bonds, debentures,
obligations or securities of any other com-
pany having objects similar to those of
this Company.

LAND ACT.
DISTRICT OF COAST, RANGE III.
Take notice that Saml. G. Parker, of
Boila Colic, occupation bookkeeper, offers
for sale the following described land, sit-
uated at a post planted at the S. E. corner
of E. C. D. Co. Lot 227, on the west side
of South Bentinck Ave., between the
chains, these 20 chains 40 links timber
land 1200 and E. C. D. Co. Lot 227, on the
east side of South Bentinck Ave., these
20 chains 40 links timber land 1200 and
north 20 chains along the shore line
point of commencement, containing 120
acres more or less.

SAMUEL G. PARKER,
B. HILLIP JACOBSEN, Agent,
September 30th, 1910.

TEACHER WANTED For Otter Point
School, one that is musical preferred.
Apply to Emerson, Secy. School Board,
Otter Point, B. C.

SALVATION ARMY CITADEL.
Prince Rupert, Dec. 12.—The Salvation
Army opened its new citadel here a few
days ago, which marks the begin-
ning of its effective work in the city.
The organization has very comfortable
quarters now on Fraser street at the head
of Sixth avenue. The front part, which is
devoted to the general public, is bright,
cheerful, while abundance of light is
afforded. In the rear of the building has
been fitted up the quarters for the
officers in charge of the work.

Major Morris, of Vancouver, who is in
charge of the work of the Army in British
Columbia and the Yukon, was in charge
of the opening ceremony. William Mas-
son, M. P., presided, while Mayor
Stork and Ald. Mobley and the city
clergy all had prominent places on the
platform during the ceremony.

During brief proceedings outside the
citadel, Mr. Masson was presented with a
silver key inscribed simply "William Mas-
son, M. P., S. A., Dec. 4, 1910." The
presentation was made by the little
daughter of Major Morris. Mr. Masson
followed with a short address in which he
congratulated the Army upon the build-
ing that they had now provided.

The address of the general public was
devoted to with a great deal of interest.
With respect to the local situation, he
explained that the citadel and the lots on
which it stood represented an expenditure
of over \$13,000. Of this sum not quite \$500
had been raised locally. The remainder
of the cost stood as a charge against the
local corps which would have to be paid
for if that was possible.

On the conclusion of the address a vote
of thanks was moved the speaker, by
Mayor Stork, seconded by Ald. Mobley.

TOBACCO HABIT
Dr. McTaggart's tobacco remedy re-
moves all desire for the weed in a few
days. A vegetable medicine, and only re-
quires touching the tongue with it occa-
sionally. Price 2c.

LIQUOR HABIT
Marvelous results from taking his rem-
edy for the liquor habit. Safe and in-
expensive home treatment; no hypodermic
injections, no publicity, no loss of time
business, and no expense. Consult Dr. McTaggart,
Toronto, Canada.

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**BOTH SIDES
ARE CONSIDERED**

**FEW CARS RUNNING
IN PRAIRIE CAPITAL**

**Striking Motormen and Con-
ductors Will Appeal to
Unions for Support**

(Special to the Times.)

Winnipeg, Dec. 19.—The street car-
strike is still developing quietly, al-
though the tension is high. The com-
pany yesterday announced that they
would to-day start the full schedule
again, but they started late this morn-
ing with a decidedly smaller service,
which they gradually increased, al-
though at noon they were not running
any more than a half service. Police-
men are on all the cars. Collegians
are giving evidence as amateur motormen
and conductors, although their
examinations are calling them off.

A number of men arrived yesterday
restraining the hot heads. They are
smuggled off. Little or no informa-
tion is available regarding them, but
sixty of them were picked up in To-
ronto. They look like laborers, rather
than professional strike-breakers.

The company claims the strike is
about broken and many people are of
the same opinion.

On the other hand the men at strike
headquarters appear resolute and said
that some difficulty was experienced in
restraining the hot heads. They are
preparing a trade union propaganda.
Heretofore union men have ridden to
and from their work, but an im-
mediate appeal will be made to unions
for support and backing, and there is
little doubt that all will respond to
what is looked upon by unionists as a
carefully engineered scheme of the
company to fight the union on a field
of their own choosing. They point out
that the present wage agreement ex-
pires in the spring and they allege that
the company is being forced in order to
break the union so that there will be
no organization to deal with them.

Undoubtedly there will be trouble
before the hot heads give in, and if
they are desperate. None of the men
have gone back so far and there is
little probability of their returning by
to-morrow noon when the company's
ultimatum expires.

RUSSIAN REFUGEE LIBERATED.

(Special to the Times.)

Winnipeg, Dec. 19.—Savo Fedonko,
the Russian refugee, who was re-ar-
rested after Mr. Justice Robson had
annulled extradition proceedings, was
allowed to return to his home in the
second charge of attempting to kill
a Russian constable being dropped.

**DARING RESCUE OF
INDIAN SAVED BY
JACK FROM DROWNING**

Tom James Performs Heroic
Deed—Saved Kuyooquot
Jack From Drowning

Clinging to the bottom of his upturned
canoe, with life nearly extinct owing to
the length of time he had been in the
chilly waters of the Strait of Juan de
Fuca, Kuyooquot Jack, a member of the
Sungah tribe, was rescued on Saturday
afternoon from a watery grave by an-
other member of his race, Tom James,
who at the risk of his own life succeeded
in reaching the drowning man, dis-
cussing him, and resuscitating him. Some time
during Saturday morning Kuyooquot Jack left
the shore line of the Strait of Juan de
Fuca, and was seen to be in the water
brochle ledge he threw his hook and
line overboard, but when commencing to
paddle he found that it had become
tangled in the rocks. In attempting to
free it the Indian in some manner cap-
sized. He tried to right the canoe, but it
was too difficult a matter for one man
in such a strong current. When his
strength began to wane he realized that
the only thing to do was to cling to the
bottom of the craft.

The strong tide was gradually carrying
him in the direction of Race Rocks, and
had assistance not arrived when it did
Jack would certainly have perished. Tom
James was at the time trolling for salmon
some distance off when his attention was
directed towards a strange object. It at
first appeared to him as a log, but he
noticed the figure of a man. He
proceeded to the help of his fellow-tribe-
man, who was then over two miles from
the shore, and was rescued. The upset
canoe nothing but the face of an Indian
remained above water, and life was fast
ebbing.

A task of rescuing Kuyooquot Jack was
accomplished by Kuyooquot, and Tom
James more than once had a narrow
escape from being precipitated into the
water himself. At last he was enabled
to take the drowning man aboard and the
work of rescuing him was soon accom-
plished, despite the serious drawbacks.

This is not the first time that Tom
James has been the means of saving life.
Some time ago he rescued a white man
whose launch had broken down and was
rapidly being driven towards the rocky
shores of Trial Island. James, at the risk
of his life, with the sea running very high,
steered his canoe alongside the launch
and rescued the passenger.

The first act of saving life by Tom
James went unheeded and unwarded, but
he is hoped that with the daring rescue of
Saturday his act will be brought before
the Royal Life-Saving Society of London.

**MR. HELLWELL
WRITES AGAIN**

**ANOTHER "FINAL"
REPORT TO HAND**

(From Monday's Daily.)

Although only asked to forward for
the information of the finance com-
mittee an itemized account showing the
services he rendered, the city for the
sum of \$3,500, the amount of his
charge, John F. Hellwell, the Van-
couver expert auditor, will this evening
hand to the city council another "final"
report.

This move on his part comes as a
great surprise to a majority of the
members of the board, inasmuch as the
report read at the meeting a week ago
bore all the earmarks of being final,
and was certainly so understood. Mr.
Hellwell has, however, written again
at considerable length in defence of
the various recommendations he has
made in connection with the suggested
improvements in book-keeping meth-
ods at the city hall. The letter is ad-
dressed to the mayor.

The project to extend Pandora av-
enue through to connect with Oak Bay
avenue has been amplified to some ex-
tent and at this evening's meeting a
resolution will be introduced with the
following purpose:

"To expropriate such lands as may
be necessary to continue Pandora av-
enue from Fernwood road to Fort
street in a straight line and of a uni-
form width of 66 feet and to widen
Oak Bay avenue from Fort street to
Macdonough street to a width of 66 feet,
the cost of the expropriation to be
borne by the owners of the property to
be benefited."

A large number of local improve-
ment bills will come up for consid-
eration. Among them will be the follow-
ing:

Grading, draining and paving with
asphaltic pavement Douglas street be-
tween Figuardi street and Hillside
avenue, owners to pay two-thirds of the
cost, this portion of Douglas street
being already paved for the cluster
lighting system.

Grading, draining and paving with
asphaltic pavement Blanchard street,
between Moss and Cook streets, with
permanent walks and boulevards, own-
ers to pay four-fifths of the cost.

Grading, draining and paving with
asphaltic pavement Faithful street be-
tween Moss and Cook streets, with
permanent walks and boulevards, own-
ers to pay four-fifths of the cost.

Grading, draining and paving with
asphaltic pavement Moss street be-
tween May street and Dallas road, with
permanent sidewalks and boulevards,
owners to pay four-fifths of the cost.

Grading, draining and paving with
asphaltic pavement Howe street be-
tween May street and Dallas road,
owners to pay four-fifths of the cost.

Grading, draining and paving with
asphaltic pavement Douglas street be-
tween Douglas street and Cook street,
and constructing permanent sidewalk
on the north side from Blanchard street
to Cook street, and on the south side
from Quadra street to Cook street; and
to light the street by a system of clus-
ter lighting.

Two important bylaws, other than
the Sooke Lake water bylaw, will come
up for second reading. By the provi-
sions of the Municipal Comptroller's by-
law the official designated is given the
power to fix salaries of employees in
any department. This provision has
already brought from Ald. Fullerton a
strenuous protest and it is likely that
he will again be heard from this even-
ing. There is resentment also amongst
some of the heads of departments; and
the official designated it is impos-
sible that the bylaw will pass in its
present form.

The Underground Telephone bylaw,
which will be read a second time this
evening, provides for the entering into
an agreement with the B. C. Telephone
company for the putting under ground
in the business section of the city of
the overhead telephone wires, the city
to provide \$100,000 on its own credit,
which amount will be repaid by the
company returning yearly an amount
sufficient for sinking fund to meet the
debentures at date of maturity.

PRISONER ENDS LIFE.

Japanese Commit Suicide in Cell in
Seattle Jail.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 18.—The authorities
to-day began an investigation into the
mysterious death of George Yamada, a
Japanese, who is believed to have killed
himself in a cell in the city jail yester-
day by some method unknown to Occidental
physicians.

Doctors who inspected the corpse to-day
are inclined to believe that Yamada
brought about his self-destruction by con-
tracting the muscles of the breast and
strangling to death. Yamada was a gro-
cer's clerk and was arrested last week
because he had attacked his employer with
an axe when the latter had accused him
of the theft of a small sum from the cash
register.

RAILWAY EARNINGS.

Montreal, Dec. 18.—For the second
week in December the earnings of the
C. P. R. show an increase of \$183,000.



AN INTERESTING POLITICAL PROBLEM.

**TRYING TO AVERT
ENGINEERS' STRIKE**

**Commissioner of Labor Meets
Railway Officials and Will
Confer With Employees**

(Times Leased Wire.)
Chicago, Dec. 19.—Chas. P. Neill,
commissioner of labor, is endeavoring
to-day to avert the fulfillment of
threats by President Warren S. Stone,
of the Brotherhood of Locomotive En-
gineers, that unless the men employed
on 61 western railroads get an increase
of wages demanded, a strike on the
roads will be ordered before Christmas.
Neill conferred to-day with officials of
the railroads and prepared this after-
noon for a conference with the engine-
ers. The commissioner declined to
predict what might be the outcome of
the conference.

The engineers assert that any offer
of settlement of less than an increase
of from 13 to 15 per cent. will be un-
satisfactory.

President Stone issued a statement
this afternoon saying that the rail-
roads must grant the increased pay
demanded before the end of the pre-
sent week or a strike will surely fol-
low.

"If the engineers do strike," con-
tinued Stone, "the railroads will get 15
minutes' notice, no more. We are
tired of this dispute and must have
actions at once if the roads do not
want war."

Commissioner Neill is at work, but
declined to say whether he thought his
efforts would be of any avail. "The
railroads, however, must make a de-
cision soon," he added.

**SEATTLE EDITORS WILL
CONTINUE FIGHT**

**Contempt of Court Cases to Be
Brought Up in State
Legislature**

(Times Leased Wire.)
Seattle, Wash., Dec. 18.—A storm of
protests from the city and from out-
side have piled into the Seattle Star
office following the sentencing of two
editors of the Seattle Star late Friday
afternoon for contempt of court.

The Fremont Baptist church con-
gregation yesterday unanimously pas-
sed a 1,000 word resolution commending
the editors and pledging their their ut-
most support in their fight for the peo-
ple of the Duwamish valley. The offers
of help have ranged from offers to start
a big legal fund to fight the cases to
suggestions about carrying the fight
into the legislature.

Already bills are being drafted tak-
ing from a judge the right to try his
own contempt cases, and others wiping
the principle of constructive contempt
—that is, contempt outside the court
room—from the statute books of the
state.

That the matter will be fought out in
the legislature which meets early in
January seems a certainty. The con-
tempt law involving the right of a
free press and the injunction law, will
both come before the legislature. One
legislator has a bill which would

**WILL CLOSE OREGON
LAND FRAUD CASES**

**Prosecutor Heney Likely to
Withdraw Charges
Against Two Men**

(Times Leased Wire.)
Portland, Ore., Dec. 19.—The Ore-
gon land fraud cases, which were
prosecuted in the federal courts sev-
eral years ago by Francis J. Heney,
are about to terminate. Heney is in
Portland to-day for the purpose of
bringing the famous cases to a final
ending.

Those in close touch with the situa-
tion hold to the opinion that a motion
for the dismissal of the cases
against J. N. Williamson and former
Congressman Binger Hermann will be
made. This is based on intimation
from Heney that he does not intend to
return long in the northwest.

In addition, it is asserted that the
cases have grown so antiquated due to
the fact that Heney has made no ef-
fort to try them that the witnesses are
scattered.

F. P. May, J. C. Potter and Will
Jones were convicted and sentenced to
pay heavy fines and serve short jail
sentences. They appealed their cases
to the court of appeals and last
week it is said they have agreed to pay
the fines if pardoned. Strong re-
commendations for leniency have been
made to President Taft by friends of
the men, and it is understood that the
pardons will be granted if Heney does
not too seriously oppose them.

**SEVERAL ISLANDS
HAVE DISAPPEARED**

**Swallowed Up
DURING EARTHQUAKE**

Two Hundred Persons Reported
to Have Perished in
West Indies

(Times Leased Wire.)
Port Lima, Costa Rica, Dec. 18.—
Seventy families, consisting of from 50
to 170 persons in all, were drowned
when the island on which they lived
was swallowed up during an earth-
quake on Saturday. The sunken island
was in the centre of Llopago lagoon.
Word of the calamity reached here
early to-day.

Llopago lagoon is a lake southeast
of the city of San Salvador. It is about
6 1/2 miles in length. The lagoon is about
25 miles from the Pacific coast, in a
mountainous country.

Islands Disappear.
Colon, Dec. 18.—Earthquake shocks
that have shaken the islands of the
West Indies since Saturday subsided
to-day, according to dispatches that
reached here from La Libertad and San
Salvador.

The official list of drowned in the
sinking of an island in the Llopago
lagoon was placed at 200, all islanders.
Additional details of the sinking of the
island contained in the dispatches
showed that the natives were aware of
the fate that waited them hours be-
fore they were drowned.

The island started to sink at mid-
night, and gradually sank into the sea,
being completely submerged four hours
after the first shock. The stronger of
the following took the boats and escap-
ed. The others fled to the highest peaks
and huddled there until the sea swal-
lowed them up.

Several uninhabited islands also were
reported missing yesterday and to-day,
having met with a similar fate.

**CHIEF JUSTICE OF
QUEBEC TO RETIRE**

**Sir Louis Jette Will Probably
Be Succeeded by Hon.
L. P. Brodeur**

(Special to the Times.)
Ottawa, Dec. 18.—Sir Louis Jette,
chief justice of Quebec, will retire on
full superannuation in the near future,
and it is understood, Hon. L. P. Bro-
deur, Minister of Marine and Fisheries,
will succeed him as head of the Quebec
bench. Dr. Beaud, member for Beauce,
who has for some years been slated for
cabinet preferment, is in line for the
vacancy which would be caused by
Hon. Mr. Brodeur's retirement.

REBELS STOP TRAFFIC.

**Rumors of Battle Between Mexican
Troops and Insurgents.**

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 18.—Insurgents
stopped all Mexico-Northwestern rail-
road trains at Pedernales to-day and
ordered them to return. Telegraph
and telephone lines beyond that point
were cut off by the rebels.

It was rumored that a fierce battle
was in progress on the outskirts of
Pedernales. The action of the insur-
gents in interfering with the railroad
traffic caused widespread expressions
of indignation. Scores of American
soldiers on hearing the news, started
for the scene, some of them offering
to take the trains forward.

THREE QUARRYMEN KILLED.

Hillsboro, N. B., Dec. 18.—Buried
beneath three or four hundred tons of
rock and their lives instantly snuffed
out was the terrible fate that befell
three workmen in the Albert Manu-
facturing Company's quarries at Hills-
boro. Several others had miraculous
escapes. The dead are: Fred Nelson,
aged 40; Edward Collett, aged 45; The-
ophile Allen, aged 35. Octavio Duplessis
was severely injured.

The crew were working on the face
at the bottom of the forty-foot em-
bankment. Two of the men were driv-
ing into the face of the quarry with a
view to blasting the top off when sud-
denly the mountain of rock gave way
and fell, burying the three men.

FIRE DESTROYS ACADEMY.

Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 18.—The Wash-
ington Military Academy, a four-story build-
ing on the Island of Washon, was totally de-
stroyed by a fire of unknown origin early
to-day. Fifteen students occupied rooms
in the academy building, but all escaped
uninjured. The dormitory and the gym-
nasium, which were separated from the
main structure, were saved. The loss will
amount to several thousand dollars.

The increase in the latter dis-
tricts is attributed to the large number
of new canneries operated.

The sockeyes dominated every other
species this spring. The figures being:
sockeyes, (cases) 165,215; red spring,
19,334; white spring, 9,476; chum, 18,
265; pink, 34,533; cohoes, 74,382; steel-
head, 140.

**SOME FLAWS IN
Sooke By-Law**

**SAID TO BE WEAK IN
FINANCIAL ASPECT**

(From Monday's Daily.)

An increasing interest is being man-
ifested in the Sooke water by-law
which it is intended shall be submitted
to a vote of the ratepayers at the forth-
coming municipal elections. The meas-
ure comes up for its second reading at
this evening's meeting of the city coun-
cil, and an interesting debate is antici-
pated, inasmuch as a number of the
members of the board are of the opin-
ion that it contains flaws in the shape
of certain alleged misstatements which
ought to be corrected before the meas-
ure is laid before the people.

By-laws are generally supposed to be
somewhat dull readers, but the pre-
amble in this case is as interesting as
the proverbial postscript to a lady's
letter, and as remarkable for what it
says as for what it omits. It states
that certain loans have been se-
cured on the waterworks system,
amounting to \$125,000, with a yearly in-
terest charge of \$34,476, but it does not
state, its critics point out, that there is
also a debenture debt on account of the
waterworks amounting to \$24,000, and
a floating debt owing to the city of
Victoria by the waterworks system of
over \$50,000 on which no interest is
apparently paid.

The preamble then goes on to inform
ratepayers and investors that the esti-
mated general revenue of the water-
works system for 1910 is \$150,000, but
does not state that this is gross reve-
nue, and that for the year 1909 the
expenditure exceeds the revenue by
\$1,541, without including the interest on
the floating debt, which therefore be-
came a charge on the general taxes.

The preamble also states that the ad-
ditional revenue which may be expected to ac-
cure by reason of the development of a
further water supply, but it does not
state that this will depend upon an in-
crease in the population of a part of
the city, as the present population is
getting an ample supply of water at
full rates for at least ten months in
the year.

Critics of the by-law further say that
the estimated value of the present
waterworks system is given as \$1,476,
157, but the preamble does not esti-
mate the reduced value of the present
system if the city of Victoria gets its
water supply elsewhere. The guidelines
of bookkeeping adopted by the author
of the preamble would, it is argued,
land an ordinary business man in
the bankruptcy court in short order
with a list of paper assets.

It is pointed out also that the by-law
is too modest when it calls itself the
Sooke Lake By-law, for the preamble
states that it is deemed advisable to
acquire the Sooke lake, but Sooke lake
is not a lake, but a river, and all the waters
tributary thereto a truly magnificent pro-
gramme worthy of great men with far-
reaching imaginations. And that
again, it is stated, that it is estimated
that "the cost of the whole of the work
above outlined, including all incident-
als, will be one and one-half million
dollars, the balance to be raised by
taxes." It is pointed out that the man
that made that estimate?

Within a minute after the explosion
an avalanche from every direction
began hurrying to the scene. Police
reserves quickly followed the fire-
men to the ruins that marked the big
plant and the "scree" of heaving
flames and resounding the dead and in-
jured began.

With the nearby buildings in a shat-
tered condition and threatening to top-
ple, the rescuers, firemen, firemen,
police, physicians and newspapermen
carried scores of wounded to the ambu-
lances or placed the dead in an im-
provised morgue in the New York Central
train car.

The explosion occurred shortly after
8 o'clock, when hundreds of people were
converging to the scene. A score of
men were blown into the air and later
found dead or dying. Two men passing
near the plant were blown across Lex-
ington avenue and the skull of one was
pierced by a long splinter of glass.

District Attorney Whitman, upon re-
ceiving the police report as to the
cause of the disaster, at once ordered
an investigation.

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COMMITTEE HEAR DEPUTATIONS

PROPERTY OWNERS AND CITY COUNCIL

Proposed Extension of Pandora Avenue to Oak Bay Avenue is Approved

(From Saturday's Daily.) Much of the time at last evening's meeting of the street committee was spent in hearing the views of different deputations of property owners.

In connection with Vancouver street, Wm. Oliphant headed a deputation of owners who urged that a committee should be appointed to go and inspect the thoroughfares which they alleged were in a disgraceful condition.

At Mr. Oliphant's suggestion the following committee was named: Ald. Bannerman, chairman of the committee; Raymond, Sargison, Bishop and Hamber, and the street was inspected this morning.

W. J. Hanna headed a deputation of property owners on Pandora avenue, who appeared in connection with the extension scheme. Mr. Hanna presented a large map showing the projected improvement, which had been drawn up by a member of the staff of the city engineer.

Replying to a question, Mr. Hanna said that only two owners whose property would be affected had objected. One of these was Major Ruppert. The other gentleman, a member of the deputation, said his objection was only a trifling one, a matter in respect to the proposed improvement cutting off a portion of the kitchen of his residence, and he felt that the same could be amicably adjusted.

Proposing the complaint of R. A. C. Grant in respect to the delay with petitions for a number of local improvements in the matter of the Fairfield estate, the city solicitor reported that he had looked into the matter and found that in a number of cases the petitions could not be accepted as a particular type of payment was specified. He reminded the board that it had recently passed an order providing that no such petitions should be received.

The committee decided to post the regular notices of motion to undertake the work, but no particular pavement or price will be mentioned, and tenders will be called for.

FORTY-ONE MILLIONS FOR JAPAN'S NAVY

Cabinet Proposes to Spend \$15,000,000 in the Next Year

(Times Leased Wire.) Tokyo, Dec. 17.—Forty-one million dollars for a navy is the sum selected for Japan's naval budget made public yesterday. Fifteen million of this will be spent in the next year, the budget stipulated. The amount is to be used in "supplementing and improving" the navy, so that it will correspond with the navies of other countries. The balance of the budget is to be spent in the next two years.

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GALES ON BOTH SIDES OF ATLANTIC

Widespread Damage Along English Coasts—Wrecks Off New England

London, Dec. 17.—Floods are devastating immense stretches of country in England. The deluge practically has been incessant since the first of December, only two days out of the sixteen being without rain.

The farmers have suffered heavy losses. Large areas of territory are inundated, and the water, in some parts of the country, is twelve feet deep. In many villages houses have been flooded, and the residents are living in the upper stories. The outlook in the Thames valley is grave. The river in the Henley district has flooded enormous areas.

A severe gale swept the coast yesterday, causing havoc at seaside towns like Worthing, Hastings, Cowes and Dover, where sea walls were washed away and thousands of tons of sand deposited in the streets. Yachts have been tossed ashore and several minor wrecks are reported. Off Sheerness a big naval tender, occupied by a hundred sailors who were going ashore on liberty, was capsized and five of them were drowned. The others were rescued. Much damage has been done by the heavy sea at Portsmouth.

Last night the gale increased to a hurricane. In the English channel the wind reached a velocity of seventy miles an hour. Cross-channel traffic between France and Dover was suspended. At Dover, where the full force of the gale was felt, widespread damage was done to shipping and property along the coast. No serious marine disaster or loss of life at sea has been reported.

Along the coast there have been numerous accidents due to the hurricane and many thrilling lifeboat rescues. Among the seaside resorts, Hfracombe, on the Devon coast, ten miles from Barnstaple, suffered most. A tremendous wave swept over the parade, flooding the shops along the front and the lower portion of the town. Almost every shop on Bristol channel, on the Thames has suffered damage.

Off Arklow, on the Irish coast, six fishermen were drowned, and at Lelcester a man was blown from the roof of a building.

Shipping Suffers. Boston, Dec. 17.—New England's coast is being swept to-day by a terrific storm that already is believed to have caused many deaths and enormous damage to shipping. The storm began early yesterday and continued apparently unabated to-day.

Two barges, the Edgimont and the Scorpion, foundered late last evening, according to a report from Marham Head. The barge Maywood foundered, but her crew was rescued. The government cutter Greatham assisted several distressed vessels to places of safety.

The schooner Abbie Cole, of Machias, was stranded on Stone Horse shoal off Monomy Point. She was assisted by the wrecking ship, the Thos. E. Garland is a total wreck off Portsmouth, N. H. Her crew was rescued by life-savers.

The schooner S. A. Fowler became helpless off Old Harbor. Both crews were rescued by the Greatham. The British ship went ashore.

The lumber schooner Stephen G. Lewis was abandoned 23 miles southeast of Boston light. The crew was rescued by the steamer Ferry.

At Portsmouth the three-masted schooner Annie F. Conlon, arrived in a battered condition, 25 days from Philadelphia.

ENCOUNTERS HEAD WINDS.

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Buenos Ayres, Dec. 17.—That Aviator Cattaneo's flight across the River Plate was as hazardous as one across the English Channel is the opinion of aviation enthusiasts here to-day. It took Cattaneo two hours and twenty minutes to fly over the river. This is a considerably longer time than Latham consumed in crossing the Channel.

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WILL UNDERGO OPERATION.

General Booth Loses Sight as Result of Cataract.

London, Dec. 17.—Gen. Booth, head of the Salvation Army, will soon undergo an operation for a cataract on his left eye. The growth of a cataract on the other eye has since blinded him entirely. He has not seen for a long time the audience he has been addressing. He is now eager to submit to another operation, believing that it will completely restore the sight of his left eye.

RELEASSED AND RE-ARRESTED.

(Special to the Times.) Winnipeg, Dec. 17.—Sayvo Federnko was brought up to-day under habeas corpus proceedings and discharged from custody by Mr. Justice Robson. His liberty was brief, however, as he was immediately re-arrested. Federnko was committed for extradition to Russia some weeks ago, and has since appeared several times in the King's Bench on appeal to annual proceedings.



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REVOLUTIONISTS ARE ADVANCING

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Mexican Rebel Leader Preparing to Strike a Decisive Blow

(Times Leased Wire.) El Paso, Texas, Dec. 17.—A general advance of the insurrectionary forces for weeks have been concentrating near Ojinaga began to-day, and the cavalry of the insurgents clashed with Mexican federal troops at Hacienda, 11 miles from Ojinaga. It is reported that the rebels drove Diaz' troops from their position and stamped the federal cavalry over the international line into the Big Bend country in Texas.

This engagement is said to be the beginning of a movement by Francisco Madero to divide the government troops in Chihuahua in the eastern and western sections of the state.

In western Chihuahua Gen. Navarro's forces are demoralized as a result of weeks of guerrilla fighting. The morale of the government troops is very poor and it is reported that many of the privates desert to the insurgents after every clash. A report that General Navarro was captured could not be confirmed.

It was learned to-day that General Fernandez, with reinforcements from Chihuahua, was cut off by a superior number of rebels and unable to effect a junction with Navarro. Messages indicate that the rebels number 4,000 men and that they are preparing to strike a decisive blow.

The people of Chihuahua city fear that the first move of the insurgents will be to tear up the Mexican Central railroad tracks and invest the city. Business is at a standstill and wild rumors keep the people in constant alarm.

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Street Railway Company Declares It Will Run Full Schedule To-night

Winnipeg, Dec. 17.—The day opened quietly so far as the strike situation is concerned. Some absurd reports have been sent out south regarding street riots and the necessity of keeping the C. M. R. under arms at Fort Osborne barracks. As a matter of fact the streets are listless and dull, and people walk philosophically. Public sentiment is not encouraging to the men.

Usually mild weather for this season has so far minimized the effects of the strike on the general public. Cars are being run on Main street to-day. The company issued a statement this morning saying they had the back of the strike broken, that they had more applicants than they needed and that they could put four to a crew on each car. They say they will be running a full schedule to-night.

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City Solicitor Has Adjusted a Number of Claims With Property Owners

(From Saturday's Daily.) Good progress is being made in furthering the expropriation proceedings in connection with the scheme for the widening of Fort street and from present indications an actual commencement on the undertaking can be made at an early date. The city solicitor reported at last evening's meeting of the streets committee of the city council that more settlements with owners have been arrived at. The claim of Messrs. and Miss Becker, owners of lots 1015 and 1019, block 17, and lot 1020, block 20, for \$3,225, will be settled for \$2,000, and that of Mr. Smart, lot 68, for \$2,000, an amount which he subsequently desired to increase to \$2,222, will be settled at the former figure. The claim of Mrs. Langley, lot 1017, for \$1,912, has been adjusted at \$1,232.

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HOW TO REACH THE HEIGHTS OF LAND

Owners on Gonzales Hill Chafe Under Delay in Getting a Supply

(From Saturday's Daily.) The difficulty confronting the city in the matter of supplying water to people living on the higher levels has cropped up again. A few weeks ago Mr. A. Jones, of Vancouver, who owns a piece of land on the top of Gonzales Hill, wrote the council asking what arrangements could be made to supply him with water. The water commissioner reporting on this request said that he had looked into the matter and found that with present facilities it would be necessary to lay about 6,000 feet of pipe to serve Mr. Jones and, secondly, an electric pump would have to be installed so as to reach the height of land. This led the mayor to urge on that occasion that the council determine to acquire all the "high spots" in the city, so as to relieve the council from the embarrassment consequent on these requests.

Nothing was done about this suggestion by his worship, done so much for, but is neglected by its guardians. Hoping to hear from you, yours sincerely, A. WILLIAMSON-TAYLOR. Edmonton, December 8, 1910.

The water commissioner, in reporting on this matter to the council, stated that while Mr. Taylor had not given a description of his property, he understood that it was located on Gonzales Hill, above the level at which water can be supplied.

After some discussion it was decided to have the city engineer make a survey of the land, so as to determine its exact height, and later the council will consider the question of installing a service, utilizing a small electric pump in order to reach the elevation.

DEATH OF THOMAS HORN.

(Special to the Times.) Winnipeg, Dec. 17.—Thos. Horn, chief Dominion train inspector, who recently succeeded his brother David, died this morning.

BROTHERS KILLED IN FIGHT.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 17.—Reports from Haawell, Ala., were received to-day that Richard and Alfred Whack brothers, had been killed in a family fight at Benefield, near there. Sheriff Rowell left at once for the scene.

DENIED NEW TRIAL.

Denver, Colo., Dec. 17.—G. Miyunaga, convicted of murdering Mrs. Catherine Wilson, was denied a new trial to-day by Judge Shattuck and his sentence of life imprisonment was affirmed. The defence was allowed sixty days in which to fight an appeal.

CORONATION MAY BE POSTPONED.

London, Dec. 17.—A rumor which, though officially unconfirmed, is current in circles often well informed on court matters, is to the effect that the coronation will be postponed. The reason assigned is that the Queen expects confinement next May.

PASS EXAMINATION.

Ottawa, Dec. 17.—Successful candidates in the qualifying examination for outside civil service held at Victoria last month are David Dewar and Wm. McMillan. In the preliminary examination the successful candidates are: Chas. Dawson, A. Dorman, Robt. Jamieson and Augustus Stocker.

EARTHQUAKE RECORDED.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 17.—An earthquake similar to that which wrought such havoc in the Island of Java many years ago, was recorded on the seismograph at St. Ignace college last night. Records of both quakes are being compared by scientists.

FATAL STABBING AFFRAY.

Winnipeg, Dec. 17.—A Chinese restaurant on Alexander avenue east was the scene of a stabbing affray yesterday afternoon, resulting in the death of one man. Three Chinamen were involved. One of them finally grabbed a carving knife and lunged at his antagonist. The knife caught him in the body, inflicting fatal wounds. Arrests were made.

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PROVISION MADE FOR STRING ON

Even if Measure Passes Ratemakers Must Express Judgment Again

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The late Theodore Lubbe was born in Delta, Hanover, Germany, on April 12th, 1848, and was therefore in his 68th year. He left Germany at the age of 18 and came to America, landing in New York he shortly after his arrival, formed a connection with the great fire-insurance firm of Lampton & Co., of London, and Marlin Bates, of New York.

Some thirty years ago he came to Victoria as the agent for those firms and had been here since. His industry was a big factor in the upbuilding of the city, and it was in the industry that he was in its prime, with this port as its headquarters.

In the year 1888 he took the initiative in the formation of the company now known as the Esquimalt Waterworks company, with the object of developing water resources at Goldstream. Having no technical knowledge whatever, he nevertheless applied himself with such success to a study of the science of hydraulics that he came to be recognized as one of the most competent hydraulic engineers and experts on water supply systems on the continent of America. The history of the development of the holdings of the company at Goldstream, under Mr. Lubbe's guiding hand, is so well known that it is unnecessary to state it here.

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Nome, Alaska, Dec. 17.—Crushed and splintered wreckage of the trading schooner Louise has been found near Cape Prince of Wales. The wreckage leads to the belief that Capt. Owens, Engineer and two passengers, John Kelly and Fred Rau, have perished in the sea. The condition of the wreckage indicates that the schooner was caught in the ice and broken up. The Louise was a gasoline schooner, eight tons gross register. She was built in Nome eight years ago, and was instructed especially for battle with ice floes.

The schooner sailed from Nome on a trading voyage two months ago, and nothing has been seen or heard of those on board since.

DEATHS SON TO DEATH

Goderich, Ont., Dec. 17.—Geo. Vanston, years old, died of his little son, aged six, death with a broomstick. The child seemed to repeat a lesson, and the father, a fit of rage, beat him to death.

BOOK BY LAW IS UNIQUE ONE

PROVISION MADE FOR STRONG IT

Even if Measure Passes Rate-ayers Must Express Judgment Again

(From Friday's Daily.)

As a result of the publication by the Times of the vital clauses of the Book of Law By-Law there has been much discussion anent the following paragraph: "The water commissioner shall be and he is hereby from time to time authorized to enter into an agreement or agreements with a contractor or contractors to construct, install, alter, conserve and of conveying said waters, or such parts thereof as may be deemed proper, which said agreement or agreements shall be subject to the approval of the council and also subject to the approval of the electors entitled to vote upon by-laws by virtue of sub-section 2 of section 75 of the Municipal Charter Act, and any such contracts or agreements so negotiated shall be of no force and effect until after the same shall have been approved of by a majority vote of such electors."

It is pointed out that, in some respects, this is a most extraordinary provision in that it implies an introduction of the referendum in a most unique way. In effect this clause ensures that there shall be no finality in the matter, even should the by-law pass the ratifiers next month, but that the ratifiers shall again be consulted when the contract for the work in connection with the project shall have been approved by the city council, and the times has sounded on the matter, that this is a grotesque abasement of the dignity of a body duly elected to represent the business of the corporation; and that it is an unheard-of procedure for that body to gain appeal to the electorate on the heels of a mandate from them to proceed with an undertaking. It is pointed out that in no case in the past has the council, in the matter of the awarding of a contract consequent on the passage of a by-law, been so important, felt it a duty to again appeal to the ratifiers to endorse such contract. To do so might, it is contended, render abortive the decision of the ratifiers, and it is pointed out to vote on the by-law, to say nothing of the very considerable expense in again taking their judgment.

Then, again, it is argued that the measure has been disposed of in respect to the getting of a decision from the people on the main point at issue, it is obviously unfair to create an opportunity by which it will be possible for the ratifiers to render nugatory that decision where the same question is involved.

The matter will no doubt be given considerable attention at the hands of the aldermen on Monday evening next, when the by-law comes up for its second reading. A lively debate on the measure is assured, and it is certain members of the board are determined to make an attempt to have the by-law so amended as to provide that, in the event of any such appeal, treatment in respect to being assessed for the cost of a project by which they cannot hope to benefit.

PANAMA EXPOSITION

W. S. House Committee Has Not Yet Taken Action Regarding Site

Washington, D. C., Dec. 16.—The question of the location of the Panama Exposition has been the subject of a committee on rules to-day. The committee held a hearing on a resolution introduced by Kahn, California, but no action was taken.

The resolution names San Francisco as the place for holding the exposition, but the committee entertains it with the proviso that an amendment changing the name to that of some other city would be in order at any time.

The resolution raises the limit on the exposition fund to be guaranteed by the successful city to \$15,000,000.

IMPRISONMENT FOR LIFE

Sentence Passed on Woman for Murder of Farmer Who Trespassed on Farm

Wenatchee, Wash., Dec. 16.—Convicted of murder in the first degree for having shot and killed Sutton, a farmer, because he trespassed on her farm, Mrs. Della B. Totten was today sentenced to the imprisonment in the penitentiary at Walla Walla. Her mother, Mrs. Hannah Beebe, aged 75 years, who was convicted of manslaughter for complicity in the murder, was sentenced to an indeterminate sentence of from one to two years in the penitentiary.

GRANTED RELIEF

(Special to the Times.) Toronto, Dec. 16.—Citizens of West Toronto and outlying districts who have been paying excessive charges for telephone had their grievances righted by the railway board. Chairman Mayhew ruled that all outlying portions of the city should be served at same rate. The rate paid was wanted to raise the rates charged citizens, but the commission would not allow it. One thousand and fifty business men are benefited by the decision. Residence phone cost and business phone \$45, irrespective of proximity to the city hall. Hitherto some outlying patrons have paid as high as \$85 for phone service.

NEW CABLE TO ALASKA

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 16.—Plans for the laying of a direct cable from Seattle to Cordova, Alaska, are being considered by Secretary of War Dickinson, and it is long line is established the credit will be the business men of the Northwest, who declare that the high toll rates now in force are made necessary by the crowded business on the single cable that runs as far north as Nome.

SCHOOLS CLOSE FOR CHRISTMAS

CHILDREN SAY AU REVOIR TO STUDIES

Trustees and Clergymen Address Them—Programmes Rendered With Credit

(From Friday's Daily.)

This morning the city schools closed for the Christmas vacation, which extends from to-day until Tuesday morning, Jan. 3. At several of the schools appropriate exercises were held.

The closing exercises of South Park school were held in the assembly hall of the school, with a great many interested friends of the children present. On the platform were: Principal A. Campbell, presiding; Rev. T. W. Gladstone, J. Gordon, Inspector of High Schools for the province; Rev. Dr. Reid, and Trustees Mrs. Jenkins and A. B. McNeill.

Mrs. Jenkins addressed the pupils in her usual happy manner, expressing the pleasure it gave her to be present, and impressing on them the importance of preserving an esprit de corps in the school.

Rev. T. W. Gladstone contrasted the conditions of school life to-day with what had prevailed in his own boyhood, and spoke especially of the greatest invention of the age—electricity—applying it to everyday school life.

T. B. McNeill won hearty applause for the promise of a new school house for James Bay in the near future and improvements in other districts.

The following programme was rendered by the children, very creditably indeed.—Chorus, "God Rest You Merry Gentlemen"; recitation, "Edna Marwick"; violin solo, Emily Young; duet, Cecily Vincent and Mildred Sparke; recitation, George Tripp; chorus, "Good King Wenceslas"; chorus, Division VIII; recitation, Letitia Matthews; duet, Florence Teason and Geason Stubbs; song, Gladys Graham; motion song, Division VII; "God Save the King," Kingston Street.

The pupils of Kingston street school gathered in South Park assembly hall at eleven o'clock and gave an enjoyable programme. Rev. Dr. Reid and Rev. A. E. Roberts were present at this and briefly addressed the children, wishing them the compliments of the season. Dr. Reid spoke more especially of the different faculties possessed by children and the use they should make of the same.

The first number was a pretty act, "Snowflake" chorus by the school. A second chorus, "Hans up Dear Santa," was also given by the school. Irene Howes, a clever little six-year-old, got a splendid rendering of the recitation, "A Child's Christmas Prayer." This was followed by the special feature of the programme, a Christmas operetta, "Robin's Specie, or the Changes of a Night." The operetta was introduced by the ideal Santa Claus, was introduced by Myrtle Stenson, in the character of Prettie Winks, a fairy who made a plea for the children of the world.

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NEW CHURCH DEDICATED

Vancouver, Dec. 15.—Rev. C. E. Risk, president of the Columbia conference of the Swedish church, Tuesday delivered an address at the dedication of the First Swedish Evangelical church at the corner of Carl Avenue and Pender streets. Rev. M. L. Lumsden and Aid. McBride of Ward IV, delivered addresses. Rev. C. Rupert Swan, pastor of the church, in response explained why the Swedish language was used in the worship of the people of that country. He said that the children were slowly working their way through the English language, and he looked forward to the time when that tongue would be the one in which the services of the Swedish people of Vancouver would be held.

BILL TO AMEND THE BANK ACT

INTRODUCED IN HOUSE BY SIR WILFRID LAURIER

No Radical Changes Proposed—Gill Net Licenses on Coast

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Dec. 16.—In the Commons yesterday Sir Wilfrid Laurier introduced a bill amending the Bank Act. The bill does not contain radical new features. The principal features are clauses making all officers personally responsible for the solvency of any bank, and the net licenses of the season. Dr. Reid spoke more especially of the different faculties possessed by children and the use they should make of the same.

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TRYING TO END CHICAGO STRIKE

Union Leaders and City Officials Anxious to Settle Trouble

(Times Leased Wire.) Chicago, Dec. 15.—Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, President Taft or John Mitchell may be asked to act as mediator in the garment workers' strike here. Following the desperate riding of yesterday in which one man was killed and two severely injured that it is said to-day they cannot live, union leaders and city officials are striving to bring the strike to an end. The situation as the city officials see it, is desperate. The reckless fighting spirit displayed by the strikers which has been manifested in nearly every contact with the police, and which was at high tide yesterday, is creating a crisis with which the police cannot deal.

The union leaders realize the gravity of the situation, and although they declare the blame lies with the employers, who refuse to treat with their striking operatives, they are anxious to end the controversy. The services of a mediator, they think, would be the best method of bringing the strikers and the employers together, and they are working toward that end to-day.

"Colonel Roosevelt probably could meet the employers here," said one of the union leaders. "If they will not discuss the troubles with us, they probably would talk with him. I believe that either President Taft, Roosevelt or Mitchell could end the struggle. Unless something is done soon a condition bordering on civil war is likely to develop in Chicago."

PERMANENT PEACE AGREEMENT FAVORED

Great Britain Urged to Make Pact With the United States

(Times Leased Wire.)

Ottawa, Dec. 16.—With a view of establishing permanent peace between the United States and Great Britain, it was learned to-day that a resolution will be introduced as soon as parliament re-assembles, urging the British government to enter a permanent peace agreement with the United States. The British government will be asked to take immediate steps in this direction. The idea is to prevent forever any bloodshed in the settlement of differences between the two nations.

In the last two years since disputes between Canada and the United States have been disposed of by negotiations and agreements, and recently the famous Newfoundland fishing case, which had dragged along for nearly a century and almost caused war, three times between the United States and Great Britain, was settled by arbitration. It is asserted that such a move would be the first step toward the ultimate goal of universal peace.

GOVERNMENT NOT AT NATIONALISTS' MERCY

Asquith Says Irish Members Form but Small Portion of Majority

(Special to the Times.)

London, Dec. 16.—Premier Asquith, speaking at Oxford, said that it was time there was plain speaking about the situation in the House of Commons at the mercy of Irishmen. The nationalists would only be a small portion of the majority. No honorable statesman would hold office without power, and the ministers were perfectly capable of taking care of their own reputations and characters. Would Mr. Balfour vote his office without power, and give a majority of over one hundred? (Laughter.)

MUST PAY INDEMNITY

Kingston, Jamaica, Dec. 16.—Unless the government of Honduras pays indemnity for the murder of a British subject in Honduras last April, the Honduran customs house at Colba will be seized, it is announced in official circles here. The announcement followed the sailing of the British cruiser Brilliant for Colba to demand the payment. The British is understood to hold the customs house until the payment is made.

FEDERAL HOME RULE

London, Dec. 16.—It is stated that the government will initiate the discussion on federal home rule at the Imperial conference.

PORTLAND BOY KILLED BY AUTO

Run Over When Playing in Street With Number of Companions

(Times Leased Wire.) Portland, Ore., Dec. 16.—Harry, the six-year-old son of Michael Schmitzer, died early to-day at St. Vincent's hospital as a result of a fractured skull and other injuries sustained when he was run down by an automobile driven by R. E. Chapman, secretary of the Chapman Timber Company. The tragic accident occurred at the south end of the First street bridge, where the lad was playing with other boys, was playing last night.

CHINESE ORDERED TO CUT OFF QUEUES

Edict Passed by the Pekin Senate Occasions No Surprise

(Times Leased Wire.) Pekin, Dec. 16.—By a vote of 102 to 28, the Pekin senate to-day passed an edict removing the traditional queue from the heads of all residents of the Chinese empire.

The order to remove their queues sent out to the Chinese representatives in foreign countries a month ago was regarded as an intimation of what was to follow, and the edict to-day occasioned no surprise.

Every Chinese subject from the royal family to the lowest coolie, will be ordered to shave his head forthwith.

SEATTLE BOXER WINS

Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 16.—Pete McViegh of Seattle is to-day hailed as the lightweight champion boxer of the Northwest, following his easy victory over Chic Hudson in six rounds of one-sided fighting before the Dreamland club last night. The fight, which was scheduled to go ten rounds, was stopped by Referee Grant of Portland in the sixth round when Hudson was being immersed viciously and was left out.

DEMAND OF WEST FOR FREE TRADE

DUBLIN EXPRESS GIVES ITS VIEWS

Declares Farmers Are Merely Tools of English Free Trade Unions

(Special to the Times.)

London, Dec. 16.—The Dublin Express prints a cable under the heading "Western Farmers' Delegation to Ottawa Cry for the Moon." "Wild Men from the West Raid Ottawa," "Break Free Traders," and says these farmers are merely the tools of the free traders' unions in England, whose emissaries have worked them up to the junketing tour, but it need not be taken seriously.

The express also says that reports of dissensions in the Unionist party are based on the trivial blundering and foundering of a small clique, and declares emphatically that a referendum on tariff reform still remains and will remain the basis of the Unionist policy.

The morning Standard says the true significance of the farmers' delegation in that the agriculturalists of Middle and Western Canada are becoming an organized force with immense power capable of determining the policy of the Dominion, but at the moment they do not realize some of the consequences of closer commercial ties with a foreign nation. The Standard thinks the fact that the agriculturalists of Middle and Western Canada are becoming an organized force with immense power capable of determining the policy of the Dominion, but at the moment they do not realize some of the consequences of closer commercial ties with a foreign nation. The Standard thinks the fact that the agriculturalists of Middle and Western Canada are becoming an organized force with immense power capable of determining the policy of the Dominion, but at the moment they do not realize some of the consequences of closer commercial ties with a foreign nation.

NEW PRINCESS TO-MORROW

DUE AT QUARANTINE DURING FORENOON

Adelaide Was 130 Miles South of Cape Flattery at 10:30 o'Clock This Morning

(From Friday's Daily.)

Further reports were received this morning from the new C. P. R. steamer Princess Adelaide, which is en route from the shipbuilding yards on the Clyde river to Victoria, through the Cyclic river to Gonzales Hill, in which Captain Lindgren, who is in charge of the vessel, stated that he expected to reach the William Head quarantine station at noon to-morrow. He added "all well aboard."

The Dominion wireless station picked up a message from the Adelaide at 10 o'clock this morning when she was abreast of the Columbia river. Later, at 10:30 o'clock, a dispatch was received when the skipper reported the vessel 130 miles south of Cape Flattery, and said that at the speed he was travelling at the time, he calculated passing Race Rocks in the forenoon.

Undoubtedly many of the shipping men of this city, as well as many citizens, will be at the dock to welcome the new steamer to her home port. After clearing quarantine she will head for the inner harbor and tie up alongside of the C. P. R. docks. She will lie there for several days while the woodwork with which she was barricaded before leaving the Clyde to withstand the tempest of the rough Atlantic ocean, is torn off. When that is completed she will move around to the Esquimalt dry dock to have her hull, which after a 15,000-mile journey will be grimy, scraped and painted.

Later she will have the interior overhauled and made ready to receive the Princess Royal on the night run between this city and Vancouver. The new Princess resembles the Princess Charlotte in many ways, and in some respects is even more commodious. Major was spoken on Wednesday morning, she has been opened out a little more. Owing to her somewhat small coal capacity, she has been run on low speed for economy. On her trial trip she surprised her builder by making 18 knots as the contract speed was only supposed to be 17 knots. Chief Engineer Moffat, was in charge of the Adelaide's engine room.

BUILDING MONOPLANE

Vancouver, Dec. 15.—Basing his plans on the famous Blériot monoplane, Joseph Barlow, a mechanic who has made an exhaustive study of airplanes, will commence the construction of a new type of cloud-glider which he expects to use himself. Mr. Barlow selected the Blériot machine because of its simplicity. When questioned as to its stability, he said that while that type of plane is certainly unstable, he hoped to make it much safer by incorporating a device which he has in its construction.

"My machine will resemble the Blériot very closely," he says, "but there are certain changes which I will make which will enable me to balance my machine and at the same time not retard its speed."

He has found some difficulty in securing a good kind of wood. Boxwood or the wood from the yamamore tree, if he can secure it, will be used. The motor will be the same as now used by Blériot, his machine, however, is a six-cylinder machine having its cylinders diametrically arranged to keep the machine from turning turtle.

Mr. Barlow did not care to exhibit his plans at the present time. He has spent considerable time on them, he says, and feels confident that the new system of the disposal of planes will give a marked improvement in the working of the plane. However, he will build his machine and within a very few weeks he will make an ascent possibly from Shaughnessy.

DENIES ALLEGATION

New Westminster, Dec. 15.—The name of Mr. Moses B. Cotsworth was brought into the limelight at the meeting of the city council on Monday evening for the first time in many months. A requisition from the city treasurer for a number of account books for next year was read, when Alderman Welsh made the statement that Mr. Cotsworth had already purchased a book for the waterworks department without the sanction of the water committee. Mr. Cotsworth denied this fact, and made the following statement: "The books which I ordered for the waterworks department were authorized by the members of the water committee, and I have for the required books was signed by the city clerk. I shall give Alderman Welsh an opportunity to publicly retract his statement made in the city council, to the effect that I had exceeded my authority in ordering these books without consulting the finance committee."

NEW DREDGE EN ROUTE

Ottawa, Dec. 16.—The new dredge for Vancouver harbor, constructed by Shimm & Company of Clyde, has been completed. A trial trip was recently made on the measured mile, and a speed of over 10 knots was recorded. This is a marked improvement on the dredge having on board several thousand miles. She is expected to arrive in Victoria on Wednesday, the Clyde for the Pacific coast on Wednesday.

SHOTS SUDDENLY

Winnipeg, Dec. 16.—Word was received this morning that Harry Luxton, second son of W. F. Luxton, founder of the Free Press, dropped dead in Minneapolis to-day.

WINNIPEGGERS FORCED TO WALK

EMPLOYEES OF STREET RAILWAY COMPANY STRIKE

Quit Work Because Prominent Union Officers Are Not Reinstated

(Special to the Times.)

Winnipeg, Dec. 16.—Winnipeg street car system is tied up at 6 o'clock this morning. After a session lasting from midnight, the employees decided to strike, the company refusing to reinstate prominent union officers who had been disciplined for drinking in bars. Sixty of the employees before the arbitration court swore that they had been in the habit of drinking in bars while in uniform and had not been disciplined.

The feeling is very bitter between the company and the men.

Four years this spring the company had a strike on its hands which lasted ten days, the men gaining concessions. Cars Remain in Bars.

Winnipeg, Dec. 16.—The street railway strike is on and not a wheel is moving to-day.

The decision was only reached at a mass meeting of men, which had been in session since midnight, at 5:35 this morning, or after the morning papers had gone to press. As a consequence the public were taken completely by surprise, and though they took it in good humor a good many hundreds of persons were late for their business. The weather is mild and fine. Every vehicle available appears to be pressed into service, and taxicabs are doing a roaring trade.

So far the company has made no effort to pull cars out of the bars, doubtless waiting assurances of protection from the civic authorities. A rumor is current that the company is arranging to bring in a train load of strike breakers from the south, but this is not generally credited.

The present trouble arose immediately on the dismissal by the company of four men on the grounds of their being on licensed premises in uniform. While this was not seriously denied, the men urge discrimination in the whole weight of their evidence being designed to show that the practice has been common, and that those four were singled out because they were prominent in the union.

The conciliation committee under the Lemieux Act, after a protracted sitting, failed to reach an agreement, and it was reported by W. J. Christie, chairman, and Capt. Robinson for the company, practically endorsing the action of the company, and a minority report, signed by Mayor Pelletier of Port Arthur, arbitrator for the men, are now in the hands of the minister of labor. Further action was expected from Ottawa, but with the present temper of both sides a strike was inevitable.

Students' Offer Accepted. Winnipeg, Dec. 16.—Students of St. Johns, Wesley and the agricultural colleges held a meeting at noon to-day and offered their services to the street railway as conductors to take the place of strikers. The offer was accepted. The city is quiet but no cars are running.

The street railway company at noon issued a statement asserting that their employees had evidently studied a design to put the public to the greatest inconvenience, and which they would enforce their demands. The company looks for the support of the public in an attempt to run their cars which they expect to start immediately, and which they hope to run on full schedule within a reasonable time.

Magnus Sinclair, international representative, issued a statement on behalf of the union, reproaching the men's intention to stand firm and that they have notified the department of labor that the company is violating the alien law by law by importing strike-breakers from American cities.

Matters are developing rapidly, although quietly so far. Acting Mayor Harvey has received a communication from the company to the effect that cars would be running almost immediately, whereas the acting mayor remarked that if they did not he would have the company notified to do so under a clause in the charter. This it is understood, requires cars to run daily. Members of the Winnipeg industrial bureau met on call this morning and appointed an influential committee to act as mediators in the street car crisis.

At noon the committee met the union executive in an effort to secure the basis of a settlement with which they will this afternoon approach the street railway directorate.

Police Guard Cars. Winnipeg, Dec. 16.—(Later.)—The company ran two cars from the barn on South Main street to the north car barn at 2:30. The motormen were in uniform and two constables were in each car. The trip was made without incident. A big crowd gathered at the corner of Portage and Main.

SHOOT HIMSELF

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TRADE AND THE EMPIRE.

The British Empire has nothing to gain by commercial exclusiveness, but has everything to lose. We must trade with other countries in order to keep our predominance in the carrying trade of the world.

We believe in the British Empire as one of the greatest and most wonderful institutions the world has yet seen. We believe it still has greater work to do, but we do not think this will be done by restriction of trade to purely British channels.

"But we are all of us conscious of the potency of a sentiment which had its birth in the long generations of struggle which made the people from which we have sprung what they were, and I ask 'What could the Britisher of Canada, of Australia, of New Zealand, of the Cape, find to take the place of the patriotic devotion which gives a new meaning to his attachment to that particular part of the Empire where his lot has been cast?'"

"I can imagine the greatness of the colonies in population, in commerce and in wealth, transcending that of the Mother Country itself, but I can also imagine, more readily than a process of gradual estrangement, a sentiment which will grow with their strength and strengthen with their strength; of satisfaction that nothing can temper and of pride that nothing can lessen in the distinction of being able to say: 'I am a citizen of the British Empire.'"

SCHOOL GARDENS.

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Gardening is one of the most ancient of occupations, and at the same time under modern conditions one of the most fascinating. The person who plants or sows, and throughout the seasons watches and cultivates the young plant, protecting it from the ever-urging weeds until it comes to fruition, has experienced a pleasure that is all his own, a satisfaction which comes of having done something use-

ful for the world. There is a continuity of work which involves a certain amount of sacrifice, but which at all times brings increased health and pure enjoyment. Here, then, is a field for the exploitation of the manual training idea. It has been tried in connection with numbers of schools in the United States and a few in Canada, and when properly conducted has been always found to be a success.

FARMERS AND THE DOMINION GOVERNMENT.

The farmers of Canada, particularly the farmers of the prairie provinces, have invaded Ottawa for the purpose of laying before the Dominion Government claims for legislation which they considered would be in their interests. They went in large numbers in order that the demands they made might be impressed more strongly upon parliament and the nation at large.

After listening to an elaboration of the demands for four hours the premier promised that legislation would be brought in which would be in the direction they indicated. Reciprocity negotiations with the United States were a step in the direction of reducing the tariff, and further it was the intention of the Government to construct the Hudson Bay Railway.

The gathering of those eight hundred farmers for a set political purpose is an event long to be remembered. It was the first delegation of the kind that had ever attempted to invade the sacred precincts of parliament to present its views. Manufacturers have been there times enough and in every case since the present government has been in power their requests have been denied.

The British elections are practically over and the Liberal Government finds itself returned to office with a solid majority behind it. This means that the power of the House of Lords to veto all important progressive questions must go. We hardly think the Lords will oppose the 'Parliament Bill' when it is again submitted to them. If they do the King will have to take the advice of his responsible ministers in the matter of appointing new peers or get some one to be responsible for his action if he refuses.

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RESOLUTIONS FROM FARMERS

SIR WILFRID REPLIES TO BIG DEPUTATION

Prime Minister Believes in Free Market for Natural Products

Ottawa, Dec. 18.—Eight hundred delegates, representing farmers of Canada east and west, assembled at an early hour this morning in the House of Commons chamber, which was filled to overflowing in anticipation of a heart-to-heart talk with Sir Wilfrid. All the cabinet ministers were present and many members and senators were mingled with the delegates.

After listening for four hours to the resolutions, memorials and speeches, Sir Wilfrid Laurier at two o'clock replied. He was greeted with cheers. Sir Wilfrid said he desired, on behalf of the Government and Parliament to express his gratification at being asked to receive such a representative delegation.

Democracy is triumphant in the Old Land. The people have spoken as they have never spoken before on the subject of political liberty. The system of responsible government has been endorsed. The supporters of plural voting, disestablishment of the Welsh church, license reforms, and a dozen other questions have been before the people for a number of years, and the party which has advocated them is again in power.

FRIDAY'S ELECTIONS IN THE OLD COUNTRY

London, Dec. 17.—The results of Friday's elections, declared at noon to-day, follow: Armagh, South—O'Neill, Nationalist, 2,590; Moynagh, Unionist, 1,003. Unchanged.

Devonshire, Honiton—Green, Liberal, 3,438; Bell, Unionist, 534. Unchanged. Cornwall, Launceston—Marks, Liberal, 4,375; Treffry, Unionist, 3,248. Unchanged.

Yorkshire, Osgoldcross—Rickett, Liberal, 3,215; Johnson, Unionist, 4,347. Unchanged. Limerick, West—O'Shoughnessy, Nationalist, 3,052; Sheehan, Independent Nationalist, 1,285. Unchanged.

State Labor Commissioner Brandt, who has been investigating the explosion, to-day predicted that others of the same kind would follow in mines in this vicinity within the next six months unless radical steps are taken to safeguard against it.

Revelstoke, Dec. 17.—Fire completely destroyed the hotel and boarding house owned by C. D. Morris at Rogers Pass. There were no fatalities. The blaze is said to have been caused by a defective or overheated chimney, and the flames, spreading with lightning rapidity, swept through the building till the whole place was gutted. The premises were covered by insurance. The C. P. R. employees did great work in saving the store; they got two engines and supplied the water and saved the store, although it was badly scorched. The C. P. R. employees who were residing in the hotel lost all their belongings.

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 17.—Preparations for receiving Enrique Gornor and L. H. Wolheim, the latter an American citizen, from the lands of Mexican bandits, were begun here to-day. The men are held for a \$25,000 ransom. It is said Gornor is the son of a wealthy Chihuahua family and a graduate of Cornell University. The bandits seized the two men while they were touring Santa Clara in an automobile last Wednesday.

BODIES OF FOUR MINERS RESCUED

Men Overcome While Trying to Escape Deadly Gases That Followed Explosion

Denver, Colo., Dec. 17.—The bodies of four miners were found in the Leyden mine to-day by rescuers. The dead miners were huddled together behind a steel door in the passage leading from shaft number 1 to shaft number 2. The door had been closed, evidently in the hope that the men might escape the deadly gases that followed the explosion.

The rescue party was headed by R. F. Francis and J. W. Thomas, of the government rescue bureau. The men were lying in an alcove of the main tunnel, 2,600 feet from the entrance. The fire had not penetrated that far into the mine and the bodies were not scorched.

Families of the dead men were awaiting at the main entrance when the discovery was made. It was thought best to keep the news to them gently, and the bodies were taken out secretly. News of the discovery was imparted to the newspaper reporters, but others were kept in ignorance.

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NOT LIKELY TO BE REINSTITATED.

Toronto, Dec. 18.—Supt. Brownlee, of the Great West Pacific, and several other officials of the road, are in conference here to-day over the question of the reinstatement of conductors who went on strike. The chance of several men getting their jobs back is very remote. The company has found that the new conductors on these runs are turning in 75 per cent more work than the old hands, and are satisfied the old conductors were dishonest.

SURRENDERS TO AUTHORITIES.

Chicago, Dec. 17.—Sid McNeil, head of the alleged Chicago bookshops which were begun here to-day, was held by the authorities, surrendered himself to-day into custody. He gave \$10,000 bonds and a graduate of Cornell University. The bandits seized the two men while they were touring Santa Clara in an automobile last Wednesday.

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Philadelphia, Dec. 18.—Kid Gardner, a lightweight, whose skull was fractured Friday night after a knock out by Johnny Kane, died Saturday afternoon. The fight was staged at the Nonpareil Athletic Club.

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FAMOUS FRONTIERSMAN DIES AT THE HOSPITAL

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STANDING OF PARTIES IN OLD COUNTRY

London, Dec. 19.—With three alternatives yet to be heard from, standing of parties is as follows:

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SEVENTY PERSONS PROBABLY KILLED

(Continued from page 1.)

at the Lexington avenue and 51st street school two pupils only had survived. Both were injured by the shock.

portion of one of the walls fell out of heavy plaster from the ceiling and struck both children. It was several minutes before they were found and taken to a hospital.

In the meantime 25,000 persons had gathered around the blazing ruins and a police had difficulty in keeping the crowd back so that the work of rescue went on.

The parochial school of St. Patrick's cathedral at 49th street and Lexington avenue was slightly injured by splintered glass. The Bible training school, a ten-story building at 49th street, is also damaged by the blast.

Patrolman Francis Kelly, one of the men most severely injured, after being treated at the Flower hospital, gave the following account of his experience: 'I was standing on the rear platform of a Lexington avenue car looking toward the mill depot when the explosion came. I saw a flash and a puff of smoke. Then I was hurled from the car, which was lifted from the tracks and thrown over on top of an automobile. I pulled one dead woman from the car and another who appeared to be in a dying condition. Then I faintly

Three victims at the Flower hospital probably will die. Fire Chief Croker declared the explosion was due solely to Pintsch gas. A pipe used to conduct the gas into the tanks of the Pullman cars broke, said. When Pintsch gas and air is used, it is more powerful than dynamite, according to Croker. One of the firemen dropped a monkey wrench across the third rail of the car tracks, causing a short circuit, and sending sparks. The explosion followed.

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(From Monday's Daily.) The death occurred yesterday at the Royal Jubilee hospital, of Michael King, the widely known timber operator, who succumbed to injuries received during a recent cruising trip on the north end of Vancouver Island. Mr. King found it necessary to make a hurried trip across the Island to catch the Tees and during the trip, which was a very arduous one, owing to the inclement weather conditions as well as the rough character of the country, he had the misfortune to fall from a height of ground and injure himself. On arriving here, though suffering considerable pain, he proceeded to New York, having been summoned there on pressing business. He was examined by a physician, who told him that two ribs had been fractured and that he must lie up in the hospital. Mr. King said he would hurry home to Victoria and did so, on arrival going to the Jubilee hospital. His injuries baffled the best medical skill, however, and he passed away yesterday morning. The late Mr. King was 60 years of age and a native of Grand Rapids, Michigan. A widow and a son and daughter are left to mourn his loss. He is survived also by a brother, who is now hurrying here from Grand Rapids.

STANDING OF PARTIES IN OLD COUNTRY

London, Dec. 19.—With three constituencies yet to be heard from, the standing of parties is as follows: Liberals 271, Laborites 43, Nationalists 72, Independent Nationalists 10, Unionists 271.

The results of the following elections held on Saturday, were announced today: Falkirk Burghs—Macdonald, Liberal, 2,678; Youngs, Unionist, 4,245. Unchanged.

Wiltshire, Wilton—Rogers, Liberal, 3,768; Bathurst, Unionist, 4,354. Unchanged.

Essex, Romford—Bethell, Liberal, 2,419; Griggs, Unionist, 1,885. Unchanged.

J. L. Garvin, editor of the Observer, who it is rumored, was the author of Mr. Balfour's referendum proposal, and whom Chancellor Lloyd George, in a speech described as the man who supplied the Conservative party with ideas, writing in his Sunday paper, urges the Unionists still to endeavor to obtain a constitutional settlement by consent; if the government refuses to compromise, then the Unionists must fight to the end. All depends upon the firmness of the Lords, who, he says, should proceed with their own reform schemes as though nothing had happened and allow the ministers to create five hundred peers if they dare.

Editor Garvin admits that the King is bound by the constitution to create peers, but he says the responsibility for such creation rests with the ministers.

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and such perversion of constitutional ideas as they are understood elsewhere, and especially in the United States, as the creation of so many peers with one bare majority is bound to be unpopular that a reaction in favor of the veto would soon set in. He was confident, moreover, that the bulk of any number of new peers would refuse to pass the Home Rule bill.

OPIMUM SMUGGLERS VS. CUSTOM OFFICIALS

Many Attempts Made by Law-Breakers, but Are Generally Frustrated

With laws in force prohibiting the importation of opium to Canada or the United States, there is a certain class of men along the water front and aboard Pacific liners, plying between the Orient and this coast, who are attempting to best the custom officials in smuggling this forbidden drug into this country. Severe penalties have been provided by the governments of both countries, providing for the punishment of any caught trying the trick, but despite these many are making continuous efforts. The eagle eyes of the customs officers have detected and frustrated many attacks made. Recently, when the big Hill liner Minnesota arrived at Seattle from China, over \$20,000 worth of opium was found secreted in various parts of her large holds.

An attempt at Vancouver has just been brought to light. David Crawford, on Thursday morning, probably under the impression that his movements would not be noticed during the absence of watch, letters scattered down the gangway of the Empress of India with ten tins of opium concealed under his coat. Upon making the dock he nonchalantly passed the time of day with the custom officers on duty. This proved to be his undoing.

The customs men immediately called his bluff and searched Crawford's person for contraband. The examination disclosed the ten tins of opium which Crawford had secreted in his capacious pockets, and Crawford was quite at a loss for a convincing explanation when charged with attempted smuggling.

It was at first thought that Crawford was a member of the deck crew, but after making inquiries aboard the white liner the customs authorities were informed the smuggler was unknown aboard the Empress. But for the vigilance of the customs officers on duty at the Canadian Pacific dock Crawford would undoubtedly have got safely away. The police patrol was quickly transferred to the police station, where his case will come up before the magistrates.

DEATH OF DR. S. D. POPE, LEADING EDUCATIONIST

(From Saturday's Daily.) One of Victoria's most prominent citizens, and a gentleman who for many years was connected with public life, passed away early this morning at the family residence, 2709 Rock Bay avenue, in the person of Dr. Stephen D. Pope. Although he had been ailing for some time his demise was entirely unexpected.

The late Dr. Pope, who was 68 years of age, came to this city in the year 1876 and for ten years was actively engaged in teaching school. In 1884 he was appointed to the position of superintendent of education for the province of British Columbia, and as a result of the capable manner in which he fulfilled the duties connected with that office he received the honorary degree of doctor of laws. For fifteen years he labored in building up the system, retiring from the post in 1898.

Since that date he had been conducting the private school known as the Queen's Academy, which through his wonderful teaching powers, gained rapidly in numbers and was one of the most successful schools in this city. Prior to his arrival in Victoria he had filled the position of a teacher in many centres.

During his long residence here Dr. Pope became widely known, and the news of his sudden death comes as a great surprise to his numerous friends. He is survived by a sorrowing widow, four daughters, Mrs. Geo. G. Adams, Craigflower road; Miss Bernice and Miss Gladys; and two sons, W. S. C. Pope, of the Times office staff, and S. B. Harold Pope.

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TAFT TAKES JINGOES TO TASK

NO CAUSE FOR ALARM SAYS PRESIDENT

Declares Important Harbors Have Excellent Defences—Panama Fortifications

Washington, D. C., Dec. 19.—President Taft, addressing the closing banquet Saturday night of the American Society for the Judicial Settlement of International Disputes, allayed the "so-called war scare which has furnished pabulum for newspapers in the last few days." He said: "There is not the slightest reason for such a sensation, because we are at peace with all nations of the world and are quite likely to remain so." He said his purpose in outlining the preparedness of the United States for war, at a peace meeting, "was to show by contrast the great worthlessness of the movement for a permanent court of arbitral justice and universal peace."

The president summarized the condition of the national defenses, and urged that a policy of "wise military preparedness" be pursued. He emphasized the fact that the American people would never consent to the maintenance of a standing army sufficient to cope with that of the greatest power. He urged the retention of the present regular army, the improvement of the national militia, the passage of the pending volunteer bill to go into operation should war be declared, and the passage of a law before congress providing for a force of additional officers, who will be able in times of peace to render efficient service in drilling the militia of the states, and finally the accumulation of guns and ammunition, "to equip and arm the force we could collect under the colors in an emergency." President Taft asserted that the best method of ultimately securing disarmament among nations was the establishment of an international court and the development of a code of international equity. He declared that the country has not reached a point where war is impossible, and cited the Panama canal question. He said in part: "Take the question of the Panama canal. We have a property which when completed will be worth \$400,000,000, at least it will cost us that much. It was built not alone to further the cause of the world's commerce, but also to bring our eastern and western seaboard closer together and to secure us the benefit of enabling our naval feet to pass quickly from the ocean to another. Now, the world is divided into two camps. One camp believes the canal are of such a character that ownership might easily pass into the hands of some other nation. We are determined to police the canal and to see that we have the treaty rights of the United States there. For the sake of the best and most efficient service in protecting the canal against some irresponsible nation, we are determined to see that the canal is in our hands."

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THE trouble is that nations are quite as likely as men to violate their obligations under great stress, like that of war. It seems to me that we ought to put ourselves in a position with reference to this very valuable and delicate piece of property, so that should any nation forget its obligation, we will be in a position to prevent unlawful injury to this instrument of commerce, so valuable to the world and indispensable to us. The fact that we fortify the canal will not prevent us from discharging all international obligations that we may have in respect to it, but it will enable us to defend ourselves in its possession against the act of every irresponsible nation. It will not prevent us from insisting its neutrality be maintained, and right."

DEATH ROLL GROWS

Four Dead as Result of Fight Between Police and Burglars

London, Dec. 19.—The death roll resulting from a fight between the police and burglars in a Cutler street house Friday night now totals four. This house was occupied by burglars, who were attempting to make their way into a jewelry store when they were surprised by the police. In the exchange of shots which followed, Sergeant Tucker was killed and Sergeant Bentley and Constable Chouteau fatally wounded, dying in a hospital Saturday, while one of the assassins died in a Whitechapel bakehouse late Saturday evening. The occupants of the bakehouse, including several men and one woman, were arrested. They are believed to be the persons who rented the house on Cutler street, which backed on the jewelry store, in the vault of which were precious stones to the value of \$100,000.

JURY DISAGREES

Chicago, Dec. 17.—A disagreement was reported by the jurors who have been hearing the case of Charles Eckstein, charged with having attempted to bribe jurors in the trial of L. O'Neill Browne.

FOR NAVAL MILITIA

Washington, D. C., Dec. 18.—Secretary of the Navy Meyer has assigned the obsolete gunboats Boston and Concord to the Oregon and Washington naval militia respectively.

INTERVIEW OFFICIALS OF E. & N. RAILWAY

Members of Nanaimo Citizens' League Discuss Freight Rates on Extension

Nanaimo, Dec. 15.—Messrs. H. E. Beasley, traffic manager, and J. Goodfellow, superintendent of the E. & N. R., were in the city Tuesday evening with the executive of the Citizens' League and discussed with the members thereof matters in connection with freight and passenger traffic on the E. & N. extension.

Complaints of residents of the district that exorbitant freight rates were charged on the line between the present terminus at Cameron Lake and Wellington, were laid before Mr. Beasley who made a denial of the charge, stating the same rates were charged on the extension as were charged on the E. & N. between Nanaimo and Victoria. Parties shipping freight from any point along the line direct to Nanaimo only paid regular rates, but should freight only be shipped to Wellington and again re-shipped to Nanaimo, naturally there would be extra charges declared Mr. Beasley. In regard to the hold over at Wellington of the passengers from Cameron Lake and way points bound south, the officials declared this delay could not be remedied under the present schedule, which it must be understood was only temporary. The company aimed at having one through train, which was now in operation, the north-bound train from Victoria going straight through Nanaimo direct to Cameron Lake, allowing of passengers leaving Victoria in the morning and arriving at Alberni the same night. When the line was completed to Alberni, declared Mr. Beasley, there will be through trains each way every day.

In reference to the question of placing an agent at South Wellington, Mr. Beasley informed the executive of the company had already attended to this question and had placed a station agent at that point on Saturdays and other days on which there was extra heavy traffic.

GRANBY COMPANY DECLARES DIVIDEND

Only Payment to Shareholders This Year—Testing New Settler

Phoenix, Dec. 18.—At the regular monthly meeting of the directors of the Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting & Power Company, held at the branch office of the company in New York, a dividend of \$200,000 was declared on the par value of the stock outstanding, which was declared payable out of the net earnings of the company on December 30, 1910, to all stockholders of record as of 3 p. m., on December 14. This is the twelfth dividend of the company, and amounts to \$150,000, there being 150,000 shares outstanding of the par value of \$1.00.

The Grangy has not stated periods for declaring dividends, this being the only payment this year, dividends of \$2 each in 1908; three at \$2 in 1907; four at \$3 in 1906, and \$1 in 1905. With this disbursement the company has paid back to its shareholders a total of \$4,925,000.

The low price of copper, together with large sums spent in improvements to the smelter accounts for the falling off in dividends since 1907. However, with bright prospects for an improvement in the copper market, and the company commencing to operate its properties at full capacity, substantial returns to shareholders may be looked for during 1911.

The Grangy is operating its entire battery of eight large furnaces at full blast, consuming one ton of coal for every 4,000 to 4,500 tons per day, and turning out blister copper at the rate of 1,600,000 pounds per month. Six furnaces only have been in operation at the smelter since the fire at the mine in August, when the facilities at one of the shipping outlets were destroyed. This week the connection between the 300-foot level and the Victoria shaft was completed, and it is expected that the mine will now be able to supply the full requirements of the smelter. Unless something unforeseen occurs to prevent it the reduction works will run at full blast for some time. Experiments are now being made at the smelter with a new Fortharsettler, 12 by 18 feet. It is much larger than the settlers heretofore in use by the company, and is expected to give greater percentage returns in operation.

WILL INCREASE STIPENDS.

New Westminster, Dec. 17.—At a recent meeting of the diocesan executive committee of the Church of England it was decided to ask the diocese to contribute almost 20 per cent. more than it had been doing to the cause of the Holy Trinity cathedral. Holy Trinity cathedral will be asked for \$450, an advance of \$150 over what it has been giving. St. James' Church, Vancouver, volunteered to give \$400 more than it has been giving; Christ church \$300 more, and All Saints \$100 more. With the increased revenue the executive hopes to be able to increase the stipends to all the clergymen to the minimum limit of \$300, strongly approved of at the last meeting of the synod.

DIES FROM EXPOSURE.

Hazelton, B. C., Dec. 19.—The body of Eugene Snodgrass, the missing telegraph operator, was found Friday night between the telegraph line and the Skeena river, above Anindmaul. He had evidently lost his way while trying to reach the telegraph line, and had become exhausted, and died of exposure. An inquest will be held.

WIRELESS AT PORT STANLEY.

Port Stanley, in the Falkland Islands, often serves as a port of refuge for sailing ships which have suffered mishap in the South Atlantic. The need of telegraphic communication between the Falklands and Punta Arenas (Strait of Magellan), has long been felt by a certain section of the shipping community. W. R. Alarydyce, the governor of the Falkland Islands, is at present in England, and was recently waited upon by a representative deputation of shipping men who are anxious that a wireless telegraph station shall be erected at the Falklands. The governor of the Falklands, granted the deputation that it would entail considerable expense to erect a wireless station at the islands. What support would the ship-owners be willing to give to the project? The deputation thereupon unanimously agreed to a resolution urging upon His Majesty's government the advisability forthwith of installing a wireless telegraph station at the Falkland Islands.

CHINA REJECTS OFFER BY STATES

Does Not Desire Advice of Financial Expert in Arranging Loan

(Times Licensed Wire.)

Pekin, Dec. 18.—The offer of the United States to provide a financial expert to advise the Chinese government regarding the handling of the \$50,000,000 railroad loan now being negotiated by China from American bankers, and to assist in other work of the greatest importance to the commercial interests of both countries, was flatly rejected by China to-day. It is understood that a suspicion that President Taft's real motive in arranging for the loan and the appointment of a financial expert is a selfish one, was responsible for the rejection. The action came as a great surprise, as President Taft in a message to congress a week ago stated that the loan negotiations practically were completed, and the appointment of an advisor to China an assured fact. What effect the action of the Chinese government will have on the many financial deals between this country and China, now pending, is not known. The \$50,000,000 loan, known as the Chian-Chow loan, which was to be used in the construction of the proposed Chian-Chow-Algou railway, is about ready for some sort of a definite agreement by the parties involved. Other Chinese railroads, it has been planned, are to be built with American money, and it is feared that the attitude of the Pekin government may bring negotiations to a stop.

The loan was to be used also by China in reforming the Chinese currency system. A preliminary agreement had been reached, and it was a disagreement over the final ratification of the terms of the loan that brought about to-day's action.

ITALIAN VISITOR GETS TERM IN JAIL

Refused Work on Account of Family and Clothes—Two Months on Rock Pile

(From Friday's Daily.) Michael Ferro, an Italian visitor, charged this morning with obtaining money under false pretences from C. A. Lombard, caused a roar of laughter in the police court when, after two witnesses had been heard through Interpreter A. Borde, of the city water-works department, he suddenly broke out into English, interrupting the evidence of Detective Handley. Thereafter the interpreter was dispensed with.

Ferro, who also gave his name as Boesler, obtained money from C. A. Lombard, 380 Colquhoun street, and Charles Pinchon, 208 Catherine street, to obtain a trunk from the wharf and to buy food. Work was obtained for him in Victoria, but he did not take advantage of it, giving as the reason that he came of good Italian family, had spent \$2,000 in Mexico, and could not spoil his new \$30 suit by hard work. He, however, will be provided with a working suit for the next two months, and will occupy a place on the rock pile at the Hillside avenue jail during that time.

He explained the absence of his trunk as follows: "A fellow with an orange glass at the wharf said the trunk was coming." After being sentenced the prisoner complained that the interpreter had not told the court the prisoner had said. He was still muttering and gesticulating as Constable Wood hurried him to the cells.

A vagrant named O'Brien, who has answered several drunk charges, pleaded guilty to vagrancy this morning and was sent to jail for one month with hard labor.

In the police court on Monday, Chas. B. Stevenson will appear answering a charge of assault upon his son, who this morning swore out a summons against his parent.

James Perry was fined \$5, having pleaded guilty to leaving wood on the sidewalk contrary to the city by-laws. In the provincial police court James Fisher, an Indian, was fined \$25 for having sold portions of a deer on December 12, contrary to the provisions of the game act. The fine carried an alternative of one month's imprisonment. Defendant pleaded guilty.

Sixteen hundred women are working as navies on the coast of the peninsula of Siberia extension, Odessa.

SEES HALCYON DAYS AGAIN FOR ROSSLAND

P. A. O'Farrell Still Optimistic Regarding Future of the Kootenays

Rossland, Dec. 15.—A distinguished visitor to Rossland has been P. A. O'Farrell, the well known journalist, who, after completing a 10,000 mile journey through Canada with T. P. O'Connor has been spending a few days with J. S. C. Fraser. Rossland and see the friends of the early pioneer days," he said in an interview. "Those were stirring times, fifteen years ago—times never to be forgotten. We all saw great fortunes in the mines of Rossland then. All the world was young and hopeful, but none of us saw at that time the wonderful future that was before the Kootenays as the orchard of the British Empire. Great as was the wealth expected from the Kootenays, in gold, silver, lead, zinc and antimony, far greater will be the wealth that the gardens and orchards and dairy farms will produce.

"I remember when there was not a hut or a log cabin between Robson and Arrowhead, save at Nanaimo, a stretch of 250 miles of shore-line without any habitation. And now every spot available for an orchard or garden is being cleared and homesteads are arising along the shores of the beautiful Arrow lakes from end to end. And up here at Rossland are now orchards growing apples, pears and cherries equal to any grown in the richest regions of the globe. The orchards of the Kootenays will yet astonish the whole world. You have here the soil, the climate and the sun-mildly just suited to the most luscious fruits, and I am glad to find that Rossland is still the richest gold-producing district of Canada. Rossland is now producing more gold than ever in its history, and the latest developments justify the prediction that in a year or two from now Rossland will be producing double the amount of gold she is producing to-day. The new wonderful district of Porcupine will most likely surpass Rossland in time, but when great ore bodies running \$60 in gold to the ton are found 2,000 feet beneath the surface of Rossland's mountains, one can understand the remark of one of the developers of the South Sea coast: 'Why, the gold deposits lying underneath Rossland have not yet been scratched.' Moreover, the recent development in the South Sea coast, an astonishing result in time, for Rossland.

"Its halcyon days will come again, and then it will be a land of gardens, orchards and flowers, as well as a land of gold."

DEATH AT VERNON OF JOHN GALT, C. E.

Head of Well-Known Engineering Firm Passes Away After Lingering Illness

(From Monday's Daily.)

The death, occurred yesterday at Vernon, B. C., after a lingering illness, of John Galt, C. E., of the well-known John Galt Engineering Company, of Toronto and Winnipeg. Deceased was aged 58 years. Interment will take place at Vernon on Wednesday.

The late John Galt was a brother of William Galt, in charge of the stores department at the city hall, who was afflicted this morning by wife of the sad tidings. He will leave this evening for Vernon.

The deceased gentleman was widely known, not only as the head of one of the foremost engineering firms in Canada, but as an expert in his profession, and his services were frequently requisitioned where some momentous decision had to be arrived at. During a visit to Victoria a year ago, Mr. Galt inspected the Smith's Hill reservoir with the idea of solving the problem of what caused the leakage in the big basin, and he expressed the opinion that with time the defects would pass away of their own accord. Recent experiments on the part of the city engineer have rather tended to support that theory.

The late Mr. Galt leaves but one child, a daughter, aged 12 years. His wife predeceased him one year ago.

COLONIAL PREFERENCE

(Special to the Times.) London, Dec. 18.—Lloyd George, speaking at Romford, characterized the colonial preference as bad business and worse imperialism. When Mr. Chamberlain started his reform campaign in 1903 the exports for the preceding year were £288,000,000. This year Great Britain would export £428,000,000.

POSITION OF PARTIES UNCHANGED

TWENTY-NINE MEMBERS YET TO BE ELECTED

O'Brientes Capture South-Cork From Nationalists—Thursday's Elections

London, Dec. 16.—Following is the present standing: Unionists, 264; Liberals, 260; Labor, 41; Nationalists, 67. Independent Nationalists, 2. To be elected, 23. Liberals gained the Leek division of Staffordshire and the Unionists the High Peak division of Derbyshire on Thursday's voting, leaving the relative position unchanged. A feature was the gain of South-Cork by the O'Brientes from the Nationalists.

Following are the results of Thursday's elections declared to-day: Down, South-McVeagh, Nationalist, 3,683; Johnston, Unionist, 3,640. Unchanged. Hertfordshire, Hitchin—Gregg, Liberal, 3,942; Hillier, Unionist, 3,833. Unchanged. Aberdeenshire, West—Henderson, Liberal, 5,415; Smith, Unionist, 3,232. Unchanged.

Ayrshire, South-Beak, Liberal, 5,715; McIntyre, Unionist, 3,863. Unchanged. Lanarkshire, South—Mensie, Liberal, 3,450; Douglas, Unionist, 3,493. Unchanged. Derbyshire, High Peak—Parkington, Liberal, 3,623; Wood, Unionist, 3,513. Unionist gain. Durham, Bishop Auckland—Allan, Liberal, 4,431; Markham, Unionist, 3,519; Hoar, Labor, 3,293. Unchanged. Dumfriesshire—McIntyre, Liberal, 4,798; Murray, Unionist, 4,416. Unchanged.

Forfarshire—Falconer, Liberal, 6,449; Duncan, Unionist, 4,397. Unchanged. Berwickshire—Tennant, Liberal, 3,003; Campbell, Unionist, 2,900. Unchanged. Cornwall, Camborne—Ackland, Liberal, 4,419; Coates, Unionist, 2,526. Unchanged. Cork, East—Nolan, Nationalist, 3,176; O'Brien, Independent Nationalist, 1,824. Unchanged. London, North—Brow, Liberal, 2,211; Harris, Unionist, 1,980. Unchanged. Norfolk, South-west—Whitney, 4,176; Clarke, Unionist, 3,745. Unchanged. Lincolnshire, Stratford—Parkin, Liberal, 4,207; Whitham, Unionist, 4,545. Unchanged. Yorkshire, Skipton—Clough, Liberal, 3,151; Roundell, Unionist, 3,100. Unchanged.

Northamptonshire, East—Money, Liberal, 4,480; Brooks, Unionist, 3,876; Richards, Labor, 1,431. Unchanged. Gloucester, Tewkesbury—Lister, Liberal, 5,267; Hicks-Beach, Unionist, 5,683. Unchanged. Wiltshire, Westbury—Fuller, Liberal, 5,041; Palmer, Unionist, 4,152. Unchanged. Staffordshire, Leek—Pearce, Liberal, 5,742; Davenport, Unionist, 5,152. Liberal gain. Northumberland, Hoxham—Hoit, Liberal, 5,124; Chayter, Unionist, 4,324. Unchanged. Waddingtonshire—Hallane, Liberal, 3,345; Elyth, Unionist, 3,133. Unchanged.

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AMERICANS SAY THEY LOSE.

Handicapped by Canada's Tariff—Northwestern May Be Repaired Here.

Seattle, Dec. 17.—A tariff against materials placed in repaired British merchant ships and on the value of the work done therein, if performed in an American port, is levied by the Dominion amounting in some cases to 27 per cent. ad valorem. This duty may prove a factor in the award of the contract to repair the steamship Northwestern, of the Alaska Steamship Company, recently wrecked in False Bay.

In case an American ship-building firm obtains in competition the contract to repair a British vessel, if the work is done in an American port, the Canadian tariff operates when the ship is returned to her port across the boundary line. In more than one case in the last few years Seattle shipyards and repair shops have underbid British Columbia firms for repair jobs in British ships. In every case, however, they were compelled to face the tariff barrier. One case in particular is to the point, the Princess May, a British ship wrecked last summer in Alaskan waters. A Seattle firm was the low bidder for the job, but the Canadian tariff lost the firm the work. Shipbuilding and marine repair firms of the Pacific coast are watching with the closest interest the negotiations for reciprocity now on between the United States and Canada.

DESTRUCTIVE BLAZE

Department Store at Tacoma Wiped Out—Loss Estimated at More Than \$100,000.

Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 17.—McCormack Bros' big department store at Fifteenth and Pacific avenue was wiped out by fire about midnight. The loss is practically complete, and except for a few thousand dollars' worth of stock in the warehouse, the business of the firm was completely wiped out. Manager Burke said to-day that it is impossible to estimate the loss either on stock or in Christmas business. The stock was partially insured. The loss will be above \$100,000 on stock and \$100,000 on the building.

The cause of the fire is not known. It started in the ceiling, among some decorations, and within the space of a minute flames were sweeping over the entire floor space of the one-story brick building. After a half-hour's work the firemen succeeded in quenching the blaze, but within a few minutes the flames were extinguished. The entire building caught fire, and it took but a short time to completely destroy the building and contents.

A SALARY DISPUTE IN COUNTY COURT

Alleged Infringement of Trade Name in Supreme Court—Seattle Co. Plaintiffs

(From Friday's Daily.) Arguments were heard in the County court this morning by Judge Lampman in the case of McCallum against the Victoria Contracting Company, and judgment was reserved. Frank Higgins appeared for the plaintiff and H. H. Shandley for the defendant. The plaintiff claimed that he was employed through the defendant's agents at Seattle to work in Victoria for the defendants, and was to have a two months' trial, during which time he was to prove his competency. Towards the end of the time the defendant found fault with his work and dismissed him. The conditions of the appointment were that he was to continue in employment if his work over the first two months proved satisfactory. Plaintiff claims he gave the company satisfaction, that he was wrongfully dismissed, and he asks damage to the extent of \$250.

A supreme court action to prevent the defendant using a similar name to that of the plaintiff, General Appraisal Company, is being tried by Mr. Justice Gregory, in which the plaintiff claims that a former employee named Bush, after being four years employed by the firm at Seattle, went into business on his own account in June, 1910, commencing business in Washington state, and Seattle, particularly as the Standard Appraisal Company, and later incorporated in British Columbia as the General Appraisal Company, Ltd. The plaintiff then registered in B. C. and having done business in the province for some years, asked for an injunction to restrain the defendant from doing business under the name of the General Appraisal Company, Ltd. The application was heard and stood over until the trial which is now taking place. Eleven witnesses have been heard in support of the application, who have testified as to the general character of the plaintiffs, and given proof that the company has been doing business here appraising and preparing plans and specifications of manufacturers and mill plants for use in fire insurance adjustment, etc.

The defendant, who was in the plaintiff's employ four years before he established the Standard Appraisal Co., was examined at length yesterday, and was cross-examined this morning. Other witnesses for the defence are being called this afternoon. Fred Peters, K. C., instructed by Mason & Mann, appears for the plaintiff, and H. A. Maclean, K. C., for the defendant.

CAMPAIGN AGAINST COAST MOONSHINERS

Find Ready Markets for Liquors in "Dry" Towns in Southern Oregon

Portland, Ore., Dec. 18.—United States revenue officers have begun a campaign against moonshiners, who are said to be operating illicit stills in the coast range mountains in Lane, Josephine and Douglas counties. Federal agents have been working for several months in localizing various stills in southern Oregon, and a number of arrests probably will be made in the near future.

L. F. McPherson, an old resident along the Stauwau river, was arrested by the government detectives, and is charged with having operated a still for the manufacture of prune brandy. A still which McPherson admitted belonged to him was confiscated by the officers. According to federal agents, the coast mountain moonshiners have found a ready market for their liquor at Cottage Grove, and other "dry" towns in the southern part of the state. It is asserted that a number of small stills are in operation. Prune brandy and other alcoholic beverages made from fruits are being manufactured in the mountain stills, it is said.

DEMANDS OF FARMERS.

London, Dec. 17.—The Daily News says that the Canadian farmers, in whose name a vast crop of legends has been sent here, that they, along with the three successive triumph of a free trade government in this country, deal a deadly blow at the army of food taxers.

HILL PAYS VISIT TO VANCOUVER

Says Work on V. V. & E. Will Be Rushed From Both Ends

Vancouver, Dec. 18.—James J. Hill, the veteran railroad builder, arrived in the city this morning on his special train and made one of his characteristic whirlwind visits, termed an official inspection trip. Hill, who is perhaps best known as the president of the Great Northern railroad, is accompanied by a number of prominent directors and shareholders of the Great Northern, showed that he had lost none of his characteristic energy by the amount of business he disposed of during his seven-hour stay in the city. During that time Mr. Hill made a personal inspection of the site for new deep water wharves for his company near the sugar refinery, gracefully submitted to being interviewed by the press, and stated that work would be started immediately on the filling in of the north and east shores of the head of False creek, to be followed by the erection of a million dollar union station, promised that construction on the V. V. & E. branch of the Great Northern would be rushed with all possible dispatch from both ends from now on, and that, in addition, the V. V. & E. branch of the Great Northern would be made an auto tour of the city and an inspection of the company's terminal yards here, attended a luncheon given by local officials of the company, and pulled out late this afternoon, expressing his regret that he did not have more time to spend in Vancouver.

CRITICISM ON SPOKE BY-LAW

Views of Committee on Legislation

Aldermen, Having Protested May Now Expedite Passage of the Measure

(From Thursday's Daily.) It is improbable that at this evening's special meeting of the city council all those members of the board who have attacked the Spoke water works on the grounds of its insufficiency, inaccuracy will make any endeavor to block its passage. The members placed themselves against what they considered to be the financial burden of the city. The insufficiency of data, the passage of the bill, will be expedited. The people may view of the grave importance of the issue involved the following report of the legislative committee, which was attacked the Spoke water works, Ald. Bishop, Banerman, McKeown, Mable, is of extreme interest: Your committee has carefully considered the proposed by-law for the acquisition and utilization of Spoke for water purposes. Your committee is of the opinion that the data with reference to such acquisition is insufficient to enable the council or the ratemakers to form any intelligent idea upon any essential feature. In the words of H. H. Burwell's report of the 21st 1910, "it would be folly to express opinion as to the advisability of proceeding with an undertaking of magnitude without the most thorough investigation of the available water supply."

"Nothing should be taken for granted in this connection; surveys and measurements should be made to determine the annual runoff from the drainage area of Spoke and the adjoining drainage areas can be diverted into this lake." Your committee has, therefore, decided that they cannot recommend the council for favorable consideration of a by-law before ratemakers in the shape of the proposed by-law, involving such a

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