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DISPATCHES FROM EASTERN CANADA

FEMALE PHYSICIAN FOR TORONTO HOSPITAL

The Referendum in Ontario—Galt Police Force Has Resigned—Students For Mission Field.

Toronto, March 13.—Commissioner Vaughan Booth, of the Salvation Army, will with apocryphals, has passed his crisis.

Female Physician. The Women's College hospital executive yesterday announced that a female physician would be appointed to the staff of the general hospital.

Will Ask Increase. The employees of the Toronto railway who are now paid 15 cents, 16 2/3 cents and 18 cents an hour, according to length of service, will ask for a general rate of 20 cents an hour to come into operation about May 1st.

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Algonquin park is over run with wolves and an effort is being made to get rid of them.

Crushed His Skull. At the corner of King and Yonge streets, W. D. Blackley, manufacturer's agent, a frequent traveller in Western Canada, and a well known man, was standing on the sidewalk waiting for a car tonight.

Mission. Presbyterian Home Mission committee concluded their work on Wednesday. It was agreed to raise a James Robertson memorial fund, to be used as the general assembly may think suitable for the purpose of showing recognition of the great work done by the late superintendent to the Western field.

Winnipeg, March 13.—Hurst and his wife, found guilty at the last session of the Court of King's bench for defrauding the Hartford Insurance Company, were sentenced to two years in Stony Mountain penitentiary, and his wife 18 months in Portage la Prairie jail.

A Fort William dispatch says the man Holt, held there on suspicion of being the San Francisco murderer, has been positively identified as Kaufman, the man wanted. Officer Deids has received a telegram that officers left San Francisco to-day with the necessary papers.

Left For Nova Scotia. Montreal, March 13.—D. D. Mann, of Mackenzie & Mann, left to-night for Nova Scotia to look over the firm's railway enterprise in that section. Mr. Mann expects that if all goes well he will have about 200 miles of railway under construction in Nova Scotia and Cape Breton this summer.

Police Force Resigned. Galt, Ont., March 13.—As the result of an investigation into the burglary of William Bernhard's liquor store a fortnight ago, the whole local police force resigned, which has been accepted and goes into effect on April 15th. The police were charged with negligence of duty. One of the town's special constables, the alleged culprit, has disappeared.

Mrs. Birvett Dead. Ottawa, March 13.—Mrs. Birvett, wife of the Conservative M. P. for Ottawa, died this morning after a long illness.

Seeking Incorporation. Halifax, March 13.—A. L. Meyer, T. McKenna and R. J. Campbell, New

LIPE IMPRISONMENT.

Brophy, Who Was Principal in Saloon Hold-Up, Sentenced at Dawson.

Vancouver, March 15.—A Dawson special says: "Brophy, who was the principal in the Dominion saloon hold-up last fall, was convicted and sentenced by Justice Dugas after two days' trial, to life imprisonment. No witnesses were called for defence. The crime was clearly proven. The jury was out fifteen minutes. Harris, an accomplice, was tried without a jury. Judgment was reserved until Saturday."

COUNCILLORS HISSED.

They Opposed a Celebration of the King's Coronation.

London, March 13.—During the discussion, before the Batterssea borough council yesterday evening, of the proposal to make an appropriation for public entertainments in commemoration of the coronation of King Edward, two of the councillors, who strongly opposed a celebration of the coronation, said the King was merely a figurehead and that it did not matter to the people of Batterssea what happened to him.

The Southamptown town council a motion to appropriate the sum of £1,000 for the purpose of celebrating the King's coronation was carried by a large majority.

AN INNOVATION.

The King and Queen Will Hold Court at Buckingham Palace To-Night.

London, March 14.—King Edward and Queen Alexandra will hold the first evening court of the new reign to-night. This function will replace the drawing room and will naturally be very brilliant. The court will be held in the ball room of the Buckingham palace, and will be largely a diplomatic and official affair.

INTERNATIONAL CHESS.

Cable Match Between Great Britain and America Begun To-Day.

New York, March 14.—The seventh international cable match between Great Britain and America for the Newnes trophy was begun to-day under the auspices of the Brooklyn Chess club, the British Chess club, of London. There were ten contestants on each side, but two of the American players, Pillsbury and Marshall sat at a board in London, having gone directly to that city from New York.

LABOR DELEGATION.

To Wait on the Dominion Government on Monday.

Ottawa, March 15.—A big labor delegation will wait on the government on Monday, and will lay their claims before the administration. This is an annual affair. Messrs. Ralph Smith and Puttee will head the delegation.

TWO HUNDRED KILLED.

Another Fight in Manchuria in Which Russians Defeated Tungus.

St. Petersburg, March 13.—A dispatch received here to-day at the war office announced that another fight occurred on March 6th between Russian troops and 300 Tungus in Manchuria. Two hundred were killed, including the leader. Two Russians were wounded.

THE SOUTHERN PACIFIC.

Directors of Recently Incorporated Railway Have Elected Officers.

San Francisco, March 15.—The directors of the recently incorporated Southern Pacific Railroad Company have elected the following officers: President, E. H. Harriman; 1st vice-president, Charles H. Tweed; 2nd vice-president, J. Krutzschmidt; treasurer, T. T. Smith; assistant treasurer at New York, A. K. Vandewater; secretary, J. L. Willcutt; assistant secretary at New York, Alexander Miller. The officers are the same as those of the now defunct Southern Pacific Railway Company of California, which, with the Southern Pacific Railroad Company of Arizona, and the Southern Pacific Railroad Company of New York, were consolidated into the new corporation.

GOSSIP BY CABLE FROM METROPOLIS

SINGULAR EFFECTS OF LYDDITE SHELLS

Results of Recent Experiments—Americans Forming a New Club—Old Boat Found.

London, March 15.—The report that the Americans will shortly have a London club equal in exclusiveness and prominence to any of the leading clubs in the United States is confirmed. An influential Anglo-American committee was formed this week for the purpose of arranging all the details and getting the organization prior to the coronation of King Edward. Among the cravatmen are Lord Kintore, Suffield, Craven, Marcus Beresford, Major Sir Reginald Pole Carew and Anthony Drexel. Other prominent men, both British and American, are expected to join the organization body in the near future.

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MINERS' WAGES.

Notices Posted By Masters Announcing That Last Year's Scale Will Be Maintained.

Philadelphia, Pa., March 14.—Notices have been posted at all the lodgings of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company in the Shamokin district, and all the anthracite collieries in the Hegele-ton district, announcing a continuation of last year's wage scale. The action of the companies and the individual operators in posting the notices at this time is anticipated by the miners' convention, which will be held at Shamokin, beginning Tuesday next. The recent convention of the United Mine Workers, held in Indianapolis, decided to ask for an additional increase of ten per cent, and an eight-hour day, but since the posting of the notice it is not believed that any further concessions will be granted the miners by either the coal companies or individual operators.

BOER ENVOYS PAY VISIT TO CHICAGO

HAD MEETING WITH FORMER BRITISH M.P.

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Chicago, Ill., March 14.—One of the most daring of recent Chicago post office thefts, committed in a crowded down town street, is now engaging the attention of local postal officials. Some one by means of a duplicate key opened a mail wagon last night and extracted a registered mail sack. The contents of the pouch are estimated to be worth \$1,700. Driver Hanam, who was in charge of the wagon, went into the Rotunda to the Masonic Temple sub-station to take up a registered mail sack there. He was absent only five minutes, but when he returned he found the lock of his wagon open and the valuable sack gone.

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DARING ROBBERY.

Sack of Registered Mail Taken From Wagon on Crowded Street in Chicago.

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PURCHASING LANDS.

Nearly Half a Million Acres Will Change Hands in a Few Days.

Winnipeg, March 15.—One of the biggest real estate deals that has been consummated in the West in recent years is just about completed. It will involve the transfer of the title to nearly half a million acres of land, and it is understood, an exchange in cash of about a million and a half dollars. The purchasers of this vast area of farming land is the Dominion Land & Colonization Co., a syndicate of American capitalists, of which O. A. Robertson, of St. Paul, is the representative, and it is buying nearly all the unincorporated lands in Southwestern Manitoba. The intention of the land company is to colonize the land which will come under their control, and the promoters are sanguine that they can settle the greater part of it during the present season. They have active agents in many states of the Union, where the people are in favor of emigrating, and the reports of the men are said to give assurance of a very large influx into Canada. The American capitalists are expected in a few days to complete the deal.

READ ISLAND THAGEDY.

Indian Has Taken Possession of Card's Cabin and Barricaded Him.

Vancouver, March 14.—Word was received from Read Island that the Indian Johnnie Tacum, who shot Card and Husey last Friday, has probably killed Husey and thrown his body into the bay. The Indian has since taken possession of Card's cabin, has barricaded himself in, and has a large amount of ammunition and a good stock of provisions. The Indian has sworn in, and they will probably endeavor to burn him out. Surveys for the new power plant on Trout lake and Couquaham have been completed, and work will begin very soon.

TACUM IN CUSTODY.

Supposed Murderer Has Been Arrested and Taken to Vancouver.

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TWO LIVES LOST.

Fires Which Caused Damages Estimated at Over Quarter of Million Dollars.

New York, March 14.—A fire that destroyed the post office building at North Pelham, N. Y., to-day caused the loss of two lives and the serious injury of a third person. There were many narrow escapes.

TWO GIRLS KILLED.

Fatal Explosion in a Factory at Cleveland, Ohio.

Cleveland, Ohio, March 15.—As a result of a terrific explosion in the plant of the Fairmount Manufacturing Company, at No. 2,294 Euclid avenue, early to-day, two girl employees are dead, while five others are fatally injured. The company manufactures fire crackers, torpedoes, etc.

MINISTERIAL CRISIS.

Segasta Has Task of Forming New Spanish Cabinet.

Madrid, March 15.—The Queen Regent has recommended Senor Sagasta to form a new cabinet. On account of various threats regarding the formation of a cabinet, the ministry of war has directed the soldiers who have recently completed their terms of service to remain with the colors.

AGREEMENT REACHED.

Cleveland, Ohio, March 15.—President Newman, of the Great Lakes Downing Company, received word yesterday that the trust has come to an agreement with representatives of the Licensed Turners' Protective Association, which will enable them to begin work as soon as the officers see fit. A dispute has been on for two months over wages.

CECIL RHODES IS WEAKER.

Capetown, March 14.—Cecil Rhodes is weaker today. Otherwise there is no change in his condition.

THE POSTPONEMENT OF ROYAL VISIT

OFFICIAL STATEMENT CAUSES DISCUSSION

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London, March 13.—The official announcement yesterday of the abandonment of the proposed visit of King Edward and Queen Alexandra to Ireland, whereby the ministers assume the responsibility of an Imperial boycott, is quite unprecedented in form and caused much discussion, the general tone of which is distinctly adverse to the action of the cabinet and is interpreted as a display of petty spite and spleen. The suggestion sought to be conveyed that the decision arrived at was directly due to the outburst of sympathy of the Irish members in the House of Commons when the news of the disaster to Gen. Molesley's column was officially communicated to the House, is obviously false, as it was announced weeks ago that the visit would be postponed. There seems to be good reason to believe that their Majesties themselves all along desired to carry out the coronation visit, and though they have deferred it on the advice of the ministers they have no intention of releasing the latter from the onus of what is generally regarded as a tactless move.

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FARMERS WELCOME THE SNOW STORM

WINNIPEG IS IN THE GRIP OF A BLIZZARD

Engine Turner's Head Cut Off at Montreal—Trackmen Drawing Up of Schedule of Demands.

Winnipeg, March 15.—Winnipeg to-day and to-night is experiencing the worst blizzard and snowstorm in her history. Coming as it does after two months of almost summer-like weather, its effects are severely felt by Manitobans. No trains from any direction had reached the city up to 6 p.m. The Great Northern express is stalled near the boundary line, the Northern Pacific is six hours late, and both C. P. R. transcontinental trains are long overdue. The storm extends from Regina in the West, to Port Arthur in the East. All business was practically suspended to-day, as citizens were unable to navigate through the immense snowdrifts. Street traffic was partially kept up during the day, but entirely suspended to-night. The storm is welcomed by farmers as the ground was very dry and seeding prospects poor.

Another Party. The Free Press states that the political reform union, R. L. Richardson's third party, and the section of the Dominion Alliance, opposed to the Liquor Act referendum, are to coalesce. They are endeavoring to secure Hugh John Macdonald as leader of a joint third party, as opposed to Hon. Mr. Roblin and Mr. Greenway.

Fire at Selkirk. The Colough block at Selkirk and the Baptist church adjoining, were burned this morning. The losses and insurance are: Baptist hall, \$2,000, insurance \$500; contents, saved; Henn & Henn, \$2,500, insurance \$1,000; F. W. Cole, chemist \$2,000, insurance \$1,000; Selkirk Publishing Company \$2,000, insurance not known. The government rifles, belonging to the Rifle Association, were destroyed.

Police Magistrate. Alex. McMillen has been appointed police magistrate for Winnipeg.

Land Sales. Messrs. Oiler, Hammond and Nanton have disposed of 112,700 acres of land since the beginning of January. The average price paid for this land was over \$5 per acre, and it is situated mostly in the Northern Territories.

May Be Appointed. It is likely that Mr. Joseph Thompson, lately inspector of County courts, will be appointed to the position made vacant by the resignation of Principal Drago, of St. Paul's industrial school.

The Trackmen. Montreal, March 15.—Nearly all the members of the Canadian Pacific railway trackmen's committee have arrived in Montreal for the purpose of drawing up a schedule of demands which will be made to the company for the men.

Decapitated. Mark Jones, an engine turner, had his head severed from his body by a big door of the Grand Trunk running shed here this morning. He is supposed to have been looking out of the cab window when approaching the door.

COTTON MILL OPERATIVES. Several Manufacturers Have Offered Increased Wages and Strike May Be Averted.

Fall River, Mass., March 15.—The strike of the cotton mill operatives here will go into effect Monday as planned. The members of labor leagues met in conference this morning, but the sitting was fruitless as far as bringing peace is concerned. The manufacturers offered to bring the six per cent. advance into effect on Monday next, instead of two weeks later, but the labor representatives stood out for the full ten per cent. asked for.

Increase Offered. Fall River, Mass., March 15.—There has been a break in the ranks of the manufacturers and several mills have posted notices granting the full ten per cent. increase in wages, beginning Monday. The impression prevails that the movement will become general and that a strike will be averted.

THE KING'S HOLIDAY. Will Not Go Abroad This Year—A Cruise in British Waters.

London, March 17.—It was officially announced to-day that King Edward will not go abroad this year. He will cruise in British waters on board the Royal yacht Victoria and Albert.

CRUSHED TO DEATH. Bette, Mont., March 15.—The third fatal accident in the mines within a week occurred here last night. A fall of rock in the Albion Healey crushed Joseph Price to death instantly and seriously injured Albert Wilson.

CECIL RHODES. Capetown, March 17.—The heart symptoms of Cecil Rhodes are worse to-day and he is weaker.

COOK'S COCOON ROSE COMPOUND. Is successfully used monthly by over 20,000 Ladies. Safe, efficient, Ladies ask for your druggist for Cook's Cocoon Rose Compound. Takes no other, as all mixtures, pills and powders are dangerous. Follows: 1. 14 per cent. 2. 10 degrees stronger, 16 per cent. 3. 10 per cent. 4. 10 per cent. 5. 10 per cent. 6. 10 per cent. 7. 10 per cent. 8. 10 per cent. 9. 10 per cent. 10. 10 per cent. 11. 10 per cent. 12. 10 per cent. 13. 10 per cent. 14. 10 per cent. 15. 10 per cent. 16. 10 per cent. 17. 10 per cent. 18. 10 per cent. 19. 10 per cent. 20. 10 per cent. 21. 10 per cent. 22. 10 per cent. 23. 10 per cent. 24. 10 per cent. 25. 10 per cent. 26. 10 per cent. 27. 10 per cent. 28. 10 per cent. 29. 10 per cent. 30. 10 per cent. 31. 10 per cent. 32. 10 per cent. 33. 10 per cent. 34. 10 per cent. 35. 10 per cent. 36. 10 per cent. 37. 10 per cent. 38. 10 per cent. 39. 10 per cent. 40. 10 per cent. 41. 10 per cent. 42. 10 per cent. 43. 10 per cent. 44. 10 per cent. 45. 10 per cent. 46. 10 per cent. 47. 10 per cent. 48. 10 per cent. 49. 10 per cent. 50. 10 per cent. 51. 10 per cent. 52. 10 per cent. 53. 10 per cent. 54. 10 per cent. 55. 10 per cent. 56. 10 per cent. 57. 10 per cent. 58. 10 per 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THE ALASKAN BOUNDARY.

There was an interesting discussion in the Dominion House of Commons a week or so ago upon the relations of the United States, Great Britain and Canada. Mr. Bourassa commenced it by asking for the production of papers bearing upon certain matters in dispute, which demand was resisted by the Premier on the ground that such production would prejudice matters which were in a fair way of being settled.

It seems the government of this country has never ceased to press for a settlement of the Alaska boundary question. When it became evident that the parties to the dispute were so far apart in their positions that nothing could be accomplished by the Joint High Commission, the question was transferred to diplomatic channels, and for a comparatively long time the ponderous machinery at Westminster and London has been rolling along, without making much apparent progress.

A QUESTION OF SEATS.

Our esteemed friend, the new Minister of Mines, did not improve his position by the explanation he gave of his action in reserving seats in the ladies' gallery for members of his family. It is hardly necessary for the Times to explain in this connection that we are not fighting against the charming and attractive members of the gallant Colonel's household.

It is not true then, that Sir Wilfrid Laurier, who the Times so strongly supports, reserves seats in any gallery at Ottawa for the families of Ministers. It may be the custom there, handed down from former Tory administrations, to reserve certain seats for certain people, but Sir Wilfrid Laurier has nothing to do with it.

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We believe the facts to be (and the Colonel might as well be candid and confess) that the Minister of Mines knew perfectly well that all persons are free and equal in the galleries here; that we have all equal rights to gaze upon the Colonel's heroic figure; that Mr. Pooley (who has gained the confidence of both sides by the fairness and impartiality of his rulings), declined to put a reserve upon any part of the gallery.

POSITION OF THE MARTINITES.

Mr. Joseph Martin's utterance yesterday, we are told, "made a profound impression on the House." It did. It set the people wondering as to the next contention of that great political acrobat. He poses as the Liberal leader in British Columbia and arraigns the government of Sir Wilfrid Laurier for being in alliance with the C. P. R. to prevent the passage of such legislation as will relieve this province of the Oriental labor evil.

While dealing with this question of the position of the Martin wing of the government following, we propose to pay our respects to the liberal, broad-minded, eloquent lieutenant of the quill, the leader of the Martin wing of the government, who it is hoped to increase the number of his followers to such an extent as to command a majority in the House, it behooves him to gain the confidence of the whole province and that it would be exceedingly unwise to unnecessarily antagonize any portion of it.

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THE INTERCOLONIAL.

The Colonist thinks it may be able to direct attention from railway questions in British Columbia by pointing out that through the efforts of Mr. Tarte the Intercolonial does not pay the people of Canada dividends. The Conservatives managed it for more than eighteen years and during all that time the annual deficits of the government road were greater than they have been during the past six years.

The Times explained that it would refrain from publishing the comments of the newspapers of other British Columbia cities upon the Victoria election, because the writers of such articles cannot be in a position to understand the peculiar circumstances under which the contest took place.

It will be remembered that the C. P. R. during the general elections of 1900 threatened Mr. Blair with political extinction by putting Mr. Geo. E. Foster up against him in St. John and that it was the C. P. R. candidate that was buried.

A FORCIBLE POLICY.

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A WISCONSIN PIONEER Recommends Pe-ru-na as Being Worth its Weight in Gold.



Hon. John Paulin, Sr., a pioneer of Port Washington, Wis., is held in high esteem by the residents of that place. He is one of the oldest citizens. In an ardent letter he says:

"I have used Peruna with good results for coughs and colds. It has also cured my catarrh which always became worse when affected with a slight cold. I am recommending Peruna because it is worth its weight in gold."—JOHN PAULIN, SR.

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In all the attacks upon the government, and his one plain is that Sir Wilfrid Laurier has not been fair to Quebec—the French-Canadians received better treatment when a Premier of English extraction was at the head of affairs. In Ontario the game is to bowl about the dominant influence of Tarte.

One of Mr. Dunsmuir's organs for the creation and maintenance of sound public opinion says: "All the Ladysmith voters who went down to Victoria came back delighted with the result of the election. Ladysmith contributed an important share to that result."

It is understood the government is now preparing "a policy" with which to hypnotize the electors of North Victoria. The "boodle sack" is quite capacious, but it could not endure a draft like that made upon it in the case of Victoria more than once a month.

The effect of the recent big storm in England, which practically severed all telegraphic communication between the southern and northern portions of that country, has been to revive agitation for the completion of an underground service to all the great centres.

In the northern part of Peru, in what is otherwise an arid desert, the celebrated "rain tree" grows. This species, Betula virens, though not large or of much commercial value, is a veritable South American wonder, having the extraordinary property of condensing what little moisture there is in the atmosphere so as to cause a continual mist to exude (seemingly) from its leaves and branches.

Mr. Hibbert Tupper is supposed to represent Pictou, N. S., in the Dominion House of Commons. But the government of the country is in such good and reliable hands now that Pictou does not need a representative.

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Mr. Gilmour—By the look of the streets you would think half of it was.

Mr. A. Howell, Marietta, Ga., writes: "I have been troubled with catarrh of head, throat and stomach for several years, and from accounts that I have read in several newspapers of the good effects of this medicine, I bought a bottle, and whose remedy could not be doubted, caused me to give it a trial, and I bless the day that I did make a trial. It has made a new man of me."

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REDISTRIBUTION OF THE PROVINCE

A KNOTTY QUESTION FOR THE GOVERNMENT

Divergent Views Must Be Considered—Number of Members to Be Increased.

Hon. Mr. Eberle has given notice of the introduction of a redistribution measure on Monday. It is not probable that the bill will be ready by that date, since there are almost as many different opinions as there are members in the House regarding this important question.

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Press Gallery, March 13th. To-morrow the government case will be heard. That much is assured from the fact that the Attorney-General himself moved the adjournment of the debate on the address in reply to the Speech from the Throne. His reply will likely comprise the government's complete answer to the arguments of the opposition. It is not at all likely that any of the other members of the treasury benches will undertake that duty. It is quiet possible that the opposition will be heard from after the minister has spoken, as there yet remain Messrs. Green and Neill who have not yet taken part in the debate. Both of these gentlemen are quite able to take up the cudgels for their party, and able as the Attorney-General is in debate, he cannot afford to take any big risks with such members open for reply.

Messrs. Martin and McInnes may also have something to say. It is almost impossible to believe that either of them will miss the opportunity afforded by the final of the debate to pass unimpaired.

To-day's proceedings included a larger number of speeches than have been delivered in an afternoon since the opening of the present session. The half dozen members who took part spoke briefly, and without a single exception, well. The only question which has already been so thoroughly threshed out, they took up what might be regarded as the minor issues, and elucidated these with care to the satisfaction and profit to the House. Agriculture and mining came in for the most attention, and suggestions were advanced in respect to each of these industries for the guidance of the ministers in charge of the respective portfolios.

Speaker's Ruling. The Speaker having ruled Mr. McBride's motion to adjourn out of order, as not being brought up at the proper time, he delivered the following ruling for the guidance of the House on the debate on the address:

The practice of dealing with the reply to the King's Speech has varied in recent years, and it is not clear that a definite practice laid down. I therefore suggest to your honorable body that the following practice should be adopted on consideration of the reply to the Speech:

The Speech should be dealt with as a whole. Any member who has only spoken to an amendment may speak to the main question, and to any further amendment that may be proposed.

After an amendment to any paragraph of the reply has been put to the House, no amendment can be made to a previous paragraph.

Any member who has spoken to an amendment only may (if he has not moved or seconded a previous amendment) speak to the main question, move an amendment.

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an assurance of connection between Nanaimo and Alberni. The Premier had suggested a line through to some point north of Nanaimo, but he hoped he did not know them, as he had subsequently stated, that he was under contract to sell all his railway holdings in the Island. Any further measure for railway development would have his hearty support. (Applause.)

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Amendment Withdrawn. The leader of the opposition said in view of the Premier's promise to bring down a redistribution bill this week he would withdraw this amendment regarding redistribution. This was granted.

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20. The ordinary daily routine business in the House shall be as follows: Presenting petitions. Reading and receiving petitions. Presenting reports by standing and select committees. Questions put by members. Motions.

The order of business for the consideration of the House shall be as follows: Monday and Tuesday—Public bills and orders. Private bills. Public bills and orders. Wednesday—Private bills. Public bills and orders. Thursday—Public bills in the hands of private members. Public bills and orders. Private bills. Friday—Public bills and orders. Private bills.

The Attorney-General, who moved the adjournment of the debate yesterday, left the chamber when that order of business was reached, the question was about to be put when Mr. Neill rose. He referred to the election of the Speaker, and paid a warm tribute to the former and other gentlemen that gentleman had presided over the more often acrimonious debates of the House.

He regretted that the conference with the Dominion government had been held before the date of the next meeting. At that conference the disposal of minerals on the Indian reserves and the boundaries of those reserves would come up, but he would deal with those matters at another time.

Regarding agriculture, it was not in the flourishing condition on this Island referred to in the address. He expressed regret that the services of the commission to secure lower freight rates on the C. P. R. had not been available for the Island, also where his services were required very much. To improve the position of the agricultural settlements on the West Coast, steamboats should be subsidized.

Turning to redistribution, he commended the line outlined by the Premier in his manifesto, in which he promised to consider other data than the census returns, and had referred to it as a measure of first importance. The government was putting itself in the weak position of admitting that it had anticipated a speedy defeat, or they had been coerced into bringing down now, to the detriment of necessary business, a measure which, by the end of the term, by changes of population would be practically useless.

In June, 1900, North Nanaimo had its regular voting strength; three months afterwards the town of Wellington had passed out of existence, thus changing the voting strength of that constituency very materially. His own district in two years, through industrial development, would have a much larger population.

In regard to immigration, he availed himself of the opportunity to stimulate it. He warned the government, however, that the root of the evil lay in the colonies of settlers that to individual settlers. This would work an injustice.

He recommended the introduction of improved machinery, such as stamping machines, but warning that they were cleared in a day and a half. This was of more importance even than cheap powder. Such a logging outfit would cost less than \$1,500, and he recommended the purchase of such a machine and hiring it out at a small rental to farmers.

He believed Mr. Turner was sincere in his attempt to supply cheap powder to the farmers, but warning that it was an insult to the farmer. The department sent out circulars that the farmers should send their orders accompanied by the cash, and who a carload was obtainable it would be sent in the businesslike proposition was naturally not taken up, and he was not surprised that orders for only \$310 had been received. The district of the carload was used five or six times that amount. Even the road foremen of the government bought from local dealers. Let the government buy the carload lots and store them with the officials in the districts, who would sell to the consumer.

In regard to the construction of hospitals in the districts, he recommended that the government put up 75 per cent of the cost and the people 25 per cent, and let the sum be administered by a hospital board.

In regard to railways, the Canadian Northern terms had been submitted to the House. The payment of \$2,000,000 and 10,000,000 acres of land was contemplated. He entirely disapproved of it. Let the government devote that sum to the improvement of the country. The government would get in return for that outlay a small direct revenue in taxes and a large indirect revenue from the influx of population which acted and reacted upon all branches of industry. The country would have to be opened up by the government sooner or later. He instanced a parallel case where a tanner might offer to construct a large tannery in return for a cash bonus and a large acreage there. Population might follow, but was not the wisest way to induce settlers and cattle raisers on the Island, and then the tannery would come as a matter of course.

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the whole British fleet. Two years ago a smaller act Crofton would have been scouted, yet they had one there today. He urged the government to perform an act of statesmanship by inaugurating a vigorous policy on the West Coast. (Applause.)

Mr. Green. Mr. Green complimented the mover and seconder considering the leanness of that House on the motion of the Speaker. Regarding redistribution, a bill had been promised early this week. The bill was still not forthcoming. It was a disgrace that there was no bill before 1898, and they would also have had one before 1900 had it not been for the senior member for Vancouver.

Mr. Martin—How about your leader? Mr. Green—My leader didn't sign a bill and then break his promise at the last moment. Mr. Martin—I did not either. Mr. Green—Well, I think I have seen the document. It is in the possession of a member of the House. Mr. Martin—I said I would support it, provided there was no gross gerrymandering of the constituencies, as afterwards took place.

It was important, said Mr. Green, to have a Redistribution bill passed, because the government might at any time go to pieces and an appeal be made to the country. He charged the government with remissness in its duty in failing to do something to help the mining industry. If mining did not make British Columbia great, agriculture would not. The industry had increased 65 per cent, but had not been for political turmoil for the last few years. That increase would be 100 per cent. He had moved for the establishment of smelters and refineries. The government should take a step to aid the mining industry.

The absence of any reference to the disallowance of the Oriental legislation of last year was also alluded to. This province should be the home of white gold, and the legislature could not go to the aid of the way of restricting Mongolian immigration.

He had supported the railway legislation of last year. He regretted to see the government depart from that rule in the Canadian Northern contract. He had before then an agreement, but the government had refused the accompanying data. He asked the government for data after refusing the same information.

Considering, Mr. Green alluded to the negotiations through Mr. Greenfields, which showed the government was unfit to care for an affair for the country. (Applause.)

correspondence between the government, or any member thereof, and any person, and of all reports with regard to the employment of provincial special constables on the line of the Canadian Pacific railway during the trackmen's strike in the months of June and July, 1901.

He called the attention of the House to the anomalous position of the government in connection with that strike. He thought that the government was possibly master of the circumstances and recalled the men when he learned the true position. Special constables were placed practically to do the work of striking trackmen. The resources of the province were thus enlisted on behalf of the C. P. R. against the trackmen. The latter were striking for higher wages and for recognition of them as a union. The House was entitled to know why the injustice was worked by the province. The instructions to the constables were practically to do the work of the trackmen. There was no indication of any attempt by the trackmen to break the peace. The constables were not to keep the peace, but to keep the road bed and to report on its condition. He read a report of one of these constables, which had been picked up on the line, and which proved his contention. His object in moving for the correspondence was to find out who was responsible for the instructions to these constables.

The Attorney-General replied that the government had no idea the men were to do track work, and instantly recalled the men when they were informed that they were doing so.

Mr. Gilmour corroborated Mr. Murphy's statement and said he hoped that the government were not responsible for it.

The leader of the opposition paid a compliment to the orderly character of the trackmen of the C. P. R. At the time he was Minister of Mines and when it came to his knowledge he brought it to the Attorney-General's attention, that gentleman had taken instant steps to recall the men.

Mr. Curtis said the men thought that the feeling along the railway was that the government was strongly biased in interfering on behalf of the C. P. R. against the men. If the government did so he would not be surprised, for there was every indication that the government worked with the C. P. R. that the ball was knocked back and forward between them. The charge had been frequently made.

The Attorney-General—By whom? By you?

Mr. Curtis—Yes, by me.

The Attorney-General—Well, the House knows that a charge made by you amounts to nothing.

Cries of "Oh, oh!"

Mr. Curtis—Well, if so, why do you dodge the charge? You will see if you will permit me to make a charge on Monday. (Hear, hear.)

He moved that an additional statement be given of the Premier's visit to the province for the services of special constables.

The amendment and the resolution both passed and the Premier moved that the House adjourn until Monday.

Mr. Martin suggested a small committee to revise the rules of the House. The rules of the English House being made applicable to the House when no local rule existed was altogether unworkable.

The Attorney-General said the government intended to do this last session but had been prevented owing to pressure of business. They hoped to do so this session.

Mr. Curtis suggested that the rules of the Commons, instead of the English House, should be applied when the local rules did not apply.

The House then rose.

Local News.

CLEANING UP CITY AND DISTRICTS IN CONDENSED FORM.

(From Friday's Daily.)

A telephone from Hotel Mount Sicker to Westhome is about completed. The work is under the management of Wm. Johnston. The line belongs to Lenora Mount Sicker, Coyne & Company, and they intend to connect with the long distance telephone at Westhome.

The collector of votes holds a Court of Revision on Monday, May 5th, to revise the voters' list. Already over 350 new applications have been received for registration, and more are being received every day. Applications must be made to the collector's hands by Saturday, April 19th, for all new names to be placed on the list at the May revision.

A letter from Nome, written on December 14th, says that up to that date the coldest winter had reached 25 degrees below zero, but on the date of writing it was quite mild, and an early spring was anticipated. The market was well supplied with everything except eggs, which found ready sale at \$1 per dozen. All other articles were selling quite reasonable. The letter says the health of the community was good.

The special committee of the school board, consisting of Trustees Jay, Boggs, Drey, appointed to look into the proposal to segregate the Chinese school children, in company with a deputation from the Trades and Labor Council, this morning interviewed the minister and superintendent of education. After some discussion the deputation was requested to submit its views in writing to the board of education and a reply would be given.

No. 21, W. D., Royal Garrison Artillery, commenced their annual musketry course at Clover Point rifle range this morning. The course consists of each man firing ten rounds at 200 yards and 500 yards. The very early date at which this course is now being held is accounted for by the fact that they were unable to complete it last year. Later on in the season they will take the musketry course for 1902. It seems scarcely possible that the men of the R. G. A. should be expected to make themselves efficient shots on an average of 20 rounds per man per annum.

A. W. Vowell, superintendent of Indian affairs, returned last evening from an official visit to the Kamloops and Vernon agencies. There is nothing new to report from those districts. Regarding the trouble at Fort George, he said today that the administration of justice was in the hands of the provincial authorities and he understood that special constables were sent in from Quesnel to apprehend the offenders. When travel becomes easier the Indian agent will probably go in from Clinton to advise the Indians in the vicinity of Fort George to pay greater respect to the majesty of the law.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

Work on preparing the offices in the market building for occupancy by the Victoria general railway officials is proceeding rapidly and another week will see it completed. The offices will be satisfactorily equipped, the walls will be papered, and everything will be tip-top.

James Noble died this morning at his residence, Hillside avenue. Deceased was 87 years of age and a native of the Isle of Wight. He leaves no relations in Victoria, but has a nephew residing in Seattle. The funeral will take place on Monday from the parlors of W. J. Hanna, and the funeral services will be conducted by Rev. W. H. Barna-clough.

(From Monday's Daily.)

A big excursion of lumbermen will leave Minneapolis on June 3rd for the Pacific coast. The itinerary includes all important points from San Francisco to Victoria, which latter city will be reached about June 28th.

The delegation from the Associated Boards of Trade of Eastern British Columbia will arrive in the city this evening and will probably interview the government to-morrow.

Preparations are being made for the District Sunday School convention to be held in Calvary Baptist church on the 22nd and 23rd of April. Owing to the removal of the president, A. B. McNeill, to Vancouver, William Barnard has been asked to preside over the meetings.

The school board is much perturbed by the small average attendance of the children, being only 70 per school. There should be 10 per cent, more, and unless this average can be achieved the provincial government grant, every cent of which is needed, will be \$1,000 less than it should be for the year.

As expected, when the news reached the head offices of the finding of salmon cases on Arlabie Island bearing the mark "D. T. H. Skeena river," and corresponding with a brand of a shipment on the ship Red Rock, the anxiety concerning that vessel has increased. Re-insurance has advanced from 15 to 20 per cent.

In answer to the representations made by the loggers' deputation who, on Saturday, asked the government to repeal the imposing an export duty on logs, the government refused to interfere with the act. The lumbermen also discussed the bill for the scaling of logs. Its various clauses were fully considered and the deputation left on Sunday morning's boat for the Mainland.

ago, remaining about eight years. His gallant services at the front earned his promotion to a lieutenancy in the regiment.

The death occurred yesterday afternoon at the family residence, Admiral road, of Thomas Drake, deceased was a native of Lawrence Law, Scotland, and 65 years of age. He came to Victoria in 1863, and has been a resident of Esquimalt ever since, working in the employ of the navy as cooper for over 30 years. He was well known in fraternal circles, being a member of No. 1 lodge, I. O. O. F., Victoria lodge, No. 11, and O. U. W., and the Masonic order. The funeral will take place from the late residence, Admiral road, on Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, and from the Masonic hall, Douglas street, at 3 o'clock.

A very important meeting of the Victoria Gun Club is to be held in Weller's building, Government street, on Wednesday night, the 20th inst. The object of introducing the Mauga trap which is now recognized as the most modern for shooting purposes. Another question to be discussed is the offer of the militia department to provide an rifle corps formed under certain rules and with a membership of forty or more members with free rifles and ammunition. The offer, if it is accepted, was made with the object of encouraging expertness with the rifle, and it is probable that the club may see its way clear to organize a rifle club here.

A resident of the outer part of Fourth street had a little exciting escapade on Saturday night. His two sons, who came home late, discovered burglars in the stable. In the attempt to be attracted to the building by a light, and when they proceeded to investigate two robbers took flight. The men had taken down some new harness, and were in the act of providing themselves when disturbed. They took to their heels when molested, but not without a warning. One of the sons took a crack at them with a shot gun, and might have maimed one had it not been so dark.

A meeting of the foundry men of the province is being held at the Victoria hotel this afternoon, for the purpose of discussing the amalgamation of the various foundry interests of the province. Among those present are B. H. Seabrook of the Alton Iron Works, Victoria; Geo. A. Walker, of the Vancouver Engineering Works, Vancouver; J. Moore, K. Letson, of Letson & Burleigh, Vancouver, and Henry Shanks, of Peter Shanks Machine Works, Victoria. It is understood that some of the foundry men refused to join the proposed amalgamation.

CANNERY COMBINE BEING ORGANIZED ATTEMPT BEING MADE TO FORM BIG TRUST

One of the biggest combines in British Columbia is now on the tapis. An attempt is being made to form a cannery trust, which it is hoped will include all the canneries of the province. The company will have a capitalization of \$4,000,000. It will have as its most salient object the better regulation of the salmon markets, the management of the industry on an economical basis and controlling of the labor interests on altogether more satisfactory lines than have existed for the last few years.

Details of the organization are being negotiated with Eastern capitalists, and are said to be well advanced. A week or so ago Henry Doyle, one of the principal promoters, was in the city interviewing the different local employers on the proposition, and is understood to have met with every encouragement; in fact already sufficient support has been obtained to make the deal a certainty.

It is stated that thirty-five of the canneries of the Fraser river, some of them the best plants operated in the province, have guaranteed to enter the combine, and have either signed the agreement or are willing to do so when the business details are completed with the Eastern people. The owner of the combine, who is the province will, however, be enlisted if possible, so that when under one management all concerns found not to not pay can be closed down, while the capacity of the larger and most profitable ones can be increased if necessary. A few of the larger canneries of the province are alleged to be averse to the scheme, but the recalcitrant ones are on the Mainland, and so far as known those in Victoria are favorable.

At the present time, cannermen say that the success of the Alaska Packers' Association is largely due to the fact that they have practically unlimited capital, and that the canneries being under one control have come to be operated on a perfect system and that there is no unnecessary expenditure.

It is asserted that even with only thirty-five canneries in the local combine to begin with, the chances of successful operation, with a large capital of three or four million dollars, are much more probable than the operation with a limited capital, which is now naturally incumbent upon many of the smaller canneries. Of course the greater number of those consenting to enter the association cannot be given. Should all agree to the arrangement, it is not probable that within one year any one canner will ever become the centre of the industry or that there would ever be any great migration of cannermen down here from the Fraser. As a company they would be in a position to regulate the supply according to the demand, and to better insist on reasonable prices for the product made by them.

The headquarters of the association will probably be located at Vancouver.

A BIG DEFICIT SHOWN BY RETURN

OVER HALF A MILLION AT END OF YEAR

Financial Return Brought Down by Minister of Finance—An Opposition Dinner.

A return brought down by Hon. J. D. Prentice, in response to a motion made by Cape Tallow, shows that on December 31, 1901, there was a deficit of nearly \$600,000. That deficit has now nearly increased so that it now nearly reaches the million dollar mark. To the table given below Mr. Prentice adds an explanatory note to the effect that the per capita grant as shown at \$39,269.20 is on a basis of 98,173 population. The census returns for 1901 show an increase in population of 7,049, which would give per capita grant for the half-year ending 31st December, 1901, of \$70,908.80, but as the difference was not paid into the treasury until February 1st, 1902, the amount appearing as a portion of revenue receipts at the date of this return.

The abstract of the revenue and expenditure of the province for the six months ending December 31st is given below:

Dominion of Canada—	
Half-yearly payment of interest	14,575 53
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Half-yearly payment of grant	42,225 00
Per capita (on 98,173)	39,269 20
Half-yearly payment for lands	50,000 00
Land sales	42,225 00
Land revenue	23,406 00
Survey fees	583 05
Rents, exclusive of land	104 25
Land revenue	24,615 10
Timber royalty and license	58,079 30
Free miners' certificates	11,357 24
Mining receipts, general	81,518 72
Mineral royalties	34,336 70
Fines and fees	8,739 80
Probate fees	4,342 18
Succession duty	48,736 83
Land stamps	5,855 65
Patent fees	34,336 70
Sale of government property	507 75
Marriage licenses	3,120 00
Revenue tax	58,436 00
Real property tax	11,551 07
Personal property tax	8,357 08
Wild land tax	4,329 04
Income tax	9,453 44
For further consideration	44,216 70
Royalty and tax on coal	34,408 76
Revenue service refunds	2 00
Printing offices	6,406 27
Printing expenses (all denominations)	28 20
Bureau of mines	438 25
Hospital for the insane	6,523 27
Prisonal Home	1,835 14
Rehabilitation in aid	1,542 10
Chinese Restriction (Act 1884)	40,512 50
Douglasdon Receipts	4,922 83
Miscellaneous Receipts	674,245 19

Public Debt—

Sinking fund	140,960 18
Premium and exchange	41,044 94
Civil government (salaries)	113,190 78
Amalgamated (salaries)	51,029 08
Legislation	57 90
Public Institutions—	
Government House	2,960 55
Bureau of mines	2,808 01
Hospital for the insane	22,018 21
Museum	1,882 27
Prisonal Home	5,331 70
Hospitals and charities	38,726 43
Administration of justice (other than salaries)	47,593 62
Prison (for 5 months)	118,190 87
Chinese Restriction	11,432 98
Revenue	7,489 31
Public Works—	
Works and buildings	74,194 44
Government House	2,309 67
Roads, streets, bridges and wharves	505,333 25
Surveys	14,727 21
Miscellaneous	90,153 62
	\$1,325,009 93

As was stated in the Times on Saturday the Redistribution bill will not be brought into the House until the next session. It is now stated that the views in the House have not been sufficiently cemented to enable the government to introduce a measure that will be acceptable to the majority of the House. It is now stated that the government will be forced to increase the membership beyond 42 or 43 in order to satisfy the representatives of the existing sparsely populated districts, and at the same time give the districts that have rapidly increased in population adequate representation.

Richard McBride, leader of the opposition, was host at a delightful dinner given to the members of the opposition, Smith Curtis, M. P., E. V. Bodwell, K. G., and T. W. Patterson at the Strand on Saturday evening. The speeches were of a high order. All present expressed their strong belief that the interests of the province could be best served by a united opposition to the present government.

CHAMBERLAIN'S NOTES.

(Special Correspondence of the Times.)

The American ship Charles E. Moady, now loading at the Victoria Lumber Co's mills for Adelaide, will complete her cargo by the middle of next week.

The following vessels have been chartered to load at Chemainus during this summer: Ostara, Sonoma; King Cyrus, Star of Bengal; Antiquo, India, Antonetta, George Thompson, Etna, Lake Lenan and Juan Marano.

Mrs. B. H. Jones, who has been matron of the Chemainus General hospital since its erection some years ago, has severed her connection with that institution, and will leave soon after the first of April.

ONE FACE IS BETTER THAN TEN HEADS.

ASK DOCTOR BURGESS, Supt. Hospital for the Insane, Montreal, where he used to live for years, for his opinion of the "P. & L. Mental Plaster." Get the genuine made by Dr. J. Lawrence Co., Ltd.

LEGAL INTELLIGENCE.

Mr. Justice Drake presided in Chambers this morning, when the following applications were disposed of:

Neil et al vs. New Vancouver Coal Mining & Land Co.—H. D. Helmecken, K. C., on behalf of the defendants, asked that the defendants have two months further time within which to deliver their statement of defence, on the ground that the head office of the company being in England it would be necessary to send there for instructions. On behalf of the plaintiffs, L. Bond asked that further time, if granted, should run from the date of delivery of the statement of defence. His Lordship granted two months further time, commencing on to-day.

Atkinson & Berkeley vs. B. C. Electric Railway Co., Ltd.—G. H. Barnard, for the defendant company, moved for an order to rescind the order adding C. M. Berkeley as plaintiff in the action. The main grounds on which his motion was based were that under the section of the criminal code which prescribes the manner in which a penalty shall be served, only the party or several persons who originally commence an action have a right to sue; and further, that a penalty, not being a chose in action, is not assignable. His Lordship refused to grant the order, but the agreement by which Atkinson assigned his right to the half of any penalty recovered, together with the right to control the conduct of the action, to Berkeley, is characteristic, and one capable of being assigned, quoting numerous cases in support of this contention. After a lengthy argument on the point had taken place, His Lordship reserved his decision.

The case of Boyle vs. Victoria-Yukon Trading Co., Ltd., is fixed for trial on Monday morning at 11 o'clock.

Monday, the 24th inst., and not Monday next, as stated in yesterday's Times, is the date for election of Benchers of the Law Society. Voting papers must be in the secretary's hands before the 24th inst.

The following applications were made in Chambers this morning before Mr. Justice Drake:

Dunsmuir et al vs. Colonist Printing & Publishing Co., et al—A. P. Luxton, on behalf of the defendants, asked that a special sitting of the Full court be arranged to hear the appeal of the defendants against the judgment of His Lordship granting an injunction against the board of directors of the Colonist.

P. Peters, K. C., appeared for the plaintiffs. It was intimated that there was a desire on the part of both parties to treat His Lordship's order as a final one, an appeal from which could finally settle all matters in controversy. But as the defendants wish to put in some further material, the application was adjourned for further consideration.

Re Tribune Association, Limited, (in liquidation)—A. C. White, of Eberts & Taylor, applied for leave to proceed with the winding up. It was directed that the district registrar at Nelson hold a meeting of creditors in Nelson on April 4th, to appoint an official liquidator, such meeting to be advertised for one week in Nelson papers.

Re Nell Infants—T. M. Miller applied for appointment of a guardian of infants, to receive infants' shares of insurance moneys. Wm. Nell was appointed guardian, he to furnish security in double the amount of infants' shares.

Neil et al vs. New Vancouver Coal Mining & Land Co., Ltd.—His Lordship delivered judgment on the summons to dismiss the action, argued before him on Wednesday last. The summons was dismissed, with costs to the plaintiffs in the case.

Re Canadian Bank of Commerce, and re Victoria Official Map Act—Leave was granted to file a map in the land registry office. S. Child, of Drake, Jackson & Helmecken, for the motion.

According to the provisions of the Land Professions Act, the annual election of Benchers of the Law society takes place on Monday next. All voting papers must be in the secretary's hands before that date.

County Court.

Bancroft vs. Bancroft—The trial of this action was concluded before Mr. Justice Drake yesterday. The plaintiff succeeded on some issues, the defendant on others, and it was ordered that certain accounts be taken. F. Bennett for plaintiff, G. H. Barnard for defendant.

Andrews vs. B. C. Cold Storage Co., Ltd.—This action was also tried yesterday's sitting. Judgment being given for the defendants, H. B. Robertson for plaintiff, W. P. Goble for defendants.

Full Court.

A special sitting of the Full court has been fixed for Friday next, the 21st inst., to hear the appeal in the Grand Forks & Kettle River Railway Company vs. Victoria, Vancouver & Eastern Railway & Navigation Co., and Yale Hotel Co. vs. the same defendants. Any other matters requiring the attention of the Full court may be brought on at the same time.

The case of Boyle vs. Victoria-Yukon Trading Co. was called for trial in the Supreme court before Mr. Justice Drake this morning. The action is brought on judgment recovered against the defendant company in the Yukon territorial court. P. Peters, K. C., and W. M. Greig appeared for the plaintiff, L. P. Deane, K. C., for defendants. Mr. Peters having given notice of his intention to tender an exemplification of the Yukon judgment as evidence. Mr. Deane said the objection that "reasonable notice" of same required by the Evidence Act had not been given. His Lordship sustained the objection, and ordered the trial adjourned until April 4th, to permit of defendants receiving instructions from Dawson. It was found, however, that Mr. Carson, a member of the defendant company, had been subpoenaed by the plaintiff, but is obliged to leave for the North tomorrow, and cannot return before June, and under the circumstances it was decided to proceed with the trial this afternoon, "sine pro- tunc," as of April 4th.

Chambers.

Mr. Justice Drake presided in Chambers and disposed of the following matters:

Re Victoria Official Map Act, and Lot 32a,

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DATES OF SPRING COURTS OF ASSIZE

OFFICIAL NOTICES IN CURRENT GAZETTE

List of License Commissioners for Province Gazetted—Companies Incorporated—Other Matters.

The Official Gazette published last evening contains the appointment of the following license commissioners: Victoria—F. W. Vincent, alderman; Alexander G. McCann, alderman; Kaslo—David Jackson Young, alderman; Neil E. Mackay, alderman; Phoenix—Daniel G. Munro, alderman; W. R. Williams, J. P.; Cumberland—J. E. Culnan, alderman; A. H. Peacey, alderman; Slokan—Donald D. Robertson, alderman; George Nicol, alderman; Vernon—R. W. Timmons, alderman; W. F. Cameron, alderman; Kamloops—James A. Gill, alderman; John R. Michell, alderman; Nanaimo—Morgan Harris, alderman; Gilbert McKinnell, alderman; New Westminster—P. Venables, alderman; Ernest Spraggett, J. P.; Greenwood—John G. Canfield, alderman; Charles Joseph McArthur, alderman; Sandon—Thomas Brown, alderman; A. B. Docksteader, alderman; Trail—J. P. Byers, alderman; R. M. Perdue, alderman; Revelstoke—J. McLeod, alderman; Robert Gordon, alderman; The following appointments are also gazetted: James Ross, of Shuswap, to be a justice of the peace in and for the province of British Columbia.

John T. Williams, of the city of Vancouver, to be a stipendiary magistrate in and for the province of Vancouver; Edward James Palmer and James S. Gibson, of Chemainus, to be members of the board of trustees of the Chemainus General Hospital for the year 1902; Albert Edward Bolton, of Port Simpson, M. D., J. P. and Osborne Morris, of the city of Vernon, M. D., to be medical health officers; George A. B. Hall, of the city of Nelson, M. D., to be a medical health officer in and for the Nelson mining division; Messrs. R. J. Skinner, J. R. Martin, John Murray and Charles J. McArthur, have been appointed officers of the lands and works department, with full power to carry out the provisions of the Land Act relating to the collection of royalty upon timber, cordwood and other wood, including the power to seize, detain and sell timber, and to cut and other wood upon which the royalties imposed by law have not been paid to the Crown.

The following new companies have been incorporated: B. C. Transvaal Company, capital \$15,000, to carry on a general livery and teaming business; Bascoe Mines, Ltd., capital \$10,000; Challinck Creamery Association, shares \$10 each, number authorized, 100; Placer Company, Ltd., capital \$30,000, in \$30 shares, to acquire the assets of the Rock Creek Placer Mining Company, Ltd., and to pay for them in shares of the new company; Slokan Co-operative Association, Ltd., to conduct general mercantile business; William Hickey Canning Company, Ltd., capital \$10,000.

The spring Courts of Assize will be held throughout the province as follows: City of Victoria, 6th May, 1902. Civil and criminal. City of Nelson, 6th May, 1902. Civil and criminal. City of Kamloops, 6th May, 1902. Civil and criminal. City of Rossland, 13th May, 1902. Civil and criminal. City of Vernon, 13th May, 1902. Civil and criminal. City of Nanaimo, 13th May, 1902. Civil and criminal. City of New Westminster, 13th May, 1902. Civil and criminal. City of Revelstoke, 19th May, 1902. Civil and criminal. City of Greenwood, 19th May, 1902. Civil and criminal. Town of Golden, 23rd May, 1902. Civil and criminal. City of Vancouver, 27th May, 1902. Civil and criminal. Town of Clinton, 30th May, 1902. Civil and criminal.

The list of certificates issued by Inspector Tolmie under the Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act, is published for general information. Scowles Bros. & Co., of Vancouver, have assigned. Creditors of the Athabasca gold mine are required to send their claims to R. E. Tisdale, of Vancouver, the liquidator, before April 14th.

The Ivy Leaf Lignor Company, Ltd., will apply for an order-in-council to change its name to the F. E. Hose Company, Ltd.

Persons having claims against the estate of A. J. Hopkins, deceased, late of Victoria, are required to send them before April 15th to Messrs. Harvey, McArthur & Winkham, of Revelstoke, solicitors for the administrator.

A list of dentists authorized to practice in this province is gazetted. There are sixty-four of them, ten of whom are not resident within the province.

Capetown, March 15.—Cool Rhodes at this hour is in a critical condition. His condition was very critical. The attending physicians frequently had recourse to oxygen. The patient's continued loss of strength causes great anxiety.

The physicians are in constant cable communication with the London heart specialist who attended Mr. Rhodes last year.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE VICTORIA LACROSSE CLUB

The annual meeting of the Victoria Lacrosse Club will be held on Tuesday evening, March 25th, to reorganize for the coming season. Officers will be elected for the year and the financial statement submitted. It will show that all accounts of the club for 1900 and 1901 have been settled, and there is a small surplus on hand. The club will thus start out on another year in the most satisfactory financial condition.

The annual meeting of the British Columbia Lacrosse Association will be held in this city on the second Saturday in April. Officers will be elected and reports submitted. Victoria is entitled to the presidency this year. Vancouver having had it last year and New Westminster the previous twelve months. The present president is D. A. Smith, of the Terminal City. There are excellent prospects for the coming year. The Royal City will have her usual share and the reunion between the Y. M. C. A. and the Vancouver team having been settled they will also be in a position to play a formidable team.

Victoria will have nearly the same aggregation as last year, with the addition of a few new players who are now residing in the city. Among them are Fred White, the well-known stick bander, while Stanley Pelee, late of New Westminster, may play.

HEARING OF JOHNSON CASE THIS MORNING

Charged With Refusing to Sign His Name When Required by Returning Officer.

The case of John James, charged with attempting to impersonate James Friday, deceased, at the recent bye-election, was called in the police court this morning. The accused was represented by Counsel J. E. Walls, who also defended John Johnson, who is charged under another section of the act.

The prosecution was in the hands of H. McKenzie Cleland, J. H. Lawson, Jr., and E. A. Powell. The information was amended to the effect that the accused had applied for a ballot in the name of James Friday, deceased. Mr. Walls objected to this amendment, contending that it amounted to a charge of perjury, but as it was allowed by the magistrate, he pressed for an adjournment. This was granted, and the case went over until tomorrow morning.

The other case, that of John Johnson, who is charged under section 177 of the act with refusing to sign his name when called upon to do so, was proceeded with. The hearing of this case was long drawn out, the court not rising till about 1:30.

Mr. Siddall, election clerk, was the only witness examined. His evidence in brief was to the effect that he noticed the accused wandering around in a suspicious manner, and from conversation received and his own observation determined to investigate. He, therefore, took him to the returning officer's office, and in the presence of the returning officer, asked him to sign his name in the book for the purpose. This Johnson refused to do, and witness did it for him. When witness asked him if he had a ballot paper on him, two of the three handed him a card. He believed one of the two was Johnson, but was not sure. He had destroyed the card, as he had destroyed others which contained instructions other than those officially given. He had, however, an exact duplicate of it with him.

A protracted argument ensued between counsel as to the admission of the card, and finally it was not declared admissible, the witness not having examined it closely in comparison with the card destroyed.

The prosecution were permitted to question the witness as to his recollection of what was on the card. While unable to swear positively as to the contents of the card, the witness said to the best of his recollection it contained the names of both candidates with the cross placed opposite that of Col. Prier.

During the course of his evidence Mr. Siddall explained that he was not appearing for either side, but as a public official.

He was cross-examined at length by Mr. Walls regarding the refusal of the accused to sign his name in the book. Counsel for the defence urged a number of objections, among them being the fact that the returning officer had not laid the information, that it was not laid at the instigation of the returning officer, and that the witness had not produced his instructions as election clerk.

Judgment was reserved. In regard to the card produced by Mr. Siddall, which was declared inadmissible as evidence, it might be noted that a very decided cross appeared opposite Col. Prier's name.

J. E. Gilmore, a member of the Standard Camera, Skown river, has returned from an extended trip to California. While in the city he is making his headquarters at the Victoria hotel.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, \$39.00; First Presbyterian Church, 12.50; Congregational Church, 4.25; Central Methodist Church, 11.50; Victoria West Methodist Church, 2.50. "We hope to be in possession of subscriptions from churches not yet reported at an early date. Some imagine that as so much has been done, there remains little more to do, but when you remember that even in our own favored Canada our collectors every month find persons, and even whole families, without a copy of God's Word, then take into consideration the number of foreigners who are continually coming here who do not possess the Bible, we must give them God's Word in their own language. Respectfully submitted, ARTHUR LEE, Secy.-Treas.

ANNUAL MEETING OF BIBLE SOCIETY

ENCOURAGING REPORT OF LAST YEAR'S WORK

Officers Were Elected and a Resolution of Gratitude Passed Unanimously.

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AT PRIVATE MEETING ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Committee Waits on Mr. Greenfields and the Government and Suggests Modifications.

A meeting of Victoria business men was held in the board of trade rooms on Wednesday evening. The meeting was called at the instance of the Victoria Wholesale Association for the purpose of discussing the Canada Northern option and making such representations to Mr. Greenfields and the government as might be considered wise in the interests of the city and the province. S. J. Pitts was voted to the chair, and among those present were Frank Richards, L. Goodacre, H. Smith, Henry Young, M. Young, S. Leiser, M. Lenz, L. G. McQuade, James Mitchell, H. J. Scott, G. A. Kirk, Stephen Jones, Gus Hartnagel, A. B. Fraser, sr., Capt. William Grant, L. Crease, J. Thompson and T. W. Paterson.

Mr. Todd said that no reporters were present, and that all were free to express their views regarding the contract. He and Messrs. McQuade and Musnie stated that they had not in any way endorsed it. Their joint letter which had been published was so worded that it contained no endorsement of the contract.

In answer to a question from Mr. Paterson, Mr. Todd stated that the contract was not signed by Mackenzie or Mann, or by the Canadian Northern, but by the Edmonton & Yukon Railway Company, of which William Mackenzie is chairman. Clause 18 of the contract was changed to make construction conditional upon Dominion government aid.

Several of those present discussed the contract, and suggested amendments in the interests of the city and the province. Messrs. Todd, McQuade, Pitts, Munroe, Thompson and Mayor Hayward were appointed a committee to interview Mr. Greenfields and the government. Mr. Greenfields received the delegation yesterday morning. He seemed anxious to meet the committee half way, and intimated that they were prepared to make such changes in the contract as would meet the views of the business men of Victoria.

The committee then saw the members of the government, told of their interview with Mr. Greenfields, and suggested certain modifications of the contract. The Wednesday night's meeting was not unanimous by any means. Several of those present intimated that they were dealing with a good sized gold brick, and that the purpose for which it had been introduced having been accomplished, it was useless discussing the matter further.

Mr. Paterson did not know why he had been asked to be present. He said he appeared to be alone among a group of Col. Prier's supporters, and possibly any remarks he might wish to make would not be received in the proper spirit. He did not think that the Canada Northern would prove the boon they expected. Just as soon as the road was constructed the northern trade would be diverted from Victoria to Butte Inlet, Quatsno or parts of our own coast, and the Canadian Northern would fix its ocean terminus.

The meeting was the topic of conversation on the streets yesterday. The fact that the newspapers were not notified of the meeting was criticized by prominent business men. It was pointed out that the public generally were interested in the matter of the railway contract, and that any meeting of the kind was a matter of public concern. It was suggested that the primary object of the meeting was to get a larger representation of business men to assume responsibility for the course adopted by Messrs. Todd, Musnie and McQuade. They became sponsors for the contract, and their opinion was widely circulated by means of flaring posters during the campaign. Now that the election is over and their object accomplished they repudiate any endorsement of the contract. The letter, while carefully worded, was exhibited by Col. Prier's supporters as an endorsement from responsible business men.

It is said that the promoters of the contract had another object in view. Members like Messrs. Helmeck and McPhillips should, in the opinion of some, support the contract, whether good or bad, and it was thought that if the business men could be organized in favor of the contract and if certain modifications could be secured, sufficient pressure could be brought to bear on the reluctant members to induce them to vote for the contract. This, in the opinion of supporters of the Dunsmuir government, would be a good thing for Victoria, and incidentally for the Dunsmuir government.

D. Sheppard, who represents the Pacific Improvement Company, the majority shareholders in the E. & N. Railway Company, arrived from San Francisco last evening and to-day was busy with the Premier, Mr. Greenfields and other members of the government. The transfer of the E. & N. to the interests represented by Mackenzie & Mann was considered, but whether any progress was made in the negotiations could not be ascertained. Mr. Greenfields believes that they will be in a position to make a definite statement to-morrow.

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