

Dunsmuir To Assist

He Tells the Committee of His Attitude to Railway Project.

Offers Free Right-of-Way Through E. and N. Railway Lands.

Announcement of His Co-Operation Causes the Liveliest Satisfaction.

A committee of citizens, consisting of His Worship Mayor McCandless, Hon. J. S. Hemcken, Ald. Grahame and Richard Hall,...

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Roosevelt To Decline

Will Not Arbitrate Question of Preferential Claims for Allies.

British Ambassador Objects to the Conduct of Mr. Bowen.

Report that He Sent Cable to London on the Subject.

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Explorer Will Start for the North Pole in June Next Year.

End of Montreal Street Railway Strike—C. P. R. Short Line.

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Settlers in Fraser Valley

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Chilliwack People Likely to Sink an Artesian Well—Liquor Smuggling.

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MINERS' WAGES.

Scale Proving Fourteen Per Cent. Increase Offered.

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Standard Oil Trust

Peculiar Telegrams Sent By Rockefeller to United States Senators.

Saying that Proposed Anti-Trust Legislation Must Be Stopped.

Intimated that It Will Be Made Worth While to Obey.

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To Reject The Treaty Prediction That United States Senate Will Decline Boundary Commission.

And that it will be useless to attempt to press the measure.

Strong Pressure Being Brought Against It By Opponents of Fair Play.

Washington, Feb. 5.—During the past few days President Roosevelt has held several conferences with prominent senators concerning the status of the Alaskan boundary treaty.

MOORE PACIFIC.

Waterbury Street Railway Strike May Be Settled.

Waterbury, Feb. 5.—The departure this evening of nine companies of the National Guard gave this city a less martial appearance tonight.

CANADIAN ENTERPRISES.

Objection in England to the British Canadian Wheat Company.

London, Feb. 5.—The Pall Mall Gazette and other papers are attacking the British Canadian wheat raising company.

CANADIANS IN LONDON.

Speeches Made By Sons of the Dominion at Club Dinner.

Montreal, Feb. 5.—The Star's London cable, Feb. 5, says that Mr. M. F. Fitzpatrick, president of the Canada Club dinner.

GERMANY'S EXPENSES.

What the Expedition to China Has Cost.

Berlin, Feb. 5.—The total cost to Germany of the expedition to China is \$36,250,000, and the expenditures are estimated at \$15,000,000.

FORMER MEMBER DEAD.

William Lees Sat For South Lanark, Ontario.

STREET RAILWAY MEN.

To Hold Indignation Mass Meeting in Toronto.

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WILL PROTEST ELECTION.

Foley's Party Taking Steps Against Mr. MacPherson.

Vancouver, Feb. 5.—(Special.)—The executive committee of the Foley campaign forces met tonight and decided to protest MacPherson's election.

QUESTION OF LAMPS.

Company at Nanaimo Stops Allowance For Satisfies.

Nanaimo, Feb. 5.—(Special.)—Previous to the Western Fuel Co. taking over the Nanaimo Gas Co.'s property, the company was working with safety lamps in gas portions of the workings.

Found Dead In His Chair.

Emil Derdinger's Body Found In His House at Port Haney.

Westminster Ferry Made Money Last Year—Workman Falls Into River.

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United States And Sealers

The Latest Efforts to Restrict the Pelagic Sealing Industry.

Extermination of Seals Now Proposed as Instance of Alleged Export.

The United States Congress has passed a bill framed by Senator Biedler, and "Prof." H. W. Elliott, a discredited seal expert, which aims at the destruction of the seal herds on the Pribilof islands.

WILL SHIP TO CROFTON SMELTER.

The Homestake Mine on Princess Royal Island to Get Out Ore.

Another of the numerous promising coast mines has started shipping and the ore will be shipped to the Crofton smelter, says the Province.

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Talks of Cost Of the Road

Estimate of Financial Aspect of Scheme to Extend Island Railway.

Thought That Five Million Dollars Would Cover Entire Cost.

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HONOR TO THE BRAVE

Sir Henri Joly Presents Medal to Young Nason For Saving Life.

To Edward Francis Nason was awarded the medal of the Royal Canadian Humane Society for saving life, and presentation was made by His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor.

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HISTORY AND LITERATURE.

For many months past the Rev. M. N. A. Cohen has been delighting readers of the Colonist interested in historical research and a sound English style, with a series of articles in our Sunday supplement. These articles have been far above the ordinary level of contributions to a newspaper, and we doubt very much whether the columns of a newspaper are the best vehicle for their proper appreciation. But, while not committing ourselves to agreement at all times with either Mr. Cohen's historical methods or conclusions, we have found his articles intellectually stimulating in the highest degree, and have greatly enjoyed them ourselves. Now Mr. Cohen proposes to establish a class for the study of history and literature. If we know anything about human nature, this class will not be so much appreciated as it ought to be, simply because the members of it will have nothing to pay for except room rent, light and heat, and have the guidance of an enthusiastic and zealous student thrown in; but we hope a few votaries of the lamp will gather round and form a nucleus of efficient literary and historical study. We say the guidance of a student designed, because it is impossible to teach either history or literature, in the ordinary sense. The most that can be done by the profoundest knowledge and highest taste, is to hold aloft a lamp in the dark places, so that those who follow may see their way. The study of history and literature is really the bringing of the intellect to bear upon the process of evolution, by which we are what we are. If you imagine a human being uneducated and unaffected by the social environment in which he has been brought up, then his physical body is the result of the development of previous generations. Everything else about him would be a blank. Such a case may be imagined, but could not exist, except in the case of a were-wolf or something of that kind. As a matter of fact, the man, "as he grows he gathers much." His habits, prejudices, ideas and much of his knowledge are acquired, we cannot say unconsciously, because consciousness is the vehicle by which he inherits the past, but without the aid of reflection or reasoning analysis. The simplest instance of this is our belief that the world is round. Any man who nowadays said the earth was flat or stationary, would be regarded as insane, but how many people are there who could criticise this belief and show it to be well-founded? Now just as by the application of science to the rules of physical inheritance we improve upon our mental equipment, we improve upon our inheritance and hand it on not merely unimpaired, but larger, freer, brighter and better to those who come after us. The study of biology and physiology is really the critical study of

the physical inheritance of mankind; the study of history and literature, the critical study of our mental inheritance. These two studies languish where there is swift degeneration. Man begins to live in a murky atmosphere of inherited prejudice instead of in the light of reason under the providence of God. There is a terrible example of this in what is known as the Dark Ages, whose lingering shadows are with us still. These ages were brought about by an external incursion of savagery. But from two causes there is danger of a similar degeneration in the 20th century. The first of these is the widespread popular opinion that things physical are the only useful and practical fields for scientific research. This opinion tends to limit the field of man's reason and criticism to his physical inheritance, to biology and physiology and kindred subjects, and to give his mental inheritance a position of lesser importance. The second is the everlasting tendency of man, at no time more powerful than now, to place material prosperity as the end of human life. "Why should I bother," we are apt to say, "with my inheritance of ideas and prejudices, good and bad? They are not going to interfere with my income or my money-making capacity. My real business in life is to have myself around with material comfort." With these tendencies very marked in modern society, there never was a time when it was more important to emphasize the need of the study and comprehension of literature and history, that men, by the study of the deeds by which they have become what they are, may also learn what it is in them to become.

VENEZUELA.

The Venezuelan crisis has long passed beyond the comprehension of ordinary mortals. It is a satisfactory reflection that nations do not go to war over the kind of intricacies into which it has now resolved itself. So far as we can make out, Great Britain and Germany, having put in an execution and registered the same in the customary manner, desire to have recognized a prior claim over Venezuela assets. To this it seems Venezuela objects for some unreasoned reason, and also, for reasons more easily comprehended, the other creditors. We should think Venezuela's first object would be to get Great Britain and Germany off the premises, and then permit the other creditors to adopt the same means of collecting, if they dared. We are presupposing a total lack of the ordinary principles of commercial morality on the part of Venezuela, wrongly perhaps, but surely not without excuse. However, the debate is waxing warm over the preferential treatment of the allies. At the critical moment somebody will politely give way, and the case will take another phase. We do not blame President Roosevelt for refusing to arbitrate that or anything else connected with the dispute, and we do not think the English proposal makes proper allowance for Roosevelt's position. He is likely to be the candidate of the Republican party in the next presidential election. He is also, we believe, a thoroughly honest man. The American people, however, are the strangest people on earth when their national self-love is touched. It does not matter what the President's decision might be, or how little he personally might have to do with it, for men now, the King or President being merely their mouthpieces, are sure to find in their mouths words that are things derogatory to the great American nation, and strive to throw the great American nation into convulsions over it. Why should President Roosevelt jeopardize a Republican victory and incur a national calamity, a Democratic triumph, over something which has nothing whatever to do with either the Republican or the Democratic party? The great American nation has shown more self-restraint over the present Venezuelan crisis than it has ever shown before. It is apparently beginning to find out that "whipping cream" has consequences as well as joys. But how long is this mood of comparative rationality going to last? It may give way at any moment, and a fit of wild hysteria succeed. In President Roosevelt the United States has a strong man at the helm, and a mighty good thing it is for the United States, and for whom we are glad it is so. But his diplomatic path has complications enough without his voluntarily adding more. The great American nation is at present content to let him hold the reins and direct the buggy. But it reserves its inborn privilege of taking the bit in its teeth at the cost of any possible destruction of itself and its neighbors. In spite of all this, the Venezuelan crisis is developing nicely. The public is beginning to faden, the danger of complications fades with it. Erce Mr. Bowen, with his breach of etiquette, has only stirred up a very languid interest, and the heated wrath, in which diplomats have indulged, has not inflamed the minds of their respective partisans.

GAMBLING.

The Times says that it gathers from our remarks yesterday that we think it is a mistake to attempt to suppress the Wits of the Times must have been gathering wool, if it gathered that anything we said was in any way an attempt to suppress vice in one direction if you leave a convenient opening for it to expand in another and worse direction. We ventured to describe the conditions worse for the rising youth of the city than the conditions attacked by Mayor McCandless in his campaign, and to point out that his emphasis upon "open" gambling afforded an opportunity for these conditions to expand instead of being checked by the instructions of Mayor McCandless to the Chief of Police to suppress the same. It is against open gambling, but against all forms of gambling in which it is considered possible to exercise any control, but that is the first we have heard of it. Mayor McCandless never said these things, and the contrary, he said the suppression of "open" gambling was what was to be aimed at. Now the "open" gambling is abandoned, and the "possibility of obtaining a conviction" is the new qualification. An excellent way of finding out "the possibility of obtaining a conviction" is to try to obtain one, in fact we should think it was the only way. Will the police take this method? If they do, there will be mighty little open or secret gambling in Victoria during the present year, much less than there is even at the present time. "Persons who know of infractions of the law," says the Times, "should lay their information before the Chief of Police." Of course, and why did they not do last year instead of waiting until the present year, when they are to be so busy? The Chief of Police, "should lay their information before the Mayor and Police Commissioner." Ah! they might report, "we could not get a conviction." Precisely. That is where the edict of the Times' statement "in which it is considered possible to exercise any control" comes in. Surely the people can now see that the politicians are shuffling with the truth, and that we ventured to point out before, it was politics, and not purity, from the beginning.

THE ALASKA BOUNDARY.

The letter from Mr. Joseph Hunter, which follows, is a most important contribution to the discussion of this vexed question, and much to be read by the readers of the Colonist than any editorial by the editor. The great and increasing interest manifested in the Alaska boundary question, occasioned by the treaty recently ratified by Great Britain and the United States, is a most important contribution to the discussion of this vexed question, and much to be read by the readers of the Colonist than any editorial by the editor.

A PIN BRIDGE.

The City Council has apparently introduced a most objectionable practice, that, namely, of holding meetings for which the public are excluded, for the which the public are vitally interested. We learn through the Times that the City Council, sitting in committee of the whole, have reverted to the proposal of putting a pin bridge instead of a rivet-bridge at the Point Ellice. There may be very good reasons for this; we do not doubt there are. But why should the City Council, sitting in committee of the whole, exclude the public from their deliberations, and not the City Council at which such an important matter as the Point Ellice bridge was decided? Why is it reported that the next day giving the result of our deliberations, but not the method by which its decision was arrived at? Surely that is a matter which has the right to know about. We very much question whether the exclusion of the public from a meeting of the council either in regular session or in committee of the whole, could be legally enforced. However, apart from its legality, it is body is always a composite representative meeting prevent the public from knowing the reasons and stand of a minority. They also enable representatives, who are responsible to the people, to give any sort of version of their act.

BURRARD ELECTION.

The election held on Wednesday has shown that there are more voters in Vancouver opposed to the Laurier government than there are in support of it. The government candidate was just able to carry the constituency and no more. There were a great many voters who voted for MacPherson because it was by-election, and they did not see the advantage of not being represented by a man with the ear of the government, who would not have voted for him at a general election. There were, also, the vote shows, a considerable number of abstentions, presumably among Conservative voters. If the Laurier government can extract any consolation from the result, the Laurier government is welcome to it. To our mind it is a very fair indication that if the government does not change its tune on the question of Oriental immigration before the next general election, not a single government candidate will be returned on the British Columbia Conservative point of view, we are perfectly satisfied with the result of the election, and we are obliged to thank the permission of anyone to be satisfied. The Laurier government is unpopular in British Columbia, as it is likely to become unpopular in the rest of the Dominion, because they have subjected the government to an unpleasant and unprofitable campaign, and they have rendered it unsafe, what does that matter? These feuds are by no means likely to become a credit to the Laurier government, and they have had the tactical advantage obtained by the Conservative party through not putting up a candidate in the city of Vancouver. The Liberal party is disgraced with the people of Vancouver, and those who nominated MacPherson as their candidate, because they have subjected the government to an unpleasant and unprofitable campaign, and they have rendered it unsafe, what does that matter? These feuds are by no means likely to become a credit to the Laurier government, and they have had the tactical advantage obtained by the Conservative party through not putting up a candidate in the city of Vancouver.

The purpose of enabling me intelligently to prosecute the work committed to my charge, I was furnished with a copy of articles 3 and 4 of the convention between Russia and Great Britain of February 16 and 28, 1825, in which the boundary line agreed upon is the high contracting parties is described as follows: "Commencing from the Southernmost point of the island of Prince of Wales Island, which point lies in the parallel of forty-four degrees forty minutes north latitude, and between the one hundred and thirty-first and the one hundred and thirty-third degrees of west longitude (of Greenwich) the said line shall extend to the North along the channel called Portland Channel as far as the point of the continent where it strikes the sixty-sixth degree of North latitude. From this last mentioned point the line of demarcation shall proceed to the East along the mountains situated parallel to the Coast, as far as the point of intersection of the line of coast which is the degree of West longitude (of the same meridian) and finally from the said point of intersection of the said meridian and the line of coast, the line of the one hundred and forty-first degree in its prolongation as far as the intersection of the said line of coast with the line of the one hundred and forty-first degree of West longitude (of the same meridian) and finally from the said point of intersection of the said meridian and the line of coast, the line of the one hundred and forty-first degree in its prolongation as far as the intersection of the said line of coast with the line of the one hundred and forty-first degree of West longitude (of the same meridian) and finally from the said point of intersection of the said meridian and the line of coast, the line of the one hundred and 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Association of The Alumni Former Pupils and Teachers of High School Organize Society.

Enthusiastic Meeting Takes Up the Work and Officers Appointed.

About 50 former pupils of the High school met in the auditorium of that building last night, and assisted by the present teaching staff organized an association of the High School Alumni.

Mr. J. C. Newbury was elected the first president of the association, and a gentleman having been "senior wrangler" at the foundation of this local "Alma Mater."

On calling the meeting to order Principal Paul briefly outlined the objects sought to be gained by the organization of the Alumni, pointing out the good which must necessarily arise from a closer association between all the old pupils of the school.

Mr. J. C. Newbury was thereupon elected to the chair, and Mr. Gordon Grant was appointed secretary.

Mr. Grant, Mr. E. O. S. Schofield, Mr. E. H. Kent and Mr. E. H. Kent, former pupils, made brief speeches expressing hearty accord with the movement.

Mr. A. J. Pinedo, of the High school staff was glad to see the interest being shown in the proposed organization by the old pupils of the school.

The constitution was taken up and passed. It reads as follows: 1. The name of this society shall be "The Association of the Victoria High School Alumni."

Stocktaking sale, men's overcoat half price for cash, B. Williams & Co.

LADY GORDON LENNOX DEAD. She Had Been Ill For a Long Time.

Hon. Feb. 6.—Lady Henry Gordon Lennox, who had been seriously ill for some time past, died at her residence in this city today.

RURAL MAIL DELIVERY. Government to Be Asked to Establish It.

Toronto, Feb. 6.—The Dominion Grange has adopted a resolution asking the Government to establish a system of free rural mail delivery.

PRETENDER FOR SALE. Offered to Sultan of Morocco for a Consideration.

Paris, Feb. 6.—A despatch from Tangier says the Moorish pretender, B. Hamar, is now in the hands of the Riata tribesmen, who have offered to sell him to the Sultan, El Menech, the Sultan's minister of war, for a consideration of 100,000 francs.

LECTURE AT THEATRE. Herbert Cuthbert Speaks of the Heritage of British Columbians.

Herbert Cuthbert, secretary of the Tourist Association, delivered an interesting lecture at the Victoria theatre last evening, illustrating with 120 excellent stereoscopic views of such scenes as have made British Columbia known to the world.

Mr. Frank Higgins, in a short speech, advocated the formation of a "British Columbia Club," and made a formal motion to that effect.

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The following regimental order has been issued: The following men having been attested, will be taken on the strength from the dates hereafter mentioned.

No. 4 Co.—To be sergeant, Corp. H. J. Boorman, vice Hitchcock discharged. To be corporal, G. H. Ware, vice Boorman, promoted. To be bombardier, G. D. A. McCondon, to complete establishment.

What shrunk your woollens? Why did holes wear so soon? You used common soap. SADDLE SOAP REDUCES EXPENSE.

Business Men Talk Business.

Very Successful Meeting Yesterday Evening of Chamber of Commerce.

Great Increase in Membership Reported by the Secretary.

A very successful and well attended meeting of the newly organized Victoria Chamber of Commerce, was held last evening, and a large number of applications were received for membership from the leading and most representative retailers of the city, and numerous wholesale firms.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the applications for membership were taken up, and a large number were accepted.

Mr. George B. Carter thought it would be a wise policy to entrust every business man in the city with a committee of six, to be named as follows: Messrs. Gardner, Bagshaw, Clement, Church and Day.

Mr. Carter thought that this was a money saving matter. At the same time, it would be a means of securing the cooperation of the business men in the city.

The following committee was then appointed on transportation: The President, Messrs. J. H. Beckwith, Robt. Ross, Phil Smith, W. H. Price, Sam. Johns and Geo. Carter.

Mr. Carter thought it would be better to pay their way and be independent. Mr. Morley replied that the Board of Trade probably did the same thing in the early days.

Mr. Smith brought up the matter of the collection of a permanent exhibit, but it was considered somewhat premature to take up that matter until permanent quarters had been secured.

Mr. Morley explained that when Eastern firms were asked for a list of goods they were asked for it not because it was desired to get rid of fraudulent goods.

Boundary of Shipments.

Snowshoe Again Makes a Record of 1,500 Tons Per Week.

Sunset Will Resume Shipping Shortly—Total For Week 12,084 Tons.

Phoenix, B. C., Feb. 6.—(Special.)—The feature of this week's shipments from the Boundary mines was the Snowshoe again equalling its large record of two weeks ago, when that mine sent out 1,500 tons of coal.

Neither the Sunset nor the Emma were on the shipping list this week. The total for the week was 12,084 tons, coming from the following four mines: Granby Mines to Granby smelter, 7,480 tons.

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Mr. Fisher says his well known Ottawa composer, has been granted permission to name his new mass the "Edward VII. Coronation Mass," and to dedicate it to the Queen.

A DESERVING WORK. Progress of the Night School Established at Harmony Hall.

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The following particulars as to the standing of the various classes of the school, themselves as well as of the whole body, it can only be perfectly correct if treatment is begun in its early stages.

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We are Selling the Best Electric Belt in the World at a Price within the Reach of the Poorest Workman.

A \$20.00 BELT FOR \$5.00.

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Henry's Nurseries.

3000 WESTMINSTER ROAD. Fruit and Ornamental Trees.

Garden, Field and Flower Seeds.

Bee Hives and Supplies. M. J. Henry, Vancouver, B. C.

Largest Sale of any Dentifrice. CALVERT'S CARBOLIC TOOTH POWDER.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS. NOTICE.

BRIGHT'S DISEASE OF THE KIDNEYS. Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills.

CITY SCHOOL STATISTICS. Attendance and Relative Standing of Various Classes.

THE MOST NUTRITIOUS. EPPS'S COCOA. An admirable food, with all its natural qualities intact.

FIELD SEEDS. Just arrived an exceptional fine quality. Inspection invited.

McDowell & Rosie. Successors to W. G. DICKINSON & CO. Flour, Feed and Commission Merchants, 93 Douglas Street.

Navy League Commissioner

H. F. Wyatt Special Envoy of the League, Arrives in the City.

Will Address a Meeting of Citizens This Morning at 11.

H. F. Wyatt, the special envoy of the Navy League of Great Britain, arrived in the city yesterday evening and registered at the Grand Hotel.

His mission is to emphasize the fact that the League stands throughout the Empire for the maintenance of the navy.

Speaking of his mission, Mr. Wyatt said: "My endeavor here will be to emphasize the fact that the League stands throughout the Empire for the maintenance of the navy."

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Mining In January

Record of Transactions for First Month of New Year.

Considerable Activity Shown by Prospectors in Victoria Mining Division.

Although, as a rule, very little prospecting is done during the winter months, the records of the gold commissioner's office show that several new discoveries were made during January in the districts immediately tributary to Victoria.

The following mineral claims were recorded during the month of January, in the mining records office for the Victoria mining division:

Lenora, Gordon River, J. J. Baird. General White, Mount Richards, Fanny Griev.

Kokslah, near Kokslah River, L. N. Anderson. French, Mount Richards, David Alexander.

Bowmore, Mount Sicker, J. I. Mutter. Jessie, McDonald Lake, A. J. Engestr.

Happy-Go-Lucky, McDonald Lake, John Dabry. Jack Hamilton, Martin's Gulch, John Berryman.

Elizabeth, near Wolf Creek bridge, John Berryman. Swires, near Williams Gulch, J. W. McGregor.

Genoa, Kokslah River, Richard Regan. Duck, Shawanig Lake, Thomas and Albert Hammond.

CERTIFICATES OF WORK. The following certificates of work were granted:

Queen, Mount Sicker, A. Parker. Frank, South Saanich, W. F. Dumple. Orwell, Mount Sicker, Hugh Bell and E. M. Skinner.

Victory, Fracton, Mount Branton, L. Thompson. Yankee, Mount Sicker, L. Thompson. Deer, Shawanig Lake, Thomas Hammond.

CONVEYANCES. The following transfers and conveyances were recorded:

John Bryden to W. A. Lorimer, the Glencair, Saanich Arm. W. A. Lorimer to R. M. Lorimer, the Marmarill, Highland district.

William Lorimer, R. M. Lorimer and W. A. Lorimer to R. M. Lorimer, as a partner in the Merrivale, Waverley, Glencair, Hawthorn and Marmarill.

Harry Smith to C. H. Dickie, one-fourth interest in the Ogemian and Quamichan, and one-half interest in the Zodiac, Genuine, Aries and Leo claims, Mount Malahat.

Calvert to C. H. Dickie et al., Leo Fracton, Mount Malahat. C. M. Dobson to C. H. Dickie et al., Labra claim, Mount Malahat.

YUKON QUARTZ. What is Being Done in the Northern Mining Districts.

A despatch from Dawson says: Now that heavy snow has gradually accumulated and travel has become good in nearly all parts of the Yukon basin, news is coming in from many outlying camps from which no definite reports have been received for months.

News of energetic development and the finding of rich gold-bearing veins in the upper Stewart country, is brought by Tom Hinton, who has just returned from that section.

Several claims on Duncan, said Mr. Hinton, "are being worked, and are taking out pay dumps. Many of the properties are prized so highly by their owners that they are doing any thing to keep them from falling into the hands of the State."

Discoveries have been made on Keystone, a new stream near Duncan, flowing into a new lake, and Parent, a rich vein in the mountains, giving an encouraging showing.

Three hundred men are engaged in mining on Duncan. The late winter has been found, and dumps already are in operation. Several boilers and more machinery will be installed next summer.

Four shafts have been sunk to bedrock and many more are being put down. In the four which have reached bedrock good pay has been found, and the work being created with the pay dirt taken out, which will yield good results in the spring.

The appeal in the case of the Noble Five Mining Co. v. Last Chance Mining Co. was heard, argument concluded and judgment reserved. The case is set for trial today.

The list for today is as follows: 1. Rex Mining Co. 2. Rex Land Register Act and Lot 10. 3. Rex Land Register Act and Lot 10.

IN ADMIRALTY. In the Admiralty court yesterday morning before Mr. Justice Martin, the action by Capt. S. McKenize against the steamer Rosalie for damages to the cargo was dismissed, some time ago, was dismissed by consent, the case having been settled out of court.

But one application came before Mr. Justice Martin in Chambers yesterday morning for adjournment of claims against the W. A. Anderson Company, Ltd., in course of winding up. Frank and Eric's claim was allowed in full, the Canadian Bank of Commerce awarding \$1,548.17 on their claim, and the liquidator ordered to pass his final accounts. A. D. Croase for liquidator.

Victoria Be Organized

Steps to Be Taken to Secure Representation at Mining Convention.

An Enthusiastic Meeting Held Yesterday Evening Takes Initial Action.

A very enthusiastic and well-attended meeting of the Victoria contributors to the annual expense fund of the British Columbia Mining Association, was held yesterday evening in the office quarters of the provincial association, in the Board of Trade rooms.

The meeting was held for the purpose of representation of delegates at the big convention to be held on the 25th inst. at further meeting of the committee which was appointed to be held this evening at 8 o'clock at the same place.

Mr. Belyea explained the purpose of the meeting. He would like to see a membership of 600 in Victoria and 25 or 30 delegates at the convention. He suggested that the city be canvassed for members, and afterwards a meeting be called to elect a committee to be sent to the convention.

Mr. Ker was elected chairman of the committee to be sent to the convention. Mr. Mackenzie, referring to the subject in hand, said: "The existence in the workings of the Le Roi mine of large quantities of 'low-grade' ore has naturally forced the problem of economical recovery of values in such ores upon the attention of the proprietors."

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Threats That All the Foreigners Are to Be Murdered.

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Again It Is a Pin Bridge

Matter of the Point Ellice Bridge Contract Once More Settled.

Latest Decision Is the Outcome of Engineers Failing to Agree.

The matter of the contract for the new Point Ellice bridge has again been settled. This time a pin bridge structure has been chosen. Such was the decision of the City Council, which met in private session on Wednesday evening.

This further and last change of intention on the part of the council is due to the circumstance that the engineer in Montreal to whom the plans for the new bridge had been submitted by the B. C. Electric Railway Company suggested certain alterations in the plans which the council agreed to by Mr. H. P. Bell, the city's engineer.

There were present at the conference on Wednesday evening, besides the Mayor and Aldermen, Mr. Bell, C. T. Topp, the city engineer, and A. T. Goward representing the Tramway Company. A full discussion took place and without doubt the decision was reached to erect a pin bridge, which is to be done in order to extricate all which concerned out of the dilemma in which they found themselves by the new turn of events, and it was finally decided to revert to the original intent of the council and to decide upon selecting the plans for a pin bridge structure, as submitted by the B. C. Electric Railway Company.

The contract which was signed on behalf of the city with the above mentioned company, which was the result of the decision to erect a pin bridge, was agreed by the contracting parties that in case of any council not being agreeable any modifications suggested by the Street Railway Company's expert, that they should go back to the original plan. Six and one-half cents per pound is the price to be paid to the contractor for the material to be used in the bridge, and it is estimated that the cost of the bridge will be about \$1,000,000.

From the foregoing it will be seen that the latest decision of the council, which was a remarkable showing for a winter month.

ARE TO REDUCE SALMON PACK

Alaska Operators Decide to Curtail Output During Year 1903.

Salmon canning and selling along the Southeastern Coast of Alaska will be conducted on a reduced scale for the coming year, says the Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

A meeting of a number of the cannerymen of the coast was held yesterday in the Globe building, at which it was practically decided to close down from the present output of 100,000 cases to 75,000 cases during the coming year.

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