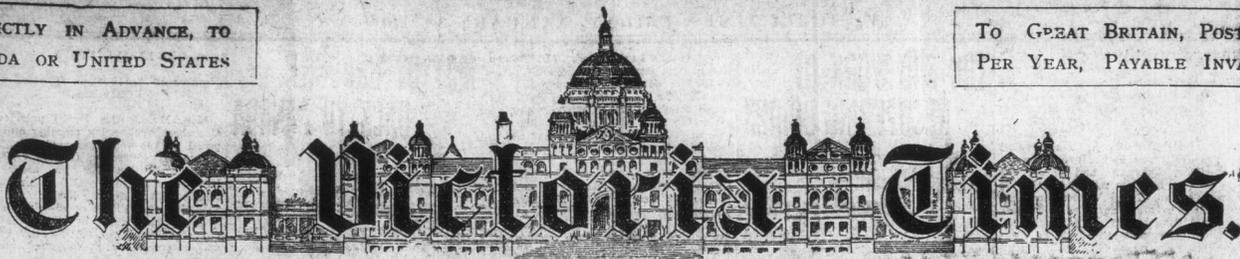


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MAGISTRATE'S JUDGMENT IN TORONTO CASES

Man Died Suddenly While on Way to Church—Winnipeg Strike Declared Off.

Toronto, Jan. 26.—Magistrate Kingdon this afternoon delivered judgment on the case against A. Campbell, proprietor of the Grand Union hotel, charged with violating the Lord's Day Act, by selling newspapers and a box of cigars on January 4th. Campbell was found guilty, fined \$5, and will be supported in an appeal by other hotelkeepers. News Agent McSweeney, of the Inquirer, was also fined \$5 for a similar offence.

Sudden Death.
John Templeman, 40 years old, a resident of this city, dropped dead yesterday morning while on his way to Erskine Presbyterian church.

Smallpox.
There are sixteen cases of smallpox reported on the Tyndinaga Indian reserve near Deseronto; nine cases are reported from St. Thomas, four at Enns, and one at Peterboro. These last were all traced from St. Thomas.

New Station.
The C. P. R. will tear down the North Toronto station and build a handsome new one at Toronto Junction.

Ask For Duty.
Montreal, Jan. 26.—A deputation of pulp manufacturers waited on Premier Parent this morning and urged that the Quebec government place an export duty on pulp wood. The Premier took the matter into consideration.

Nominations.
Banff, N. W. T., Jan. 26.—At Canmore today Dr. Richardson, of Canmore, and C. W. Fisher, merchant, of Canmore, Alberta, were nominated to represent Banff in the Northwest Territories assembly. Both are supporters of the Haultain government.

Mourning as Dead.
Winnipeg, Jan. 26.—After a silence of sixteen years, during which his relatives mourned him as dead, Mrs. John Cameron, of this city, on Saturday received word that her brother, Mr. Fred Pearson, was alive and well in Arizona.

Woman Injured.
Workmen while cleaning a large window sash in the top story window of the Canada Life block today let it slip to the street below. Mr. Parker, wife of a railway engineer, was struck by the window and received very serious injuries about the head.

Robbed Employer.
George Ham, charged with robbing his employer, Donald Munroe, of Spring Hill, has been sentenced to four years in the penitentiary.

Veteran Mail Clerk Dead.
John G. Moore, a veteran railway mail clerk of the West, died today, the result of an apopleptic fit sustained several weeks ago. Deceased, who was 87 years of age, was a relative of Sir Mackenzie Bowell and a former resident of Belleville, where he was connected with the Belleville Intelligence.

Strike Over.
The strike of the United Brotherhood of Railway Employees against the Canadian Northern Railway company, which has been since last August officially declared off to-night, and all Brotherhood men are free to return to their situations at once should they so desire. Wages and salaries slightly in advance of those presented last year by the men will be accepted by the company.

PELLEE AGAIN ACTIVE.
Broke Out While a Number of Excursionists Were at St. Pierre.

Gastries, Island of St. Lucia, B. W. I., Jan. 26.—The royal mail steamer Pellee, with 400 excursionists to St. Pierre, Island of Martinique, on Saturday and returned here today. She reports that while at St. Pierre at 5 o'clock in the afternoon Mont Pellee erupted. At the time there were over 200 people ashore, and great alarm was felt for their safety. Volunteers from among the passengers who had remained aboard assisted the crews of the ship's boats in listening to the rescue. After forty minutes of excitement the passengers were brought back safely to the ship. Apparently about 800 feet of the slope of the volcano has been blown away. Dense clouds of smoke passed three-quarters of a mile from the E.K.

BOLLER EXPLOSION.
Anniston, Ala., Jan. 28.—A boiler in the Supt. Car and Foundry plant exploded today, killing six persons instantly and injuring several.

VENEZUELA'S OFFER

Of Guarantees Provisionally Accepted by Great Britain and Germany.
Washington, Jan. 26.—The Associated Press has been informed that Minister Bowen, acting for Venezuela, in return for the raising of the blockade, pledges 30 per cent. of the receipts of Porto Cabello and LaGuayra, the same to be collected by a joint commission, or made up of one representative from each power having claims against Venezuela. There is no information in Washington to justify the positive statement contained in a Caracas dispatch that the Venezuelan blockade will be raised Wednesday.

Berlin, Jan. 26.—The report that Germany and Great Britain have provisionally accepted the guarantee submitted by Mr. Bowen for the payment of claims received for arbitration is confirmed here. The guarantee offered is a portion of the customs receipts of La Guayra, and perhaps of several other ports. The proposition was first made to Great Britain, which provisionally accepted it, and then to Germany, which accepted.

A question which is being considered is whether the allies shall establish an international commission for receiving the customs, or whether some neutral agent shall be appointed receiver. If the latter course is decided upon, it is believed that some United States authority will be chosen, perhaps Mr. Bowen. The proposal contemplates dividing the allies' claims into three grades, and that each be treated separately and in proportion to their validity. It is still believed here that all the matters in dispute will be satisfactorily arranged at Washington, without resorting to The Hague arbitration court. Only a portion of the Venezuelan revenues will be available for the payment of the claims, because of the large part already hypothecated as security for foreign loans. The German foreign office is very hopeful of an early settlement and of the raising of the blockade, without much further delay.

A lively exchange of telegrams occurred between Germany and Great Britain on Saturday before the acceptance of Mr. Bowen's proposition. It is explained that Great Britain's acceptance was forwarded to Washington, first because Mr. Bowen submitted his proposal to Ambassador Herbert before seeing Count Quadt, the German charge d'affaires. Italy's attitude is to accept any arrangement agreeable to Great Britain and Germany. So soon as the guarantee for the payment of the first grade claims is disposed of, the negotiations for the settlement of the remainder will proceed with each power independently. The alliance between Great Britain and Germany may be considered to have been definitely ended, so consequent raising of the blockade occurs. The German cruisers Vineta and Falke left Curacao on Friday, and therefore the navy department is not in communication with Commodore Schreiber; but it is understood the German naval agent at Curacao will be kept advised of the progress of the peace negotiations.

LONDON COMMENTS

On the Signing of the Treaty to Settle Boundary Dispute.

London, Jan. 25.—The signature of the Anglo-American treaty to settle the Alaskan disputes at Washington on Saturday has given great satisfaction to the English press, on the ground that it furnishes, at a critical moment, a Venezuelan trouble, an undoubted proof of the interested friendliness existing between Great Britain and the United States. This is the point which is elaborated in all the editorials on the subject, almost to the exclusion of discussion of the merits of the arbitration court. Little doubt is entertained here that the United States Senate will accept the treaty, and that the commission will ultimately meet in London, but regret is expressed that no provision has been made for the appointment of an umpire, because in the event of the commission being equally divided in opinion, it is said, the controversy will be very little nearer a settlement.

One paper thinks that in this event, the dispute would be referred to The Hague tribunal. It is hoped, however, that the publication of the text of the treaty may show a more favorable prospect of the commission arriving at a compromise, thus settling a long-standing dispute of which, it is admitted, a settlement is imperative if international friction is to be avoided.

The Times rejoices at the constitution of the proposed commission, which, it says, implies a high degree of confidence on each side in the equity and friendliness of the other side. The same comment, with an addition, but which comes virtually an arbitration court.

Furniture Store Destroyed.
Grandview, Man., Jan. 27.—Fire last night destroyed J. J. Maher's furniture store. The loss is estimated at \$4,000; insurance, \$1,000 in the North British & Mercantile and \$500 in the Canadian fire. The waterworks system was saved, as well as the surrounding buildings by citizens by hard work.

Lake Freight Rates.
Chicago, Jan. 28.—Freight representatives at the Lake carrying lines and the railroads met here yesterday to discuss rates and determine upon divisions of revenue. It was generally understood that last year's basis of division, which is upon mileage in some cases and upon gross tonnage in others, will be maintained during the season of 1903.

FIFTY-TWO INSANE PATIENTS PERISHED

BURNED TO DEATH IN FIRE AT ASYLUM

Inmates Became Panic Stricken and the Work of Rescue Was Most Difficult.

London, Jan. 27.—Fifty-two insane patients were burned to death by a fire at the Colney Hatch asylum this morning. The outbreak occurred in the Jewish wing. The flames spread with great rapidity, and before they could be got under control, five wooden buildings, including dormitories, and the doctor's apartments, were gutted.

All the efforts of the officials were directed to removing the insane inmates, but the latter became wild with excitement, and so panic stricken that only a few were able to help themselves, but greatly impeding the operations of those trying to save them. There were nearly 600 women in the burned annex at the time fire was discovered, which were uninjured. There were some, however, escaped, and are still at large.

The work of searching the ruins continues. The officials admit that about 50 bodies have been recovered, but it is feared that the full extent of the disaster is not yet known. All the victims were lunatics. Their charred remains presented a horrifying spectacle. The asylum was beset by anxious relatives or friends of the parties who arrived from all quarters. Pitiable scenes were witnessed as weeping men and women left the premises after ascertaining that relatives or friends had perished in the flames.

The nurses had a terrible experience trying to assist the insane people, who were so panic-stricken that they had literally to be driven to a place of safety. The ignominious premises almost immediately became a furnace. Nothing was left standing. The corrugated iron roofs of the dormitories, and the bedsteads of the patients, were melted by the intense heat. Some of the inmates were burned while in bed, and the charred remains of others were found huddled together in corners, while groups of partially consumed bodies on the site of the corridors showed that many persons lost their lives and sacrificed those of others in their frantic efforts to force a passage through the flames to the main building. The latest estimate of the superintendent of the asylum places the number of deaths at 52. All the victims were women.

Narrow Escape.

Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 27.—Benjamin Hart, a member in the employ of J. Hopwood, scavenger, while at work unloading garbage at the crematory yesterday afternoon slipped and fell head foremost into the furnace when it was at white heat, and miraculously escaped a most horrible death. Hart was unloading garbage at the mouth of the crematory furnace from his wagon. The matter was frozen and he took his pickaxe to tear it asunder. He was endeavoring to drag a large piece, which contained a quantity of old carpet. The carpet was rotten, and when he took a final extra effort to shove it into the furnace, slipping, falling head-first into the furnace, taking his pickaxe with him. Fortunately he had already unloaded a portion of his load, and there were at the time the carcasses of two dead horses in the furnace, or Hart would have been instantly consumed. Hart at once shrieked for assistance, and Peterson, the caretaker, succeeded in rescuing Hart, who was burned about the face and head, but will recover.

Warehouse Destroyed.
Armagh, Ireland, Jan. 25.—A great fire broke out here today and spread so rapidly that the local fire brigade was unable to cope with it, and assistance had to be sent for from Belfast, 35 miles distant. Ten of the largest warehouses and shops in the centre of the town were destroyed, the damage being estimated at \$300,000. The trade of the town is paralyzed by this destruction. The timely removal of a quantity of dynamite from one of the doomed stores averted a worse disaster.

Sudden Death of Caretaker at a Mine Near Alberni.
Alberni, Jan. 28.—Geo. Smith, caretaker of the Duke of York mine, was found dead on Monday by J. Condon, an engineer, who was coming down from the Golden Eagle mine. An inquest was held yesterday. From the evidence produced it appears that deceased came to New Alberni for supplies on Thursday, the 16th inst., leaving for home the same afternoon, with a small pack which was found on the bank alongside the road about 20 yards from the body. Smith had been suffering from indigestion and asthma, and succumbed to heart failure when within a few hundred yards of his house. A verdict of death from natural causes was returned.

SIXTEEN MISSING.
British Steamer Sunk and Part of the Crew May Have Been Drowned.

London, Jan. 27.—The British steamer Grafico, from Glasgow for Buenos Ayres, was sunk off Ramsey Island today. Six of her crew were saved by a lifeboat, one man lost his life and sixteen are missing.

BLACKLISTED OFFICIAL

Appointed to Important Position by the Chinese Government—The Powers Have Protested.

Pekin, Jan. 26.—Hu Lien Sun, governor of Hunan, one of the officials black-listed by the powers after the Boxer troubles, on account of the complicity in the massacre of missionaries, has been appointed governor of Shan Si. The Chinese government to observe the agreement to dismiss him from office, but now the United States, British and French ministers are sending a note to the government saying that considering the former and recent missionary murders in his territory under his jurisdiction, it is not wise to send him to a province where the missionary interests are exceedingly important.

PRINCE FOUND DEAD.

Body Discovered in Park—His Rifle Was Lying Nearby.

Nordhausen, Prussia, Jan. 27.—Prince Wolfgang Zu Stolberg-Stolberg was found shot dead early this morning in the park of his castle at Rotteleroede. His rifle was nearby, but it is not known whether he was murdered or accidentally shot himself. The Prince's father died a few days ago.

REPORTED PURCHASE BY GRAND TRUNK OF MACKENZIE & MANN'S RAILWAY INTERESTS

Lines Already Constructed Would Form Part of Road to the Pacific Coast.

Montreal, Jan. 27.—It is stated here that the Grand Trunk has purchased Messrs. Mackenzie & Mann's railway interests for \$15,000,000 and purpose to utilize the partially constructed lines in the Grand Trunk Pacific scheme. Mr. R. S. Logan, of the Grand Trunk, says he has not heard of the deal. Mr. Mackenzie, of Mann & Mackenzie, sailed for England on Saturday with it, is said, all the papers affecting the deal for signature in London.

From quarters friendly to Messrs. Mackenzie & Mann news came today that the sum agreed upon is about \$6,500,000 over and above the entire cost of construction up to the present time. The total outlay, according to the same authority, will be in the neighborhood of \$18,000,000, and Mr. Mackenzie carries the most minute financial details to England so that the deal already agreed upon can be consummated with little or no difficulty after he reaches London.

FIGHT WITH ROBBERS.

Four Men Got Away With \$3,000—Vault Broken Open.

Waterloo, Neb., Jan. 27.—Four men robbed the Citizens' Bank of Waterloo early today and escaped with \$3,000 in cash after exchanging shots with citizens attracted to the scene by the explosion. A dozen citizens appeared on the scene after the alarm, and opened fire on the robbers. The fire was returned, one of the robbers on guard shouting to the citizens that they had come there to rob the bank and intended to do it. Another fusillade was exchanged, but nobody was hurt.

Another Robbery.
Steeleville, Ill., Jan. 27.—Robbers blew open the vault of the Bank of Steeleville early today and secured \$3,000, which they escaped.

BRITISH SQUADRONS.
Three Cruisers to Be Added to the North American and West Indies Stations.

Kingston, Jamaica, Jan. 27.—The British admiralty has decided to strengthen the North American and West Indies stations by the addition of three cruisers, with an additional admiral. The squadron will be divided into two parts, Northern and Southern, the latter having its base here.

SENTENCE COMMUTED.
Col. Arthur Lynch Gets Penal Servitude For Life.

London, Jan. 27.—The sentence of death passed upon Col. Arthur Lynch, who was found guilty of high treason on Friday last, has been commuted to penal servitude for life.

ST. PIERRE DISASTER.
Paris, Jan. 28.—The Chamber of Deputies today voted \$1,400,000 to defray the expenses of the relief work following the volcanic disaster in May last in the Island of Martinique, and passed a by-law pensioning the widows and orphans of the officials killed at the time of the catastrophe. Count Boni de Castellane made his first appearance since his re-election, and was heartily felicitated.

HON. MR. EBERTS DID THE TALKING

FISHERIES ALONE DISCUSSED YESTERDAY

The Province Wants Entire Control and Is Also in Favor of Traps.

Ottawa, Jan. 27.—The interview of the British Columbia delegation with the Dominion ministers yesterday was confined to the fisheries question. Attorney-General Eberts did all the talking. The province wanted the entire control of the fisheries. It also wants traps used. The fisheries are said to want traps and the provincial government favors this. Hon. Mr. Eberts said that the fishermen were opposed to the proposal, but they would in time be satisfied. The province also asked for the refund of something like one million dollars which was said to be overpaid to the Dominion since Confederation in connection with the fisheries. One of the Dominion ministers thought that Mr. Eberts's argument, if correct, was in favor of returning this money to those from whom it was collected, and not to give it to the local government. No reply was made to this. The delegation will meet the Dominion ministers on Thursday on another matter.

Provincial Premiers.
All the provincial premiers of the Dominion waited on members of the Dominion government this afternoon and presented resolutions in favor of increasing subsidies to the provinces, and also certain grants for the increase of legislation and government. The resolutions were presented by Premier Ross, and supported by Premier Parent of Quebec.

On this matter all the provinces are united. There are a number of other questions which the different provinces concerned will take up with the Dominion government separately. In the Dominion subsidies is based on a resolution passed at the Quebec conference—Reason For Change.

New South Wales has dropped from the preferential tariff. This is an account of its being merged into the Commonwealth.

DARING TRAIN ROBBERY.

Silver Bars Valued at Thirty Thousand Dollars Stolen—One of the Robbers Shot.

Alamogordo, N. M., Jan. 28.—Somewhere between this place and El Paso, Texas, a United States bonded car, in transit from the El Paso smelter to Chicago, loaded with 600 bars of silver bullion, has been entered by robbers and eighty of the bars stolen.

At Jarilla Junction the broken seal was discovered and an investigation revealed three Mexicans in the car. When an attempt was made to eject them they pulled knives and a lively fight took place, in which the crew were victorious and drove away the robbers. At Dog Canyon, Sheriff Hunter saw three Mexicans who took to the brush. A call to halt was answered by a fusillade. A running fight ensued, and Hunter shot a bullion, has been entered by robbers and eighty of the bars stolen.

Officials are of the opinion that the bonded car was entered just outside El Paso by robbers who threw the bars out of the car to be gathered up by confederates. The value of the missing bullion is estimated at \$30,000.

TORONTO ITEMS.
Andrew Carnegie's Library Offer—The Temperance Question.

Toronto, Ont., Jan. 27.—The Toronto public library board is in receipt of an offer of \$350,000 from Andrew Carnegie for erecting a new public library in this city. The application was made to Mr. Carnegie by James Bein, the librarian. The board received a reply from Mr. Carnegie's trustees offering \$350,000, \$275,000 of which is to be used for the erection of a main building and \$25,000 each for three branches. The only condition attached to the grant is that the city shall furnish a site and shall guarantee an expenditure for maintenance to the amount of \$25,000 per annum.

Premier Ross, it is understood in government circles, has decided to act on the mandate of 190,000 odd electors who supported the Liquor Act in the recent referendum vote, and will introduce some drastic measures of temperance. The receipts of the Methodist church for missions during the past year amounted to \$306,429 or \$38,107 less than the previous year. The required amount was \$310,000, consequently foreign missionaries will only receive 70 per cent. of their salaries.

FIGHT BETWEEN KAFFIRS.
Durban, Natal, Jan. 28.—Serious factional fighting between Kaffirs has occurred in the Umzimto district, 25 miles from here. It is reported that forty of the natives were killed.

CASTRO'S OFFER.

Doubts Expressed as to Whether Thirty Per Cent. of Customs Receipts is Adequate.

Berlin, Jan. 27.—President Castro's offer of thirty per cent. of the customs receipts of La Guayra and Porto Cabello, as a guarantee for the payment of foreign claims, is regarded in official circles here as evidence of the sincerity of his intention to make a satisfactory settlement. As the offer, however, includes the claims of other countries besides those taking part in the blockade, some doubt is expressed as to whether thirty per cent. is adequate. A discussion is now proceeding to determine this point. It is also uncertain whether the allies will admit that powers which did not join in the blockade shall share in the results the former secured through extensive naval operations.

German Statement.
London, Jan. 27.—The following statement was authorized by the German embassy here:

"There is not the slightest truth in the reports of friction or misunderstanding between England and Germany in regard to Venezuela. Both governments continue in perfect harmony and will simultaneously withdraw the blockade at the earliest possible moment. It is to be regretted that the House of Commons is not in session as a question in the House doubtless would reveal the perfect understanding which exists between the two countries. There has been no disapproval of any kind expressed by the British government regarding Germany's conduct of affairs in connection with Venezuela. No date has yet been settled upon for raising the blockade, but it will cease just as soon as the representatives of the powers reach a final agreement with Mr. Bowen. The feeling is expressed in the press here, and reflected in the cable dispatches from New York, that England finds the German alliance embarrassing in no way confirmed by the government's attitude."

STRATHCONA'S SPEECH.

Canada's Ability to Supply Britain With Wheat—The Atlantic Service.

Montreal, Jan. 27.—The Star's London cable says: "Lord Strathcona was a guest of Major E. G. Edward Leckie and officers of the Mounted Rifles at dinner at the Cafe Royal last night and received an enthusiastic welcome. He said that dreadful though the war in South Africa has been, it has demonstrated that British children looked on themselves as British in the best sense of the word regarding the dignity and interests of the Empire as in their keeping. There must always be mistakes and Britain has made great mistakes from which Canada suffered. That was due to ignorance, not to the desire to do Canada an injury. Alike in Canada as in other colonies, no government could resist an appeal to maintain the Empire. Happily for Britain, Canada would be able to produce every pound of wheat needed to keep this country from starving in time of war. He hoped soon to see the Atlantic passage reduced by an Anglo-Canadian service to four days. The Canadian footballers were present. Mr. Farrel, speaking on their behalf, said they had come to England more or less as a pioneer team to learn the game. They were getting their own back a little now, and regarded it as a good omen that they had won the first match they played in the capital of the Empire."

"Archer Baker, European traffic manager of the Canadian Pacific railway, joins the Board of the Imperial Food Supplies Company, Limited. It is suggested that the appointment indicates great purchases in Canada, which the new Canadian Pacific freight service is designed to serve, in supplying Canadian products to British markets. The food company is establishing a good organization with special agencies in all the leading cities of England, Scotland and Wales."

FAST MAIL ROUTE.
Dublin Paper Claims Authority for Statement That Dominion Government Will Institute Service.

New York, Jan. 27.—The Irish Times claims, according to the London correspondent of the Tribune, to have the most excellent authority for stating that the Canadian government is about to determine to institute a fast steamship service as soon as possible, by which mails can be landed at Vancouver within eight days from London. The Dominion authorities have not yet fixed a port of call on this side of the Atlantic, and Ireland is pushing the claims of Black-rod-Bay, which is nearer Halifax than any other port in the United Kingdom.

STOLEN GOLD AND BONDS.
Report That Large Amount Taken From Bank Has Been Recovered.

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 27.—Representatives of the Bank of Union, Mo., which was recently robbed, continued their search of the Rudolph home yesterday and last night. It was reported that nearly \$110,000 of stolen bonds and securities have been found. It was also reported that in a cistern, from which \$800 was taken Sunday, \$6,000 more in gold had been recovered. The bank representatives decline to confirm the reports.

REGENT APPOINTED.
Crown Prince Gustaf Is Temporarily Ruling Norway and Sweden.

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MORMAN SENATOR.
Resolutions Passed at San Francisco Protesting Against His Acceptance.

San Francisco, Jan. 27.—The ministers of the Christian churches here have passed resolutions, protesting against the acceptance of a Mormon apostle as a United Senator from Utah.

THE COMMISSION OF ARBITRATION

IMPORTANT STEP TOWARDS SETTLEMENT

Treaty Regarded as Due to the Persistent Efforts of Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

Montreal, Jan. 27.—A special cable to the star from London says: "General satisfaction is expressed over the news of the Alaska treaty and Canada's action in assenting to arbitration on the United States line. It is recognized as a concession in the interests of Anglo-American accord."

"The Times correspondent at Washington attributes the present agreement to Sir Wilfrid Laurier's personal persistence, he fearing a rush of miners into the disputed territory and consequent disturbances. "It is hoped Canada will appoint the strongest possible members on the commission, and not merely an ornamental member as on recent similar bodies. Lord Alverston, who, as Richard Webster kept so tight a grip on Canada's case in the Behring Sea arbitration, will probably be one of the British commissioners. The name of Sir Louis Davies is also suggested."

Hon. J. T. Burke, discussing the agreement between Great Britain and the United States with reference to the Alaskan boundary, said: "The whole question to my mind is what does the treaty say with reference to Skagway and Dyea? The news from Washington is to the effect that the American government is ready to enter into negotiations for the conclusion of a treaty which would cover an exchange of the natural products of the two countries. The people of the United States realize the growing sentiment in Canada in favor of higher protection. They know we are good customers of theirs, and how they want a trade treaty. I know that already, but was not at liberty to say so. "You remember that our representatives refused to continue further the negotiations of the joint high commission because the Americans would not make a fair agreement regarding the Alaskan boundary. They demanded that no arbitration should deprive them of Dyea and Skagway, which was to be in other colonies, to them everything in advance. Now, if there is to be a trade treaty, the Alaskan boundary matter must first be put in the way of settlement."

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FLAMES ADDED HORROR TO SCENE

ANOTHER TERRIBLE RAILWAY COLLISION

A Number of Passengers Were Caught in Wreckage and Burned to Death.

New York, Jan. 27.—One of the most appalling railroad wrecks that has occurred in the vicinity of New York for many years, the estimated loss of life ranging from 12 to 30, took place last night at Graceland, on the Central railroad, near Jersey, near Westfield, N. J., when the Royal Blue Line ploughed at full speed into the rear end of a full train, immediately causing the crash of three of the shattered cars of a local train took fire, rendering impossible the rescue of many of the wounded who were pinned fast in the wreck. Many bodies were believed to have been consumed. On board the flyer all the passengers, although badly shaken up, escaped uninjured, save for trifling bruises.

The local train left New York at 3:45, and runs express to Bound Brook, making stops at Elizabeth, Westfield and Plainfield, beyond Bound Brook it runs as a local. The Royal Blue train left 15 minutes later, but travels at a higher rate of speed, and makes no stops except at Elizabeth, and is scheduled to overtake the slower train just beyond Graceland, where the latter switches from track 3 to track 4 to permit the Royal Blue to pass. This evening a freight train was blocked up on track 4 and the local received orders to proceed on the express track to Dunellen, and there take the outside or No. 4 track.

Shortly after receiving the train had to stop for a hot box, which delayed it so that when it got under way again it was due at Dunellen. The train had just started, and was moving when the Royal Blue traveled appeared at full speed, which at that point usually approaches 65 miles an hour, crashed into the rear end. The heavy engine of the Royal Blue tore its way into the rear car, and at the same time drove the forward end of that car into the rear of the car ahead, and this was driven into the fourth car from the rear. The fourth car was partly wrecked, but the last three were torn to pieces. The engine of the Royal Blue left the rails and turned over on its side, the engineer and fireman sticking to their posts and going down with the wreck, and they are now in the Muhlenberg hospital at Plainfield, and the engineer is not believed to have a chance of living more than a few hours.

The total increase in the provincial subsidies as demanded by the provinces would amount to \$2,150,822. But this amount under the present arrangement the Dominion has got to pay under the increase in census in Manitoba, British Columbia and New Brunswick, sums amounting in all to \$1,132,824, so that the total increase is about two million dollars.

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LEGAL NEWS.

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BANK OF ENGLAND RATE. (Associated Press.) London, Jan. 29.—The Bank of England's rate of discount was unchanged to-day at 4 per cent.

MANY COMPANIES ARE INCORPORATED

NOTICES APPEAR IN OFFICIAL GAZETTE

The Appointments Made by the Government of the Province During the Week.

The Provincial Gazette for this week will contain notice of the following appointments: W. T. Kerwin, M. D., of Port Simpson, to be Justice of the peace. J. R. Forbes, to be stipendiary magistrate for the county of Kootenay; collector of provincial revenues and revenue tax and registrar under Marriage Act for Fernie electoral district; deputy for Fernie electoral district; deputy mining recorder for Fernie district; of Fort Steele mining division; coroner, etc. There will also be given notice to importers of nursery stock that advice has been received from the Dominion department of agriculture that the time for the importation of nursery stock from those countries to which the San Jose Scale Act applies, viz., United States, Japan and Australia, has been extended one month from 15th of October to 15th of April instead of 15th of March.

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The Court of Revision for the district of North Vancouver will sit in Vancouver on February 25th.

Notice is given that marriage registers and marriage certificate forms will be sent without charge to all officiating clergymen in the province upon application to the King's printer.

The schooner was driven high on the beach about half-past five this morning. Were it not for the injuries she has received it is believed the Sadie could easily be floated off at high tide. These, however, are said to be considerable.

Another report is to the effect that the schooner is not so seriously injured as was at first thought. She will, it is said, be floated this afternoon and brought round for repairs.

It is believed that the captain was attempting to run into Esquimalt harbor to avoid the severity of the storm. The wind, however, proved too strong, and drove him upon the beach.

A committee has been appointed in line with the resolution adopted at today's meeting of those interested in the building of a railway to the coast and the Island. The committee consists of the following: Mayor McLess, C. H. Lugin, H. D. Helm, M. P. P. A. E. McPhillips, M. Dr. G. L. Milne, Richard Hall, M. J. P. Todd, T. W. Patterson, M. J. L. Beckwith, C. J. W. Spence, Harris, C. E., Jno. Jardine, John I. Ald, Graham, Ald, Cameron and Yates.

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INVASION OF THE CHINESE QUARTER

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A Times representative strolled through the Chinese quarter Wednesday, and was struck with the sublime patience and heroism shown by some of the merchants.

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MINERS' ATTENTION DIRECTED TO THEM

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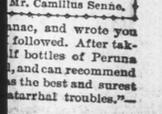
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ISLAND ROAD IS AGAIN DISCUSSED

A PROPOSITION NOW BEING CONSIDERED

A Committee of Fifteen Are Entrusted With Getting Railway Project in Shape.

The committee of citizens to whom was committed the task of undertaking the preliminary work in connection with the project of a railway to the north end of Vancouver Island met on Tuesday afternoon in the committee rooms of the city hall.

Mr. Lugin presented the following, which he intended should serve as a groundwork upon which something could be accomplished:

That the development of Vancouver Island can be most advantageously accomplished by the construction of a line of railway that shall be independent of all other railway companies.

That in view of the fact that the construction of a line of railway that will adequately serve the development of the island cannot be brought about without assistance from the public, it is proposed that a measure of control as possible should be reserved by the public.

That inasmuch as government ownership of such a railway, however desirable it might be, is impossible at the present time, the interests of the island should be safeguarded by the association of the several local municipalities in their corporate capacity with the undertaking.

That in the opinion of your committee the route that will be most beneficial to the present and future interests of the island ought to be located as follows:

From Victoria to a point at or near the mouth of the Cowichan river by way of the town of Cumberland; thence by a lateral canal by the most direct route to the town of Courtenay river to the mouth of the Campbell river; thence by the line surveyed by J. H. G. Cowichan lake, or by a route lying west of Crown Mountain to a point at or near Metchikook lake; thence by way of the Klamath river and Kaminitung lake to the outlet of the lake; thence by the most direct route to Rupert Arm, Quatsino Sound; thence to Hardy Bay, with a branch line from some convenient point at or near the mouth of the city of Nanaimo.

That the company incorporated to construct the said line should have power to hold branch lines wherever necessary for the proper development of the island.

That the city council of Victoria should place the sum of \$250 at the disposal of this committee for the most preliminary expenses.

That the municipalities of Victoria and Nanaimo, and all other public corporate bodies in the province, should be invited to become incorporators of the proposed company.

was important that this road throughout the Island should be state owned and all the corporations running over it should be accorded the same privileges. E. & N., he believed, could be acquired upon reasonable terms. He thought they could also get the privilege of running through the rest of the E. & N. property. He did not know that the route outlined by Dr. Helmecken was the best for the city. The railway companies were all seeking to get their termini as far west as possible. Connection with the west coast might be made from the Mainland.

Mr. Lugin explained that the committee had been organized to consider the matter. He proposed that a committee consider this memorandum furnished by Mr. Lugin. There were other interests to be considered, and he thought they might proceed slowly. He thought sub-committees should be appointed for various works. A special committee might wait upon the E. & N. and get from that company a statement of what they were prepared to do.

A. J. Morley thought it best to consider the question purely from the standpoint of how it would help in developing the Island. Its relation to other railways would follow. The mutual benefit of all on the Island whether on the west or the east coast should be considered.

A. L. Belyea said there was a radical defect in Mr. Lugin's proposal. To start at the mouth of the Cowichan was enough to condemn it. Mr. Lugin explained that the remainder of the route was one which could be considered by them.

Mr. Belyea held that at the outset the position of the E. & N. should be ascertained. It would be known whether the E. & N. was to be continued or whether there should be an independent road. If one-third of the remaining land of the Island was to be given away for the road, he would not favor it at all. He did not believe in government ownership as a general thing, but this Island was peculiarly situated, and he thought that perhaps that would give the solution of the matter.

Simon Leiser did not believe in paralleling the present road to Wellington. He thought Mr. Dunsmuir should be approached, and it should be discovered what he would do in the way of extending the railway. He would like to see a railway to Alberni.

Mr. Ker said it was a matter which involved millions of dollars expenditure. He did not know that the E. & N. was ready to dispose of their line. It was rumored that that line might pass into other hands and become a part of a great transcontinental railway. There were those who contended that Victoria had no chance of becoming a terminal for a transcontinental railway. That was a mistake. They had a chance and a good one. Had a measure passed last session a part of the railway by way of Bute Inlet would have been constructed. The contractor was in this city at the time, and he knew that it would have been completed, as \$1,500,000 had been provided to carry out this work. Had the railway been built to Seymour Narrows it would soon have been accomplished to the north end of the island. He was sorry it had been opposed by a member of the legislature representing this city.

A. E. McPhillips, M. P., said he did not expect to come to a political conclusion. The circumstances which had followed had justified him in the course he pursued in the House. When Messrs. Morse and Wainwright, of the Grand Trunk, were here he found that it was the purpose of the Grand Trunk to build a road across the continent, modern in every particular, subsidy or no subsidy; but what was the proposition of the government to expend \$10,000,000 on a line that would only go to the standard of the C. P. R. as it was originally built. He contended for business propositions in these matters. He did not favor the retrograde step taken by Mr. Dunsmuir to petition him in matters. There was too much of that. Why should they go to him always. As J. J. Hill said, "If you have a business proposition you can get the money." He knew how it was got in England. It was got by proving to the financial people of England that you had a bona fide commercial proposition. He was not speaking against Mr. Dunsmuir. There was too much of a spirit in this city of considering that whenever anything was said against the E. & N. railway on business principles that there was antagonism to Mr. Dunsmuir. That was a throttling octopus. He would look after the interests of the city. Mr. Dunsmuir could attend these meetings and state what he was prepared to do as a citizen. He favored ascertaining the position which Mr. Dunsmuir took in the matter.

Mr. Lugin deprecated the idea that a city like Victoria should be compelled to subsidize a railway. Mr. Dunsmuir, Dr. Milne proposed to enlarge the scope of this proposal if it would be better to continue to Alberni rather than go by Cowichan. It was not easy to interest capital in these matters. It would be some time before they could show the financial people that dividends would accrue from such an investment. Mr. Higgins thought that Mr. Dunsmuir should be invited to come into this committee, and if he had such, make a proposition to them.

Mr. Ker: "He is the boss, and the sooner you understand it the better." The following names were then added to the committee having the railway project in hand: J. A. Mara, Alfred Huggitt, E. V. Bodwell, K. C. James Dunsmuir, M. P., Dr. Lewis Hall, David Spence, W. H. Bone, Messrs. Moray & Wallace, Fred Carne, Harris Ross, John Bros., Speed Bros., Dr. T. J. Jones, Henry Croft, Otto Weiler, R. Seabrook, C. J. V. Spratt, Senator Macdonald, and the managers of all the banks. Dr. Milne was appointed vice-chairman.

The question then came up concerning the powers of the committee which might be appointed to do what any organized company. He had seen in a meeting which represented much less influence the necessary steps taken to build two hundred miles of railway. He thought there would be no difficulty in financing this.

leaving the committee very free in the matter. Accordingly the chairman, vice-chairman and secretary were given the power of naming a committee of fifteen which would go fully into the proposal of Mr. Lugin, and would also be given a very free hand in laying the foundation for a proposition to be made to the general committee.

Mr. Morley then proposed the following as a means of solving in future matters affecting the general welfare of the Island: That immediate steps be taken toward the formation of a Vancouver Island council, composed of representatives from each city, town, district and settlement on the island, to be elected annually, and to sit on a council not less than twice a year, for the purpose of furthering Island interests in all matters pertaining to transportation and other matters of the moment, and to bind together trade interests.

John Jardine thought this was a subject requiring legislation. Mr. Belyea thought it was a "Declaration of Independence," and moved for an adjournment. It was decided to lay the proposal on the table to be considered at the next meeting. The meeting then adjourned.

Tuesday night's meeting of the Voters' League was devoted to a discussion as to the advisability of abolishing the present ward system and adopting the plan of having the aldermen elected from the city as a whole. There was a fair attendance, and the majority seemed to be in favor of the change. No decision was reached, the debate not having been completed when the meeting adjourned. It will be continued next Tuesday. W. C. Ker was unanimously elected to the chair, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read by the honorary secretary, A. J. Morley.

Mr. Morley wished it understood that he had not written the paper embodying his ideas as to how the city should be governed, with the idea that it should be adopted as it stood. His wish was to see the present system revised, and he hoped by discussion and study that something that would be acceptable both to the people and the city council. There were three changes he wanted particularly: (a) a careful revision of the departments and making the heads subject to the council, (b) the change of the council from an executive into an honorary directing council. He suggested that these three changes be discussed separately.

Mr. Laird moved that the ward system be done away with, and that one-third of the aldermen be elected each year. A. B. McNeill seconded the motion on condition that the latter proposal be struck out. This the mover agreed to. Anton Henderson wished to know the reasons which prompted this motion. He did not think it would be favorably considered by the majority of citizens. In his opinion the ward system was the better. The legislature was constituted on this principle. He could easily imagine a condition of affairs should the change be made, where North Ward would elect the majority of aldermen and the other parts of the city would be represented by only one each. What would be the possible result? While one ward would have its interests well looked after, the other parts of the city would be neglected.

Mr. Laird contended that the abolition of the ward system would result in more unanimity among the city's representatives, and in his opinion would give a more equitable distribution of the expenditures. J. Grant favored the suppression of the ward system. It would do away with a great deal of contention. Before the abolition of the ward system, all they could for their respective constituents, and therefore their continued efforts when in office were addressed to securing as much expenditure for their own wards as they could get. The abolition of other wards. Under these conditions the city as a whole suffered.

Mr. Henderson contended that Mr. Grant had spoken, not knowing exactly what look public opinion was. The expenditures were always fairly evenly distributed, and the different committees were made up of a representative from each ward, so that the interests of each ward were kept before the council by the continual splutter of the fire crackers and the crash of the bomb, as the Chinese residents pursue their custom of setting off fireworks. The Chinese Empire Reform Association sent the following congratulatory message to the Chinese Emperor over the Western Union wires Tuesday night: "We wish, B. C. Jan. 27th, 1903. His Majesty King, care of British Ambassador, Peking: Congratulations. Happy New Year. Embark on opportunity to restore confidence and power and inaugurate reform in your loyal Empire."

LEOPOLD GAY, Chinese Empire Reform Association. VICE-GRAND PRESIDENT Of the Masonic Veteran Association Elected at Recent Meeting.

At the meeting of the Masonic Veteran Association of the Pacific Coast, Geo. B. Murphy, of Moosomin, Assiniboia, past grand master of the grand lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M., was elected grand vice-president of the association for the grand lodge jurisdiction of the Northwest Territories and Yukon Territory. Mr. Murphy is an old timer, having removed from the province of Quebec to reside on the Western Prairies early in the '80s. In 1885, when the Northwest field force was sent out to quell the rebellion in the Northwest Territories, he was appointed transport officer for the second division, under command of Col. Otter, C. B. At the close of the campaign he was highly commended by the commanding officer for his efficient services. Since then he has held several offices of public trust. After holding many important offices in the grand lodge of Manitoba, he was elected grand master in 1888, and in 1902 he was elected chairman of the committee on the condition of Masonry in the grand lodge jurisdiction, and judge representative of the grand lodge of Utah, P. and A. M., to the grand lodge of Manitoba.

The membership of the Masonic Veteran Association is steadily increasing. The west, north and south. The grand vice-president elected for the jurisdiction of Mexico is Hon. Porfirio Diaz, past grand master of the grand lodge of Mexico, and the President of the Republic of Mexico at the present time.

TO ABOLISH THE SYSTEM OF WARDS

MOTION DISCUSSED BY VOTERS' LEAGUE

The Debate Will Be Continued at the Next Meeting— Diversity of Views.

DOG POISONING CASES. S. P. C. A. Take Active Measures to Bring to Justice Guilty Parties.

At the monthly meeting of this society, which was largely attended, it was announced that the annual meeting of the confederated branches of the New Westminister during the ensuing week, which delegates from this branch will attend, and much important business respecting the work of the society throughout the province will be brought forward.

Letters were read from the R. S. P. C. A., England, expressing their pleasure that the work was being conducted so energetically, and stating that the large order for literature purchased from them for circulation throughout the province, and especially among the children, should soon be on hand.

The numerous cases of dog poisoning which have taken place in the city, Saanich, Cedar Hill and elsewhere are a cause of considerable anxiety to the committee, which has decided to offer very large rewards to be seen by the advertisements, for any evidence leading to a conviction, and a very efficient special officer has been appointed to investigate all cases brought before the committee, and the punishment by law for this offence is very severe, we again quote it for those who may be ignorant: "Every one is guilty of an offence and liable, on summary conviction, to a penalty not exceeding one hundred dollars over and above the amount of injury done, or to three months imprisonment with or without hard labor, who wilfully kills, maims, wounds, poisons or injures any dog, bird, beast, or other animal."

The committee is determined to prosecute every well established case brought under its notice. The committee for the purchase of police dogs are far too great, and should be restricted. The excellent and simple design of the bait for killing rats without mistaking the punishment by law for this offence is very severe, we again quote it for those who may be ignorant: "Every one is guilty of an offence and liable, on summary conviction, to a penalty not exceeding one hundred dollars over and above the amount of injury done, or to three months imprisonment with or without hard labor, who wilfully kills, maims, wounds, poisons or injures any dog, bird, beast, or other animal."

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING. St. Paul's Presbyterian Church Held Annual Gathering Last Evening.

The annual meeting of the congregation of St. Paul's church, Victoria West, was held Tuesday evening, with a good attendance. The reports presented from the different departments of the church's work all went to show that the last year was the most prosperous in the history of the congregation. The financial statement of the board of management showed that all current expenses had been fully met, liberal contributions from the Y. P. S. C. E. and Sabbath school to the missionary and benevolent schemes of the church, and a balance on hand of reduced one hundred dollars, and an expenditure of upwards of four hundred dollars on repairs and improvements to the church building, leaving a small balance on hand.

Messrs. A. W. Semple and Thos. Watson, the retiring members of the board of management, were re-elected for another term. At the close of the meeting a social character for the ladies and the ladies had made ample provision.

CHINESE NEW YEAR. Residents of Chinatown Celebrate—Reform Association Congratulate Emperor.

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PORT SIMPSON NEWS. (Special Correspondence of The Times.)

The annual meeting of the Port Simpson hospital was held on the 15th instant, when the many visitors made a thorough inspection of the wards and other parts of the institution, and everything in perfect order. The meeting opened in the usual manner by singing a hymn and prayer by Rev. Mr. Osterhout.

There followed a few remarks by the chairman, after which Dr. Kerign read the minutes of last meeting, together with the annual report, which proved most satisfactory.

It was decided that new members be appointed to fill the places of those retiring from the different committees. This resulted in an election of new members, those on the visiting committee for the ensuing year being Mrs. Lindsay, Alexander, Mrs. Harding, Miss Paul, Mr. Richards and Adjutant Smith. A few remarks by the visitors, the singing of the National Anthem and the pronouncing of the benediction by Rev. W. Hoag brought the meeting to a close.

The board then met to settle various matters of business, pertaining to the hospital, and later on the nurses, refreshments, while Miss Spence, the lady superintendent, entertained in her usual gracious manner, and all present enjoyed a very pleasant time. Dr. Kerign, the new residential doctor, and his able staff of nurses have been the wishes of the Simpsontites for a "prosperous and happy new year" in their good work.

A PLEASANT DUTY.—"When I know anything worthy of recommendation, I consider it my duty to tell it," says Rev. Jas. Murdoch, of Hamburg, Pa. "Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder has cured my Catarrh of five years' standing. It is certainly magical in its effect. The first application benefited me in five minutes, 50 cts." Sold by Jackson & Co. and Hall & Co.,

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SAYS WILLY SLAV NEEDS WATCHING

ARRIVAL FROM CHINA EXPRESSES HIS VIEWS. Russia and Japan Gearing at Each Other Over Korea—Merchant From Mikadoland.

The movements of the Russian troops and fleets in the Orient are closely watched with great interest, as it is generally believed that the policy of Russia is to secure control over as much of the Chinese territory as possible, and that Manchuria and Korea are the countries engaging immediate attention. Such is the opinion expressed by G. L. Keating, who arrived Tuesday from Korea, where he is connected with gold mines at Gensan, on a visit to his home in California.

Russia's encroachments in Manchuria, he says, is causing a great deal of comment. The treaty with China entered into by the Powers has not resulted in any means in the withdrawal of the Czar's troops from this territory. Those forces have been stationed on the large concessions granted Russia by China when the branch line of the Trans-Siberian railway was built. This was, therefore, Russian territory, and that country, in consequence has escaped the necessity of withdrawing her troops from Manchuria. Instead, the forces, it is said, are being gradually increased, and there are now more Russian troops there than before.

Mr. Keating is of the opinion that it is only a question of time before Manchuria becomes Russian territory, and the powers take action. The people of Manchuria are partial to the Russians, from whom they have always received the best of treatment. The larger cities of that district are practically governed at the present time by Russians, the civic officials always acting on Russian advice.

Mr. Keating says, is the only country that has any effective influence over Manchuria. There is a marked difference between the conditions of the part where the advice of her officials is sought, and that where they are not. The latter sections that a continental state of guerrilla warfare prevails. Through this part of the country travelling is made with great difficulty between 75 and 1,000 in number are always on the lookout for plunder, and the unfortunate nomad who falls into their hands has little chance of mercy. Acts of atrocity are every day committed, and the smaller cities of the country are subjected to repeated attacks from bandits.

Not only on Manchuria is Russia said to have turned covetous eyes, but also on Korea, the country which was the cause of the strife between China and Japan. This is indicated by the efforts of the Czar's government to acquire in full the Korean Empire, and to acquire influence over the Crown Prince of Korea. The first step in this direction, it is believed, is the cordial invitation which the Crown Prince has received from the Czar to attend the Russian court. A vigorous protest has been made by Japan against the acceptance of this invitation. This some of those in high circles in Korea believe to be but the commencement of much more serious and will become more serious as the contest for supremacy continues.

The removal of the Czar's Black Sea fleet to Orizdel waters is also looked upon as a very significant movement. This squadron, which consists of several first class cruisers and a couple of torpedo boats, arrived at their new station shortly before Mr. Keating left for America.

Another Mr. Keating thinks that the reinforcement of the Russian troops in Manchuria and the increase of the Russian fleet shows conclusively that trouble is brewing. Mr. Suzuki, of Yokohama, was another of the arrivals by the Shinano Maru last evening. Mr. Suzuki is at the head of a large company which does an extensive business in Japanese ware. The firm has important business connections with America, and have large dealings with the florists of New York and other cities in the United States.

For the purposes of looking after this Mr. Suzuki for the past ten years has made visits to this continent once a year. On this trip he is accompanied by two young men of the firm, whom Mr. Suzuki says he is schooling in preparation for their taking this branch of the work, thus relieving him of it. The political situation in Japan has changed little, he says. An appeal to the country, which may shortly be expected, he believes will result in the return of the present government. While there is a strong opposition awakened against it owing to the proposal to increase the land tax, yet the opposition, he thinks, has shown nothing which can be considered as sufficient to take the place of the present government. Upon this ground he anticipates that no change will be made in the government. Some of the objectionable features of the proposed increase in the land taxes may be modified.

WEEK LUNGS LEAD TO Consumption. THOUSANDS OF PERSONS ARE HASTENING TOWARDS THEIR GRAVES AS A RESULT OF THIS DREAD DISEASE. A cure is now within the reach of every sufferer. PUL-MO. PUL-MO stands alone—the use of any other medicine is steadily increasing. It is all-Nature with no artificial additions. Eat good plain, nourishing food, get plenty of fresh air and out-door exercise, and use PUL-MO as directed. PUL-MO is inexpensive, being sold by druggists at \$1.00 per large bottle, or you may procure a sample bottle for 15 cents. Your druggist has not got PUL-MO in stock, a sample bottle will be delivered to any address FREE OF ALL CHARGE. Address all letters to The Pul-Mo Co., Toronto, Ont.

THE LEAGUE OF TWELVE

BY GUY BOOTHBY.

Author of "Dr. Nikola," "The Marriage of Esther," "Pharos the Egyptian," "Long Live the King," "My Indian Queen," etc., etc.

CHAPTER I.

That fascinating, but little known, town of Great Brackford...

But when Mrs. Gabbage, who keeps the sweet-stuff shop at the corner of the High street, from whom there is no one keener in imparting news...

"Good-afternoon to 'ee, Mrs. Gabbage," said the worthy grocer and Mayor of the town as, attired in his white apron...

"Yes, yes, 'tis wonderful," repeated the lady, "but only hope it will be out for the Fair. A wet Fair is no Fair, as they say, and I am sure I can well believe it. I am no holder with Fair myself, though I am sure we want something to do."

"To my thinking," she continued, "there is nothing so good for a town as the houses of a few big gentlemen."

"I'm of the same way of thinking," said the worthy Mayor. "It's a pity we are not better blessed in that direction."

"At that moment," said Mrs. Misson, the saddler from across the street, left his shop and joined them.

"What would you say," she began, "if I were to tell you that the Castle is let?"

"The chief magistrate, however, only rolled his head, until his cheeks shook like blanc-mange."

was good, I'd serve a heathen Turk, let alone a Frenchman. Bless my soul, where'd we be if it weren't for our trade with foreign nations?"

The worthy grocer made this observation with such a magisterial air that the lady of the sweet shop was too much impressed to be able to reply.

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however, that I am in search of has not yet come in sight."

Let's hope that she will be somewhat different to the poor Dick Trowbridge, who scarcely knew a horse from a camel, and who boasts that she has never sat in a saddle in her life.

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passed the church you cross the old stone bridge, erected, so the inscription on one of the buttresses informs you, in the year 1652, by certain Outbrett Trowbridge, Baronet.

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PICTURE PUZZLE.

"I wonder where that boy has gone with my two dogs." Can you find them?

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book hands. "This is more than I can do for you. Since you come in this dress only I should suppose that you're going to dinner."

"That's just what I am going to do," the other replied. "I've had a fine cold these all day."

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tiful face of the lady he had seen at the station with his tenant continually before him. After their wine the two men joined Miss Dot in the drawing-room, when she was good enough to favor them with some music. She had scarcely finished the first selection when the butler entered the room to inform his master that the village schoolmaster had called and desired to see him.

"Show him into the study," said Jack, and he went to the door.

"A few seconds later he followed the servant to the room in question, and for upwards of half-an-hour was engaged in talking over the affairs of a certain cricket club, of which he was the captain. At last, however, he concluded that he had finished his glass of port and had taken his departure, he returned to the drawing-room to find that a change had taken place there. Miss Dot was seated at the piano, but it was easy to see that she had just resumed her place there. The Honorable James was standing at the fireplace making believe that he was arranging himself, and forgetting the fact that the grate contained nothing but ferns. Then Dot made an excuse and left the room, leaving Jack and his guest together.

"Well?" said the former, after glancing at the commoner's face.

"My dear fellow, congratulate me," cried his friend. "I have followed your advice and she has accepted me. I am the most happy man in the world."

"I congratulate you most heartily, and myself too," said Jack. "As I told you this evening I would like to have a better brother-in-law, and I'm sure you will make Dot a good husband."

"Thanks," returned the other. "And now I'll be off if you will order my cart. Upon my word I don't know whether I am standing on my head or my heels. I am too excited to talk now, but will be at home to-morrow morning."

"If you wish to see me I will make a point of being in. Will you name the time?"

"Will ten o'clock suit you?"

"Admirably. I shall expect you then."

A quarter of an hour later the Honorable James had commenced his homeward trip, and he drove along he told himself that, of all the men in England, he was the happiest.

At ten o'clock next morning Trowbridge, who had been to the water meadows to see the progress of some new work, returned to the house to receive his visitor. To his surprise the latter had not arrived. An hour went by and still there was no sign of him. At last, however, he had not returned, nor had he done so when the dinner-hour came round.

"I can't make out what it means," said Jack to his sister, whose nervousness was increasing every minute. "If he does not come over to-night I will ride across to his place in the morning to see what is up."

"You should be so glad if you would," his sister replied. "I feel certain that something very serious has happened. Had he only met with an accident he would have sent a message, I am sure."

At ten o'clock next morning Ormsby had not put in an appearance. Jack accordingly set off on horseback to find out, if possible, the reason of his absence. When he reached the former's residence, the housekeeper opened the door to him.

"Is Mr. Ormsby at home?" he inquired.

"No, sir," she replied. "I can't make out what is the matter. He never left before last to dine with you."

To be Continued.

ARE WORKING FOR THE WELFARE OF CITY

Tourist Association Executive Meeting—Encouragement Offered by Transportation People.

A meeting of the Tourist Association executive was held Tuesday afternoon when among the communications read were several recently received from the transportation managers of the great transcontinental railways in which the writers offered the association every encouragement in its splendid enterprise.

A committee was appointed to agitate for the appointment of a customs officer on the Sound steamers to control and examine the baggage of all incoming passengers after leaving Port Townsend, which will obviate the delay caused under the present system. Travelers between this city and the Sound will appreciate the force of this suggestion when they recall the great improvement effected in the stationing of United States customs inspectors at this point. Baggage is inspected before leaving here and outgoing passengers are therefore through with the inspection and the delay involved when the steamers draw out from the wharf.

The association will shortly be arranging for the list of conventions, which will be held here this year as follows: The mining convention on the 25th of next month; the Canadian Mining Institute; the convention of mine owners; the W. C. T. U. convention during June; the State of Washington Press Association; the American Mining Institute. For all of these suitable entertainments will be arranged.

The association has also under consideration the internal improvement of the city, and hope that the citizens will co-operate with them in attaining this much desired end. High board fences and similar grievances, so frequently commented upon by visitors, were alluded to at yesterday's meeting. Private gardens and the water supply were also discussed.

The secretary was instructed to invite the team of Scottish curlers now in Canada to extend their trip to Victoria. The farthest point west in the itinerary is Rossland, and an effort will be made to induce the players to come to Victoria.

At the meeting the president, Mayor Hayward, presided, and there were present L. G. McQuade, president of the board of trade; D. R. Ker, A. B. Fraser, S. J. Jones, F. I. Clarke, A. Henderson, J. P. Forman and the secretary, H. Outbrett.

In regard to the work of the association the following tribute from the Tacoma Ledger will be gratifying to the members and visitors: "The citizens of this city are not only one of the most picturesque cities on the continent, but has the enterprise to say so, and prove it by the distribution of an artistically illustrated pamphlet that is in its fourteenth year. This pamphlet shows the natural scenery, as well as the buildings, the drives, lakes and mountains, and the features of summer and winter climate. It is a clearly the routes by which Victoria may be reached. The one the traveler will find most convenient will be through Tacoma. It begins in the city of Tacoma and ends in Victoria. The route is in all probability good and return over different courses, and one of these courses will be certain to embrace Tacoma. There could not well have been devised a more telling and attractive little book than the one under consideration. It is a most valuable advertisement to be placed in the hands of the Pacific Northwest, and to such a person would be a revelation. Victoria has for several months been engaged in this scheme of making itself known, and the results have been most satisfactory. This sense the plan is unselfish, for the benefits have been shared by all the cities of the Sound. For respect to do as well as Victoria has done in this respect, Victoria is to be congratulated upon its enterprise."

ISLAND SCHEME OF SOUTHERN PACIFIC

Startling Story of New Route by Way of This City to Alaska.

A startling story comes from Olympia according to the Port Townsend Call concerning the intention of the Southern Pacific to build northward. It is said that the project is to build a line from Bremerton to a Southern Pacific scheme, but is simply a "side issue" to its real object in coming northward.

The Call in dilating upon the scheme connects the main meeting held here to discuss the project of the building of a railway to the north end of the island with this. It says:

"Victoria, hearing of this railroad scheme, recently held a 'mass meeting' to consider the matter."

Continuing the story, the following appears:

"To unlock the door to the mystery one must travel the route to Vancouver Island, and comprehend the meaning of the movement now under way to extend the Victoria railroad system to the extreme north end of the island. It is said that the Southern Pacific under the instructions from the guiding hand of that astute railroad magnate, E. H. Harriman, is behind the Vancouver Island project, and that the whole scheme is to secure the shortest route to Alaska—Alaska—that is, to the Lynn canal portion. The Southern Pacific already having a trackage agreement with the Northern Pacific, and thereby its trains may reach the Sound without the aid of the Southern Pacific choicest to build from Portland northward, the new road will start at Olympia and end at Port Townsend, and thence to the north end of the island."

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GOVERNMENT IS URGED TO GRANT THE LEASE

Deputation From Vancouver Waited on Ministers This Morning Regarding Deadman's Island.

It is altogether likely that Theodore Ludgate will build his mill on Deadman's Island after all. Wednesday a deputation from the Terminal City consisting of Mayor Neelands, Ald. McQueen, City Solicitor Hammersley and Hugh Gilmour, M. P., waited upon the provincial government and urged the granting of the lease. This the authorities were disposed to do subject to certain conditions which would safeguard the interests of the city. Among these is one which prohibits the employment of Oriental labor in the concern to be established by Mr. Ludgate. This met with the wishes of the deputation, and also Mr. Ludgate, who, it is understood, had no intention of employing Orientals.

At the conference the government was represented by Hon. J. D. Prentice and Hon. Mr. McInnes, the chief commissioner being unable to attend through illness.

Mayor Neelands and Mr. Gilmour when seen by a Times' representative granted the project, and the deputation was entirely satisfied with their interview.

MOTHER'S HOUR.

A Time for Confidence and Counsel.

When the children's hour is a thing of the far away past, because there are no more little ones to have their evening or bedtime story, the hour once devoted to them becomes the mother's hour. It is an hour in which the young woman takes her old place at her mother's knee as she was wont when she listened to the evening story, but now she tells the story to the mother, the story of her day, her fears, her hopes, her ideals. Happy is that daughter who can come to her mother as her best friend, and find in her the mother's sympathy and counsel.

It is often so very different. The mother does not invite the shy confidence of the growing girl. She comes to womanhood and between her and her

DAIRYMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

Annual Meeting at New Westminster—Election of Officers and Directors.

The annual meeting of the Dairymen's and Live Stock Association of British Columbia, convened at New Westminster Wednesday, with representatives present from the agricultural sections of the province, but only two from Vancouver Island.

The reports of the officers showed that the past year's business had not been as extensive as before, but was satisfactory. Five cartons of purebred stock being imported from Ontario and sold to farmers without loss.

President Wells, of Chilliwack, in his annual address, briefly reviewed the operations of the past year. He suggested that stock importations had increased too much attention at the expense of dairymen, which was one of the most important features of the industry. In seven years the manufacturers of creamery butter had risen from 11 to seven hundred thousand pounds, and with the rising of the standard of quality, the price had also risen in proportion from 12 1/2 to at least 25 cents per lb. He commended systematic inspection of dairymen's premises, but hoped the new law in this respect would be rigidly enforced.

A feature of Secretary Paisley's report was the reading of correspondence between him and the Dominion government Commissioner Hodgson; and his comments thereon showed the official in an unenviable position, and apparently jeopardizing the interests of British Columbia stockraisers by withholding the usual government grant, and otherwise showing resentment at the association appointing Mr. Paisley as secretary last year.

These letters were freely discussed, and substantiated some of his written statements, while a committee was appointed to draft a memorial to enable Mr. Aulay Morrison, M. P., to have the whole matter threshed out on the floor of the House of Commons. It was decided that the next annual meeting be at Victoria, while the semi-annual one is fixed for Westminister.

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WELL KNOWN GENTLEMAN MAKES A REMARKABLE STATEMENT.

HE ASSURES RHEUMATIC SUFFERERS THAT Paine's Celery Compound BANISHES HIS PAINS AND AGONIES.

The startling and happy cures wrought by Paine's Celery Compound for rheumatic sufferers have deeply impressed medical men everywhere, and to the best practitioners are recognizing the great value of the compound, and prescribe it with confidence.

Paine's Celery Compound stands unequalled as a cure for all the varied forms of rheumatism. At this season its good work is apparent in thousands of Canadian homes. Men and women, lame and crippled and utterly helpless from the terrible disease are being restored to activity, health and strength.

Paine's Celery Compound is the only medicine that rescues and cures the despairing victim who is told that he or she is incurable. Mr. W. Morissette, Roxton Pond, Que., says:

"Having been given up to die by some of the best doctors of the United States, I came to Canada last autumn terribly lame, and had lost all hope. Suffering agonies from inflammatory rheumatism, I was strongly urged to use Paine's Celery Compound. I gave it a trial, and the first bottle did me so much good I continued with the medicine until I had used seven bottles, when I found myself perfectly cured; indeed, I never felt better in all my life than at present. I use every possible means to tell others of Paine's Celery Compound, and will always recommend it to those troubled with rheumatism."

TWO FIBRES.

Gladstone Mill and Elevator Destroyed—Dwelling House Gutted at Winnipeg.

Winnipeg, Jan. 28.—Muir & Co.'s mill, warehouse and elevator at Gladstone were destroyed by fire at 3 o'clock this morning.

The residence of Mr. C. W. Taylor, M. P., situated at the corner of Harris street and Banatya avenue, was badly gutted by fire between 11 and 12 o'clock this morning. Mr. Taylor is away in London, Ont.

WOMAN'S HOUR.

Important to Women.

Dr. Pierce invites sick and ailing women to consult him by letter free of charge. All correspondence is regarded as sacred and the written confidences of women are guarded by the same strict professional privacy observed in personal consultation with women at the Hospital and Surgical Institute, Buffalo, N. Y., to which institution Dr. Pierce is chief consulting physician.

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CITY COUNCIL TO SAFEGUARD ITSELF

AGAINST DEMANDS OF EXHIBITION PEOPLE

Will Pay Urgent Outstanding Accounts at Once—Eight-Hour Resolution Was Adopted.

The city council will pay the urgent outstanding accounts against the British Columbia Agricultural Association amounting to \$1,400. They will also investigate the constitution of the organization with a view to securing amendments which will safeguard the city against similar demands in the future. When the matter came before the council last evening the aldermen expressed considerable indignation that they should be expected to make up a deficit resulting from mismanagement of the exhibition.

The discussion on the subject was precipitated by communications from J. R. Boggs, secretary of the society, and C. C. Evans, one of the directors. The former requested the appointment of a committee of investigation while the latter asked for the payment of outstanding accounts. Ald Yates favored the appointment of a committee not because of last year's mismanagement as to ascertain if the exhibition in the future could not be run on a paying basis. The trouble with the last show was that too many people were trying to run it. The council should have control over the association's funds.

Ald Cameron explained that the previous council had promised to pay the accounts of the association. The finance committee had a recommendation on this subject. The mover pointed out that this would make it possible for the city to get its taxes in earlier than formerly. The motion was carried.

The motion of Ald Yates regarding the printing and binding of the corporation reports was passed.

The next was Ald Barnard's street sprinkling motion. In this connection Ald Yates pointed out that last year's committee had been working with the Tramway Company with a view to having a sprinkling apparatus operated on the cars. A committee to deal with the question was appointed to consist of Ald Barnard, Yates and Kinsman.

Ald Yates then moved that eight hours be the standard day for corporation day laborers. Ald Grahame moved in amendment that contract laborers be included.

This caused some little discussion. Ald Barnard thought that those authorized to employ men on corporation work. Ald Vincent opposed the amendment. It would, he said, cost the city lots of money. Ald Kinsman contended that the referendum only referred to laboring men of the corporation. The amendment would work an injustice on these hired by contract. Eventually the amendment was lost. The original motion carried.

Ald Barnard moved that permits on Secord street reserved for park purposes, and the proceeds devoted to safeguarding Dallas road from the encroachment of the city. The mover pointed out the necessity of something being done to protect Victoria's beautiful drive, and it was quite in accordance with the deed trust because the part of the road in danger was really in the park reserved for the city. The city engineer reported that the work could be done for \$8,000. The property was assessed for a sum in excess of the amount.

Ald Yates favored the motion. It was his opinion an opportunity to save money.

Ald Vincent opposed the motion. He did not believe in selling any open spaces. Neither did the people in the vicinity.

Ald Grahame and Kinsman preferred to see the proceeds devoted to the inauguration of a park in North Ward. The former moved an amendment to this effect. The amendment was lost. So was Ald Barnard's motion.

Ald Grahame's motion regarding the appointment of commissioners of licensing and police was carried. The power of appointment, the mover said, should not be in the hands of the mayor. It should be in the people's hands.

The motion of the same alderman for the sale of a portion of lots on Niagara street to purchase a park in North Ward was lost. The council then adjourned until next Thursday night.

THE SCHOOL BOARD

Will Likely Complete Their Estimates on Thursday—New Buildings.

Another meeting of the school board will be held on Thursday evening next, when it is altogether probable the estimates will be completed. The board will have to complete them before the end of the week, because they must be submitted to the council by that time. They will include an extraordinary item for a new school in Victoria West, which all the candidates in the recent election were unanimous in declining was absolutely necessary and at once. An eight-room structure is contemplated, which will furnish accommodation for the rapidly growing district for many years to come. The new school for Esquimalt district, when completed, will direct a large number of children from the Victoria school and relieve the pressure in the city.

At a meeting last week the city superintendent suggested that the board's annual report be printed in the city and in the city besides that in Victoria West. The congestion in Victoria West is by no means more than in any of the schools, and the problem of accommodation is as serious as ever. Another school building is therefore suggested in a very short time in the opinion of the city superintendent, and it is therefore expected that the council be asked to provide means for the two schools.

The school board's committee has kindly offered the board, consisting of Trustees Boggs, Jay and Huggert, visited the High and Central schools on Tuesday to study the matter of accommodation, and the general equipment of the former structure. They will report to the north side their investigation at the meeting on Thursday night.

ANOTHER DESTROYER

Constantinople, Jan. 28.—The third Russian torpedo boat destroyer passed through the Bosphorus on Monday evening bound for Sebastopol.

FACTS AND FIGURES ABOUT THE YUKON

INTERESTING RETURNS FOR THE PAST YEAR

Over One Thousand Quartz Claims Were Recorded—The Importation of Mining Machinery.

In a review of the year 1902 a northern paper gives the following interesting information:

The gold output of Yukon Territory, properly that portion of the British Yukon basin north of and exclusive of the camp of Atlin, since the country was first entered by the whites, aggregates in round numbers eighty millions and five hundred thousand dollars.

Records show that money sent from Dawson to the outside world by post office money order during the twelve months of 1902 aggregated \$1,204,000. This is the largest sum ever sent for amount of money sent by post office order from any town not boasting the dignity of one or more branch post offices. New York and other cities exceeding Dawson's showing have several post offices.

During the calendar year of 1902 the gold commissioner's office at Dawson did a great deal of work, indicating the continued activity of the camp. Mining licenses issued numbered 6,629; claims renewed numbered 4,461; claims recorded, 2,040; grants issued to new placer claims, 1,196. The fact that a great many claims were worked in the camp is shown by the statistics that 5,531 certificates of representation were issued for an equal number of claims. Only 56 claim owners preferred to pay \$200 rather than do assessment work on claims.

Activity is shown to have existed in quartz matters in the Yukon the last year by the fact that 1,135 quartz claims were recorded during the period. Certificates of work issued for quartz prospecting aggregated 1,017. Only 22 claim owners paid the annual assessment rather than do work.

In the registrar's office of the territory for the year 218 mortgages were filed and 120 released. Patents issued numbered 1,690; certificates of title issued, 722; transfers of title 626; powers of attorney 133. Other documents 500.

The Yukon is shown to be a land of homes and families by the fact that during the last twelve months 139 children were born in the territory. The total number of births since the organization of the territory in 1900 is 278, very few of whom were natives.

Deaths in the Yukon territory during 1902 numbered 136. Of this number 21 met accidental death, three were murdered and four committed suicide. The total number of deaths in the territory since 1897 is 684.

Marriages in Yukon the last year numbered 102. This year saw by far the greater number of any year on record. The total number of weddings since 1897 is 611.

Deaths in Dawson from Dawson to the outside by telegraph the last year numbered 13,671; received from outside, 14,229. In addition to this press matter was transmitted, numbering in aggregate 856,729 words.

People arriving in Dawson during 1902 numbered 2,247 from the upper river, and 1,083 from the lower river; total, 3,320. People departing numbered 3,137 by the upper river; 2,252 by the lower river; total, 5,389. Excess of departures over arrivals, 2,069. The excess of departures over arrival is not believed to indicate so much a falling off in population as to a large extent an excess of those who will return in the winter or next season, and have gone outside for the winter only.

The Dominion census taken in Dawson in 1901 shows that it ranks as the twenty-ninth city in Canada, in point of population.

Roads built in Yukon territory aggregate 392.25 miles of winter highway, a full double sleigh width, and 223.47 miles of first-class summer wagon road. Of the winter roads 320 miles were built during 1902, nearly all of which is between Dawson and White Horse on the new overland route. First class wagon roads constructed this year aggregate 85 miles.

The gold commissioner's court at Dawson, during 1902, rendered 178 judgments, all in regard to mining disputes. Protests filed in the court during the year numbered 321. Quite a number of cases filed were settled in court and withdrawn.

The Yukon Territorial court, comprised of three judges, heard in total 364 cases the last year.

Yukon territory has nine schools supported by the government. Sixteen teachers are engaged. The aggregate attendance is 375. In Dawson there are 220 pupils; White Horse, 55. The other schools are on Bonanza, Gold Run, Dominion, Hunter and Bear creeks, and have an attendance of 9 to 18 pupils each.

The machinery imports have aggregated, it is estimated, \$50,000,000. Nearly all of this has been for mining purposes.

NEW MANAGEMENT OF ALBION WORKS

T. H. MACDONALD HAS ASSUMED CONTROL

Man of Thorough Training Put in Charge of Victoria and Vancouver Branches.

At a recent meeting of the directors of the Albion Iron Works it was decided to place the management of that institution in new hands. T. H. MacDonald, the newly appointed manager, arrived from the East on Tuesday, and assumed the duties connected with his office.

Mr. MacDonald has been given the management of the entire works of the company, including those located in this city and also those in Vancouver.

The new manager comes very highly recommended. He was for many years connected with the Fulton Iron Works in San Francisco, and has occupied an important position with the Electric Light Works in that city. His connection with the Fulton Works brought Mr. MacDonald into close touch with the shipbuilding trade, and gave him a wide experience in this branch of work. This will serve him to good purpose in an important branch of work which the Albion Iron Works conducts in this city.

Mr. MacDonald has been brought up to the business in the most practical manner, and moreover his family has shown a remarkable ability in this particular line. He is a brother of Charles MacDonald, one of the best known bridge constructors in the world.

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STOLE CHICKENS

Chinamen Caught With Fowls in Their Possession—One Pleaded Guilty.

Young Wing and Leung Sing are a couple of Celestials who contemplated celebrating Chinese New Year with a feast fit for a king. They were disposed to plunge very heavily into expenditures—there was a easier way than that and they decided to do it. They consequently on Monday night raided somebody's hen roost and collared seven chickens. Unfortunately for them, and fortunately for the chickens and the owners, they were spotted by Constables Cartwright and O'Leary on Esplanade street early Tuesday morning. The recognition, but the pleasure was marred and the pig-tailed twin ran down the street and in an alley with the two policemen in pursuit. They were soon caught and taken into custody.

In the police court on Tuesday one of the men, Leung Sing, was much embarrassed by the stroke of justice and pleaded guilty, exonerating his companion, who, he said, was not with him. He was sentenced to one month's imprisonment with hard labor. The other man, Young Wing, came before the magistrate on Friday. He was charged with stealing work from J. E. Painter's work yard. Wm. Robertson, charged with molesting a horse, was remanded until Thursday. The Simmons & Cocker-vehicle tax case was adjourned for a week.

Great destruction is being done by sharks and dogfish to the nets of the mackerel fishers on the west coast of Ireland.

THE SWITZERLAND OF AMERICA

Lecture to Be Given in the Victoria Theatre on Friday Week.

The successful character of the last lecture delivered by Herbert Cartwright on "British Columbia and the Great West" of the Metropolitan lecture room, and the fact that the lecturer's company has been for the audience, has resulted in the lecturer being asked to repeat it.

The lecture will therefore be repeated on Friday evening, February 6th, in the theatre, which has been generously placed at the disposal of the V. M. C. A. and the Tourist Association, in whose aid it will be given. The lecturer, Mr. Cartwright, is a man of high character, and his family has shown a remarkable ability in this particular line. He is a brother of Charles MacDonald, one of the best known bridge constructors in the world.

STUDYING FISH. They Are Labelled and Then Go Back to Sea.

THE IDEA OF CATCHING FISH, LABELLING AND NUMBERING THEM, AND THEN CONSIGNING THEM BACK TO THE SEA IS ONE THAT OUR FATHERS WOULD HAVE LAUGHED OVER AS AN ABSURDITY. TO-DAY IT HAS ENTERED THE REGION OF FACT.

For some time the governments of the countries bordering the North Sea have been perplexed over the decline of the North Sea fisheries, and in conference at Christiania last year it was agreed that they should all, save France, which stood outside, parcel out the northern waters and study fish life there, to find out what could be done.

In England the work is in the hands of the Marine Biological Association, the government making a grant. One member of the association, Mr. G. P. Bidder, purchased the steam trawler now called the Huxley, and let it to the organization for a nominal sum.

In addition to the crew, the Huxley will carry four naturalists—two to study invertebrates and two for fishery work. It will be the purpose of these naturalists to learn the habits, movements, and food of the fish. A picked number of the fish caught will have brass or one button fastened to their dorsal fins, each button bearing a number, and thus labelled will be put back again in the sea. Arrangements are being completed to induce fishermen to report when they catch the marked fish. The German expeditions are marking the fish they catch with aluminium rings.

Another object of the expedition is to discover the localities frequented by breeding and nursery fish in order that, by common agreement, fishermen may be forbidden the use of them.

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To Subscribers.

As announced some months ago the Twice-a-Week Times will be sent only to paid-in-advance subscribers after this date. We have already discontinued all papers going to subscribers who are in arrears since 1900. Papers have been addressed and including this issue to subscribers who are in arrears since 1901 or 1902, as we thought it would be well to give that class of debtors a few weeks more grace in the hope that they would be induced to pay all arrears and a year in advance. A good many have done so, but there are still several hundred who have defaulted. Every subscription unpaid since 1901 or 1902 will be discontinued after this week.

We will hereafter place on the label bearing the subscriber's name the date to which his subscription is paid and the subscriber will thus always be able to tell when he should remit another dollar to secure the continuance of the paper.

There is now only one condition on which the Twice-a-Week Times can be secured—that is by payment in advance. No paper will be sent after the time for which it has been paid has expired.

NEW MANAGEMENT OF ALBION WORKS

T. H. MACDONALD HAS ASSUMED CONTROL

Man of Thorough Training Put in Charge of Victoria and Vancouver Branches.

At a recent meeting of the directors of the Albion Iron Works it was decided to place the management of that institution in new hands. T. H. MacDonald, the newly appointed manager, arrived from the East on Tuesday, and assumed the duties connected with his office.

Mr. MacDonald has been given the management of the entire works of the company, including those located in this city and also those in Vancouver.

The new manager comes very highly recommended. He was for many years connected with the Fulton Iron Works in San Francisco, and has occupied an important position with the Electric Light Works in that city. His connection with the Fulton Works brought Mr. MacDonald into close touch with the shipbuilding trade, and gave him a wide experience in this branch of work. This will serve him to good purpose in an important branch of work which the Albion Iron Works conducts in this city.

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NOTICE IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

In the Matter of the Title of Victoria Lodge, No. 1, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, to Parts of Lots 405 and 406. According to the Office Map of the City of Victoria, British Columbia, and in the Matter of the "Quieting Titles Act."

Notice is hereby given that any person or persons having an adverse claim or claims not recognized by the petition herein of Victoria Lodge, No. 1, I. O. O. F., to those parts of Victoria City lots, numbers 405 and 406, more particularly described as follows: "Commencing at a point on the east side line of Broad street, in the said City of Victoria, thence running in a southerly direction along the said east side line of Broad street to its intersection with Fort street, a distance of fifty-one feet more or less, thence easterly along the north side line of said Fort street a distance of seventy-six feet five inches more or less, thence at right angles in a northerly direction a distance of fifty-two feet more or less, thence easterly along a westerly direction to the place of commencement," or can show cause why a Declaration of Title should be issued in their favor, are hereby required to file a statement of his or their claim, verified by affidavit, to be filed therewith on or before Friday, the twentieth day of February next, at 10.30 o'clock in the forenoon, at which time the said Declaration will be signed by one of the Justices of the said Supreme Court, and issued to the said Victoria Lodge, No. 1, I. O. O. F.

Adverse claims and affidavits of verification must be filed at the Registry of the Supreme Court, Victoria, British Columbia, and notice of filing the same and affidavit of verification must be served upon the petitioners personally or upon the undersigned, Messrs. Fell & Gregory, Solicitors for the Petitioners, Board of Trade Building, Bastion Square, Victoria, B. C.

FELL & GREGORY, Solicitors for the Petitioners.

MINERAL ACT. (Form F.) CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS. NOTICE.

"General Warren" and "Tax" Mineral Claims, situate in the Victoria Mining Division of Henfrew District. Where located, Bugaboo Creek, Gordon River.

Take notice that I, H. E. Newton, F. M. C. 372438, and as agent for R. A. Newton, F. M. C. 372438, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claims.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements.

Dated the 27th day of November, A. D., 1902.

ESTATE OF CHARLES TODD, DECEASED.

Notice is hereby given that all persons having any claim against the estate of Charles Todd, deceased, late of Metta Harbour, British Columbia, Indian agent, are required to send particulars of such claim to the undersigned on or before the 30th day of January, 1903, after which date the executor will proceed to distribute the assets amongst the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which she shall then have had notice.

Dated this 30th day of October, 1902.

OBELAS E. CREASE, Executor for the Estate of Charles Todd.

NOTICE.

Thirty days after date I intend to apply to the Honorable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a license to prospect for coal on 640 acres of land situated on the north side of Quatsino Sound, commencing at a post on the beach marked E. Lawson, S. E. Corner, and running thence north 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, comprising 640 acres more or less.

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FREIGHTS COLLECTED NEAR PORT

FIRE DESTROYED A NUMBER OF THE

Commercial Business by Wire Telegraphy Will Be Established in Two Months.

Toronto, Jan. 29.—The G. T. to its list of debitors by another between Fort Hope and Newton morning near the scene of the a few days ago. The freight ing at a high rate of speed in directions on the same track rather with terrible impact. In a brakeman, was seriously injured of the crew receiving slight bruise engineers and firemen had m escapes by jumping. The wa fire and several cars were burn

Carnegie's offer.

Toronto, Jan. 29.—So far 15 have expressed themselves favor regarding Carnegie's offer of \$250,000 to the Toronto Library.

Judge Deed, of Toronto Court judge, died at the House, St. Catharines, at 3 o'clock morning.

Montreal, Jan. 29.—Fire tonight the small office building at 511 Royal street, doing damage estimated at \$100,000. The cause was a commission firm, and the loss in stance is large.

Stole Gas.

Four more young slot gas thieves received sentences to-day ranging 20 years. Armus Corvise sent away to the penitentiary 4 years; Albert Veinua and E. B. got five years each, and A. Goul years. This makes seven young in St. Vincent de Paul penitentiary the same offense.

Wireless Telegraphy.

Marconi arrived here to-day to with the directors of the Canadian cable. He intimated that within months a regular commercial service will be established between England and Canada. The Wireless company claimed that charge for transmitting messages would be ten cents per cable company tariff of 25 cents word for trans-Atlantic telegrams hopes that an important business trans-Atlantic business be brought to the press messages, which will be to Canadian news and news in B in which Canada is especially interested which is now practically a lost sight of.

COUNTESS IN CUSTODY

Obtained Possession of Child attempted to Present Him as His

Berlin, Jan. 29.—The Countess bella Wesselsky-Wiedel has again arrested, and is charged with pro to have borne a son six years ago presenting him as the heir to an at Wroblewo, province of Posen.

Countess was 51 when the child born, and had three daughters. It is alleged that she had two in highest rank as accomplices, whose names have not been disclosed. She gave the driver a gold pin watchman in Austria, and in the moment to have brought the baby Countess's apartments here. They in it asserted, from the railroad papers, gave the driver a gold pin a gratuity, and entered the house of them carrying the baby down shawl strap with a breathing space in the bottom of the bundle. The piece so impressed the cabman that he stopped work for the day and home. Thus it was that he remem the circumstances. His testimony contributes to completing the chain evidence against the Countess.

It is further claimed, that she came drugged, and apparently was two days in the house before its was announced. The servants of Countess, it seems, did not even of the presence of the child.

Those nearest to the Countess for birth in good faith. The old Wesselsky, who was in France, was in Italy at the time, fled to Berlin and assisted in taking of the mother and child. The doctor to this city, but the Countess would see him and sent the doctor word she had every necessary attention, the legitimacy of the child was contested, the Countess averred she the services of a midwife from W who has since died.

FOR ARMY IN AFRICA.

London, Jan. 30.—The British office has decided to invite tender Canadian firms for the supply of mules to the British army in Africa.