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HEAVY STORM ON ATLANTIC COAST

WASHINGTON CUT OFF FROM OUTSIDE WORLD

Trains Cannot Be Located—Several States Swept by Blizzard.

New York, March 4.—The city of Washington was isolated from communication with the rest of the country after about 4 a.m. to-day by a heavy snowstorm which brought down a great many telephone and telegraph wires, and rendered others unworkable. At 8.30 o'clock this morning the telegraph and telephone companies reported that they were unable to communicate with Washington from all directions, although from midnight last night till about 4 a.m. it was possible to reach Washington by way of the south. At 3.30 o'clock this morning, when the last news report came out of Washington it was still snowing hard there, and the streets were covered with snow and slush.

The snowstorm which swept the entire Atlantic seaboard early to-day attained blizzard-like proportions, and lines of communication in all directions from the national capital were broken. Train dispatchers reported that train movements were hampered, and that the storm had greatly aggravated the unnatural condition of transportation in Washington.

Conditions in Washington, Washington, D. C., March 4, 11 a.m.—The storm here is almost unprecedented, blowing, snowing and sleeting all night. It is snowing hard now. Everything is almost at a standstill. The streets are full of ice, snow and slush.

Trains "Missing." Louisville, Ky., March 4.—Officials of the Chesapeake & Ohio railroad, in communication with their office in Richmond shortly before 9 o'clock this morning, were advised that there was no communication between Richmond and Washington, that the storm was very severe and that they were unable to find several trains.

Covers Wide Area. Philadelphia, Pa., March 4.—The severe snow and sleet storm of the water, prevailing to-day in Eastern Pennsylvania, Delaware, New Jersey, and as a result all communication with the south has been broken off. The telephone, telegraph and railroad companies announce that they have lost all wires between Wilmington and Baltimore.

Plays Havoc With Wires. Wilmington, Del., March 4.—Not a telegraph or telephone wire south of Wilmington is in working condition this morning. The storm, which might have played havoc with all wires.

SUNDAY STREET CARS. Action of Power Company in Edmonton to Be Determined by Plebiscite.

Edmonton, Alta., March 4.—The city council will not take action to secure a plebiscite on the question of the operation of Sunday street cars until the matter is officially brought to the attention by a petition of ratepayers. This was the statement made yesterday by Mayor Lee, who takes the ground that it is not up to the city to take any action until the ratepayers request it.

It is not probable that Sunday cars would be run at any rate until the new power plant is installed and extra cars arrive in the course of a month or more. It is probable that action towards securing a plebiscite will be taken this spring.

COSTLY FIRE AT SOREL. Five Stores and Two Dwelling Houses Are Wiped Out.

Sorel, Que., March 4.—Fire that started here yesterday destroyed five stores and about 75,000, with a total loss of about \$75,000, with insurance of about \$25,000. The buildings destroyed were: Chevallier's drug store, Trempe's grocery, A. Chamone's shoe shop, J. A. Lussier's dry goods store and shop, J. A. Brooker's, to-day caused the death of two members of a family of five and serious injury to the remaining three. Five firemen were injured, and a number of tenants had narrow escapes. Mrs. Nathan Robinson was the woman who perished, and the other victim was her 12 year old son Harry. The family occupied the top floor and their escape was cut off when the fire, starting in the basement, swept up the shafts, and set the upper half ablaze.

TURCO-BULGARIAN CRUX. St. Petersburg, March 4.—Ridifast Pasha, the Turkish minister of foreign affairs, has arrived in St. Petersburg to negotiate directly with Foreign Minister Isovsky the financial arrangement and the liquidation of the Turkish war indemnity.

MIKADO'S GRANDSON. Tokyo, March 4.—Princess Takeda, the eldest daughter of the Emperor of Japan, gave birth to a son to-day. The prince was born late this afternoon.

BRANDY CHOCOLATES. Toronto, Ont., March 4.—Three Yonge street confectioners pleaded guilty in the police court yesterday to selling liquor without a license, and were each fined \$50 and costs. The charge was laid by the license department, the liquor being sold in brandy chocolates and other candies in which alcohol was used.

VANCOUVER'S FIRST ELEVATOR

(Special to the Times.) Vancouver, March 4.—F. W. Peters announced to-day that the C. P. R. would erect an elevator and complete it for this season's crop if possible. The site will be at the western end of the present C. P. R. dock near the detention shed.

WINNIPEG'S "BANNER YEAR FOR PROGRESS"

Enormous Amount of Building Expected—G. T. P. Shops to Cost \$5,000,000.

Winnipeg, Man., March 4.—The offices of all the architects in the city are hives of industry, and all are crowded to the limit with work preparatory to one of the busiest building seasons in Winnipeg's history. The buildings are of a costly and substantial type. The biggest contract will be the G. T. P. shops, which are to cost \$5,000,000 when completed.

Competent authorities believe that \$12,000,000 will be a conservative estimate of the building figures for the year, and it may run several millions over that. If no labor trouble develops, it will be Winnipeg's banner year for progress.

Another great Roman Catholic institution is to be established here. The Franciscans, an order originally founded in Brittany, France, to alleviate



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the lot of the leper, work which they have carried on in all parts of the world, are going to found a home where Roman Catholic ladies may live. A large number of ladies belonging to the faith are employed in various places of business in Winnipeg, and it has long been felt that they should have a haven where they may live in comfort with economy. The work of building will be begun very shortly.

SMALLPOX IN LONDON, ONT. London, Ont., March 4.—The smallpox outbreak in this district is constantly growing more serious. London now has five cases, while all around the city many new cases have developed. At Evelyn village, east of London, several cases have appeared and all the schools and churches are closed. In East Williams it is estimated that 20 persons are quarantined.

MOTHER AND SON DIE IN TENEMENT BLAZE

Escape of Family on Top Floor Cut Off by Flames.

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PORT NELSON FOR TERMINAL

ENGINEER'S REPORT ON HUDSON BAY RAILROAD

Survey Provides a Shorter Line at Estimated Cost of 11 Millions.

(Special to the Times.) Winnipeg, Man., March 4.—Engineer Armstrong's first report on the Hudson Bay railway from that part 150 miles north of Prince Albert is starting. He recommends Port Nelson for the terminal and not Fort Churchill, as furnishing a less expensive and shorter line from Winnipeg.

It is estimated that the cost will be eleven millions. Three hundred and twenty out of the 465 miles are completely surveyed. This news is not pleasing to Premier Roblin, who two years ago sent W. Beach to Fort Churchill to squat on a townsite which he has secured to the extent of 150 acres.

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"The presence in the House of Commons again of the cabinet representative of British Columbia ought to be a daily object lesson to the Conservative Party that it must clean its skirts of the infamy attaching to the trick which was resorted to on the eve of the general election by somebody close to its recognized organ in the province of British Columbia, with the object of winning a seat and defeating the cabinet minister. The party can no longer hide itself behind the skirts of the bishop's cassock. It must insist upon a full and free investigation of all the circumstances surrounding the alteration of this now notorious telegram, and it might begin by asking the leader of the opposition to make public the telegram which he received from the Victoria Colonist and to which his name was an answer. Mr. Borden is understood to take the position that he cannot give out the words of the message which he received, without the consent of the Victoria Colonist, and to this he has been holding out for some time. That being the case, will the leader of the opposition deny that the message which he received at Halifax on October 24th last was couched in words something like this: 'Victoria, Oct. 24, 1908. 'R. L. Borden, Halifax: 'Please wire Colonist as follows: 'Conservative party stands for a white Canada, protection of white labor and total exclusion of Asiatics.' 'We know from Mr. Borden's own statement that the reply he sent to 'Your telegram received. Conservative party stands for white Canada and protection of white labor.' 'But what we do not know yet is the name of the man who handed the telegram to a man who might within twenty-four hours have been premier of Canada, and upon receipt of his reply came to the conclusion that it was not strong enough, and so deliberately 'doctored' it before handing it to 'emissary of the Colonist,' to be transmitted to a Conservative meeting, to be read by Mr. Barnard, to be later reproduced in the Colonist, an organ of the Conservative party, and to be circulated by thousands at the doors of polling booths in order to excite the prejudices of the working classes against the representative of the Laurier government. We are entitled to that information, and parliament ought not to be satisfied until it gets that information. But pending any further statement, either by the Victoria Colonist or by the 'scapegoat' who has taken refuge behind Bishop Perrin, Mr. Borden is held up to public scorn." (Concluded on page 5.)

ALBERTA CAMPAIGN. Liberal Nominations in Lethbridge—Rufus Pope May Campaign.

Lethbridge, March 4.—W. A. Buchanan, editor of the Lethbridge Herald, was the choice of the Liberal convention held here, and Dr. Rivers, mayor of Raymond, was nominated by Lethbridge district Liberals for the Alberta legislature.

M. S. McCarthy to Campaign. Ottawa, Ont., March 4.—Mr. McCarthy, M. P. for Calgary, is leaving immediately for Alberta where he will take an active part in the provincial campaign. Rufus H. Pope, who is here, is expected to accompany Mr. McCarthy.

CARMEN STRIKE IN MANILA. Manila, March 4.—The carmen and other employees on the Manila street railway struck yesterday, demanding a series of demands. The men ask an increase in pay and a rearrangement of their hours. Most of the cars are being operated with non-union Filipinos and Americans.

QUICKENING ATLANTIC CABLE CONNECTION

Communication From Ireland to New York via Newfoundland.

New York, March 4.—Robert Bond, premier of Newfoundland, before vacating his office yesterday, announced that his government had made a contract with the Commercial Cable Company by which the latter will extend one of its cables into Newfoundland and thence direct to New York city.

In speaking of the new cable, President Clarence H. McKay, of the Commercial Cable Company, said that it would increase the speed of messages between this city and Ireland by over 35 per cent, and would be the only cable in the Atlantic running from Europe to Newfoundland, and thence direct to New York.

HER MAJESTY MUCH BETTER. King Edward Postpones His Departure For Biarritz.

London, March 4.—Owing to the gale prevailing over the channel, King Edward has postponed his departure for Biarritz.

Queen Alexandra, who recently has been suffering from a cold, is much better to-day.

NO ANTI-JAPANESE LEGISLATION IN MONTANA

Helena, Mont., March 4.—No anti-Japanese legislation will pass the Montana legislature at this session. The Clayberg bill as well as the Norton bill was killed, and Morton's anti-Japanese resolution, which would have requested congress to continue the Japanese Exclusion Act and exclude other Asiatics, not having been acted on in committee of the whole, cannot be passed. No other anti-Japanese bills were pending.

RUSH OF SETTLERS. Toronto, Ont., March 4.—A special train of five coaches had to be run yesterday by the C. P. R. for settlers going to Western Canada. If the present rush continues a new record will be made.

JAPAN PASSES SHIP SUBSIDY BILL

Tokio, March 4.—The ship subsidy bill passed the lower house of the Diet with one amendment, which makes the period during which the subsidy shall be effective, five years.

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JAPS LEAVING PACIFIC COAST

SIGNIFICANT FIGURES ISSUED FROM TOKIO

Effective Operation of Japanese Agreement With United States.

Tokio, March 4.—Returns just published by the foreign office show that between June and December, 1908, 1,354 Japanese left the empire bound for the United States, while 3,500 returned from United States during the same period. Of these returning 3,021 travelled third-class across the Pacific, which indicates that they were of the laboring class, against which the emigration restrictions of the Japanese government are particularly directed.

The total number of Japanese sailing for Hawaii from Japan during the same period is shown to have been 1,151, while those returning from the island number 2,951, of which 2,259 were third-class passengers.

The foreign office officials are particularly insistent in calling attention to the fact that on the figures given 4,000 more Japanese returned from American territory than sailed to America during the last eight months, and they state that this is extremely significant of the effective operation of the Japanese agreement with the United States.

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SOUTH AFRICA AND ARMY OF EMPIRE

Pietermaritzburg, March 4.—Premier Moore in a speech yesterday foreboded the creation of a military training college and also of a force capable of defending South Africa and assisting the empire in imperial defence.

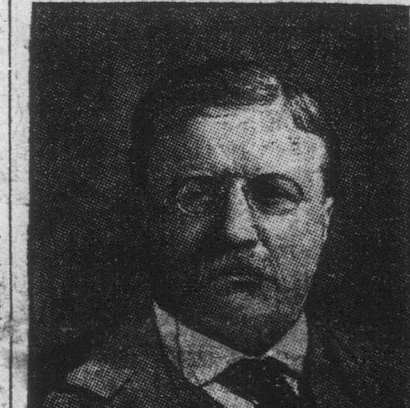
EMPEROR AS PAWN OF PRINCE VON BUELOW

Berlin Writer Makes Sensational Attack on German Chancellor.

Berlin, March 4.—A severe attack on Chancellor Von Buelow and a defence of Emperor William in connection with the alleged imperial indiscretion last year, is contained in a book by Rudolf Martin, which appears tomorrow. Herr Martin was formerly attached to the Department of the Interior and he is said to be supported by a considerable party at court as part of an organized party to force Von Buelow out of office.

Herr Martin gives expression to many sensational assertions against Prince Von Buelow whom he accuses of misdirecting the Emperor, especially in the matter of the interview published in the London Daily Telegraph. He declares this interview was prepared under Prince Von Buelow's instructions and that the Prince after perusal, told

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His Majesty it could be published. Then when the crisis arose after publication, the Prince advised the Emperor to leave Berlin during the exciting debates in the Reichstag.

"BOMB" AT ROYAL PALACE. Madrid, March 4.—The Correspondence states that a bomb with a burning fuse was again found near the wall of the royal palace, and that the police arrested persons believed to be concerned in the outrage. The minister of the interior, however, declared last night that the object found was not a bomb, but a petard enveloped in thick paper, and that it was found fully 500 yards from the palace.

REDUCING PRICE OF STEEL. Pittsburgh, Pa., March 4.—Following a meeting of independent sheet manufacturers in this city a reduction in the price of all grades of steel ranging from \$2 to \$4, it is said, has been decided upon. The meeting was attended only by sheet manufacturers, and a report that steel bars and billet prices had also been cut by the independents is not correct.

ONTARIO IN LONDON. Toronto, Ont., March 4.—Donald Sutherland, ex-M.P. for South Ontario, is to be appointed provincial representative in London, England, with a salary of about \$4,000.

FARMER ACCUSED OF ARSON. Brampton, Ont., March 4.—James Frusthor, a Swagrove farmer, was committed for trial yesterday on the charge of burning his house in order to get the insurance on the building.

SERVIA WILL LEAVE SETTLEMENT TO POWERS. Paris, March 4.—The Foreign Office has been advised that Serbia, in reply to the Russian representations regarding a settlement of her controversy with Austria-Hungary over the annexation of the province of Bosnia and Herzegovina, expressed her willingness to leave the protection of her interests to the Powers. She herself will make no claim.

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ANGLO-AMERICAN WEDDING. London, March 4.—The marriage of George Westinghouse junior, son of the American Tract Society of New York, and Evelyn Violet, daughter of Sir Thomas Brocklebank was celebrated to-day at the little village church of Irton Cumberland where the Brocklebank home is located.

BIG INCREASE IN EXPENDITURE

RUSSIAN FINANCES ARE CAUSING WORRY No Extra Allowances for Army—Effect of War Cloud in Balkans.

St. Petersburg, March 2.—The general debate on the budget of 1909 began yesterday in the Duma with a programme of speeches by the president of the budget committee, M. Alexieff, the Constitutional Democrat member, M. Spangareff, and Minister of Finance Kokovoff, which lasted throughout the entire afternoon and evening.

M. Alexieff showed that expenditures had increased \$139,000,000 in the last two years, as compared with an earlier annual average of \$40,000,000. He said that 43 1/2 per cent. of the budget estimates was devoted to military purposes and 12 1/2 per cent. to education, agrarian reforms, etc.

M. Spangareff pointed out that the expenditures of the minister of war and the interior and of the prison department had increased fifty per cent. during the constitutional epoch, and those of the ministers of education and agriculture one-half per cent. He demanded a reduction of the peace strength of the army.

Finance Minister Kokovoff, in reply conceded the justice of the criticisms of the military expenditure, and declared that no further allowances would be permitted. The last loan, he said, had been obtained under more favorable conditions.

The minister declared that despite the effect of the war with Japan, the internal disorders and the international unrest arising from the troubles in Morocco and the Balkans, Russian credit was now steadily improving.

Foreign investors, he declared in conclusion, have confidence in the third Duma, and if the Duma and the administration would co-operate loyally, the credit of the country would soon be restored to a condition worthy of a great state.

MAURETANIA IS STILL RECORD BREAKING Cunarder Clips 25 Minutes Off Time for Eastbound Run.

Queenstown, March 2.—The steamer Mauretania passed Daunt's rock at 9 1/2 a.m. to-day, establishing a new record for the eastbound passage from New York of 4 days, 20 hours and 2 minutes. Her average speed for the run was 25.28 nautical miles per hour.

The Mauretania sailed from New York for Queenstown on February 25th and passed the Ambrose channel lightship at 8 45 a.m. The distance for the long eastbound course is 2,384 miles. The best previous record for the eastward passage was made by the Mauretania on her last previous trip when she covered the distance in 4 days 20 hours and 27 minutes, at an average speed of 25.20 nautical miles per hour.

REAR ADMIRAL SPERRY. Washington, D. C., March 2.—Rear Admiral Charles S. Sperry to-day made a formal application to be relieved from duty as commander-in-chief of the Atlantic battleship fleet, and Rear Admiral Seaton Schoeder has been appointed in his place.

RED CROSS FUNDS FOR EARTHQUAKE SUFFERERS Needs of Distressed Population in Southern Italy Are Still Appalling.

Rome, March 2.—The international committee of the Red Cross has published a statement advising that up to February 26th it had received \$3,982,920, which was distributed as follows: The first works of relief, \$266,000; to old persons and invalids, \$600,000; to orphans, \$400,000; to artisans and small tradesmen, \$400,000; to homes of various kinds, \$800,000; to refugees, etc., \$200,000.

31 SOLDIERS BURIED BY AVALANCHE

Innsbruck Austria, March 2.—A detachment of six officers and twenty-five men of the Austrian army was overwhelmed by an avalanche near Lyrann today. Troops have been sent to the scene of the disaster.

TRAGIC DEATH OF CRIPPLED GIRL

Burns to Crisp in Invalid's Chair, Unable to Stir or Cry Out.

Chicago, Ill., March 2.—The tragic death of Alice Ryan, a 16-year-old invalid, was reported to the police this morning. Ill from "hip and spine" disease from infancy, unable to move, she sat in an invalid's chair in front of the fire place yesterday, while her mother was at work in the kitchen. A spark ignited her clothing, but she was unable to stir or cry out. When Mrs. Ryan entered the room she found her daughter's body burned to a crisp.

JACK JOHNSON ON HIS WAY TO THIS PORT

World's Champion Boxer Ready to Fight Any Man.

Honolulu, March 2.—Jack Johnson, champion heavyweight pugilist of the world, arrived here to-day on the steamer Makura from Australia. He will give an exhibition here to-morrow, after which he will depart for Vancouver. From Vancouver he will go to Chicago and then to his home in Galveston. After a brief visit there he will go to New York and to London, where he has a series of music hall engagements.

FRENCH CONSUL DEMANDS CHINAMAN'S RELEASE

Spanish Subject Who Disregarded Edict Ordering Mourning.

Amy, March 2.—A committee arrived here yesterday from Foo Chow to investigate the case of the Spanish Chinaman Malcampo. This man persisted in keeping open a local theatre during the period of mourning for the late Emperor, in defiance of the authorities. On February 6th he was arrested, and the French consul here, who represents Spain, demanded his release.

HENRY BAUSCH DEAD.

Rochester, N. Y., March 2.—Henry Bausch, vice-president of the Bausch & Lomb Optical Company, affiliated with nearly all the optical manufacturers of America and Europe, died to-day at Augusta, Ga., aged 56 years.

CELLULOID VICTIM.

Brantford, Ont., March 2.—Three-year-old John Finley was fatally burned by a celluloid comb which caught fire while he was playing with it.

TRANSIT READY FOR NORTHERN TRADE

Will Carry Passengers and Freight Between Alaska and British Columbia.

(From Tuesday's Daily.) Steamer Transit came off the ways of the Machinery depot this morning after having completed repairs costing nearly \$10,000, the principal item of which was the replacing of the stem of the old one having been found defective.

Captain Danielson this morning said that he expected to leave for Vancouver to-morrow, where the Transit would at once enter the northern trade between Alaska and Vancouver and Ladysmith for Mackenzie brothers. There is a good deal of ore carrying to be done between Alaska and the Yee smelter at Ladysmith, and this part of the business will be featured. The Transit will also carry passengers between Alaska and British Columbia. The captain further said it was not improbable that during the coming summer trip might be made to Nome, but it would not be possible to leave for that point before June.

NEW TAXATION PLAN ATOAK BAY

IMPROVEMENTS ON LAND WILL BE EXEMPTED

Municipal Council Decides Upon That Step Monday.

Following in the footsteps of Nanaimo and other communities Oak Bay has adopted the principle of single tax as the method of raising revenue during the coming year. The new plan was not passed unanimously at the council meeting on Monday, becoming law only on the vote of the reeve. It had been discussed at some length in committee in the morning and at that time there were a majority of councillors in favor of it, among them being Councillor Noble. During the day, however, he changed his mind and when the resolution was introduced he opposed it.

Councillor McGregor opened the debate, moving that the tax on improvements should be abolished during the coming year. He thought the time had arrived when the municipality could set an example to the rest of the country. It would encourage builders to get to work in their municipality.

Councillor Noble was of opinion that notice should have been given of so important a move. This was not being found necessary. Councillor McGregor continuing, said they wanted to encourage the erection of good buildings. People should not be taxed because they built a good house on their-land or because it was well fenced. A poor house he thought did harm to the community, whereas the good building added to the value of the municipality. Vacant lands, he asserted, held the place back while improving in value itself at the expense of the neighboring land. For this reason alone they should not find a man for improving his place, for that was really what the present method of taxation meant. The only excuse for the system in the past had been that all the money was needed. Now they were not in that position and he thought it a good time to inaugurate this policy.

Councillor Pemberton said the taxing of land only would encourage people to have small lots which would be a very unsatisfactory state of affairs. At present, buildings were taxed to only half their value. He hoped this change would be very carefully considered as he considered it wholly wrong in principle.

Councillor Colbert, the seconder of the motion, speaking in the support of what already the plan was in operation to a very large extent. Most of the work in Oak Bay was done on the local improvement plan, which meant that the land values were taxed, the value of the buildings on the property not being taken into consideration at all. This, he thought, was a good opportunity to lower the taxes. It would be an incentive to people to come to the municipality when they could have their improvements free of taxation.

Councillor Newton in support of the motion said the money at stake was very little. The municipality was now in a position to set an example. He agreed with the previous speaker that if the tax on improvements was cut out it would be an incentive to people to come to the municipality. Reeve Henderson said that if it was a good plan to tax the improvements only half, as at present, it must be a better plan not to tax them at all. This was a step in the right direction. He thought they would be the first to adopt the plan in this part of the country.

Councillor Oliver expressed his opinion that there was no demerit in the change, no one had asked for it, and no necessity for it had arisen. He was quite at one with Councillor McGregor that the taxes on improvements should be made as light as possible, but he thought they should preserve this source of revenue, for, although it did not amount to much just now it would be an important source of revenue in the future. Once abolished it would never be reimposed.

Once more Councillor Pemberton rose to his feet to protest, saying they were going the wrong way about this matter. The taxes were going up all the time, and the source of revenue was being reduced. It was, he was sure, an absolute mistake. No one would thank them for taking the tax off. The vote was then taken, those voting in favor of the motion being Councillors McGregor, Colbert and Newton; against, Councillors Pemberton, Oliver and Noble. The reeve then gave his vote in its favor and the resolution was adopted.

Clerk Floyd was given one month in which to complete the assessment roll. The amount to be raised during the coming year is \$19,200 divided as follows: For school purposes \$1,500; Roads and bridges 7,500; General expenses 5,000; Extraordinary expenses, sinking fund, etc. 2,700; Contingencies 2,500. These amounts having been all debated in committee were adopted without discussion.

SCOTTISH BYE-ELECTION, Liberal is Again Successful in Forfarshire, Scotland.

London, March 2.—The bye-election in Forfarshire, Scotland, yesterday resulted in the return of Falconer, Liberal, over Blackburn, Unionist, by a majority of 2,452. The votes polled were: Falconer, 6,422; Blackburn, 3,970. The bye-election was caused by the elevation of Right Hon. John Sinclair to the peerage. At the general election the result was: Sinclair, 6,796; Mackay Bernard, Conservative, 3,277.



Hon. R. G. Tatlow (Loquitor)—"Never touched me."

ENOUGH NITRATE FOR 130 YEARS IN CHILI

Valparaiso, March 2.—An expert study of the nitrate fields of Chili has been made lately, and as a result an estimate is made public that there is sufficient of this commodity in sight for 130 years at the present rate of consumption.

OUTLOOK FOR WINTER WHEAT IN NEBRASKA

Prospects Never Brighter Owing to Mild and Open Winter.

Omaha, Neb., March 2.—According to reports from all sections of the state winter wheat in Nebraska is in better condition than on any previous beginning of winter for many years. The winter has been open and mild, the few cold snaps coming when the wheat was covered with snow, which furnished protection from the cold. In no part of the state was the plant injured by ice. Ice is broken on all rivers in the state, and everyone is rushing full-banked. The ground is thoroughly saturated, and the prospects for winter wheat have never been better. Nebraska is one of the principal winter wheat states.

U. S. SUIT AGAINST STANDARD OIL COMPANY

Charge of Accepting Rebates From Railway in Indiana.

Chicago, Ill., March 2.—With the jury complete the case of the United States government against the Standard Oil Company of Indiana on the charge of accepting rebates from the Chicago & Alton railway got under way to-day for the second time. Assistant United States District Attorney Wilkerson, who was District Attorney Sims' aide in the first trial, began the presentation of the government's case. He was expected to conclude by noon.

This afternoon the government's first witness will be called. He is H. S. Howard, chief rate clerk of the C. & A. railroad at the time the oil company shipped its product over the road from Whiting, Ind., to East St. Louis at the six-cent rate. Mr. Howard was one of the most important witnesses in the former trial as he probably will be in this one. The next witness will probably be Horace Tucker, chairman of the St. Louis-Chicago traffic bureau.

12 EXPLOSION CASUALTIES

Wilkesbarre, Pa., March 2.—Twelve men were badly burned by an explosion of gas to-day in No. 14 colliery of the Erie Coal Co., at Port Blanchard, Pa., near here. It is feared many of them will die from their injuries.

NO PROHIBITION IN N. B.

Fredericton, N. B., March 2.—The provincial government yesterday afternoon refused the petition of the New Brunswick Temperance Federation asking for prohibition in New Brunswick.

REDUCTION IN WAGES OF STEEL WORKERS

Buffalo, N. Y., March 2.—A reduction of more than ten per cent. in the wages of practically every employe of the Lackawanna Steel Company goes into effect to-day. The Lackawanna is the largest independent concern, outside of the Gary plant, and this is the first announcement of a cut in wages from the independents since the war of prices with the United States Steel Corporation began. The reduction hits the wages of all classes of workmen and the office force.

QUEBEC'S OPPOSITION LEADER.

Quebec, March 2.—J. M. Teller, M. P. P. for Joliette, will assume the leadership of the opposition in the forthcoming legislature in place of P. E. LeBlanc, defeated last election.

LADIES' COMMITTEE OF ORPHANAGE MEETS

Visitors Report Very Satisfactory Conditions at Home—List of Donations.

The regular monthly meeting of the ladies' committee of the Protestant orphanage was held at the city hall Monday afternoon, the following being present: Mesdames McTavish, McColluch, Higgins, Huckell, J. Langley, Peckard, Vigelius, Munnate, Toller, Teague, Latimer, Shakespeare, Robert Croft, Sprague, and the Misses Josette Tomlie and Braik.

After the opening prayer the minutes were read, discussed and adopted. The ladies' report showed everything in a very satisfactory condition at the home, with thirty-four children attending school. A great amount of sewing has been successfully completed by the matron and her assistants, and a donation of serge would be very acceptable for immediate use. The necessary groceries had been purchased by the ladies.

Bills were paid amounting to \$167.75. Much inconvenience has been caused to the little people of the orphanage by the broken condition of the two-plank sidewalk which is now partially under water, causing anxiety to the matron owing to wet boots and stockings in their journey to school.

Applications were received for two boys. These matters will receive attention. The following visitors were appointed for March: Mrs. Huckell and Miss Josette Tomlie.

The president, Mrs. McTavish, intimated to the ladies present and for the benefit of absentees, that spring having arrived, the meetings in future will be held at the home at 2:30 p. m.

The donation list for February follows: Tony Shilve, 1 lb. creamery butter, 3 hams and 1 side of bacon; Mrs. McKensie, teacher, North Ward school, a quantity of clothing; Miss Nelson, 160 Oak Bay avenue, clothing; Mrs. Oliphant, per Johns Bros., clothing; Mrs. Andrews, Victoria West, illustrated papers and magazines; Mrs. Nelson, Cobble Hill, 4 sacks Snowflake flour; Mrs. Ney, Pandora street, magazines; Waites Bros., Fort street, sharp-edged scissors and making a key; Mrs. Okell, Victoria West, clothing; W. H. Wilkerson, fur scarf; Mrs. A. Vigelius, 8 yards percale; S. F. C. A., Our Annual Friends; Times and Colonist, daily papers; A Friend, Carey road, 4 new shirts.

The reading of the list was followed by closing prayers, after which the meeting adjourned.

CLARK REFUSES TO RETURN.

Man Who Escaped From New Westminster Penitentiary Determined to Fight Extradition.

New Westminster, March 1.—Clark, the convict who escaped from the penitentiary and was arrested a few days ago at Mount Vernon, Wash., has elected to remain a resident of that electoral district. He states he is south of the forty-ninth parallel to stay, and that nothing short of an order from the highest court in the land will bring him back to Westminster.

Deputy Warden Carroll, who had gone to Mount Vernon to identify Clark as the convict, returned yesterday morning alone. There is no question as to Clark's identity, but as the escaped convict has earned a little money in the past eighteen months, he is in a position to engage legal talent to assist him in resisting extradition. He says he is a deserter from the United States navy, and if everything else fails, he will surrender to the naval authorities and serve out his time.

Clark declines to speak of the escape from the penitentiary. All he has said so far is that it was engineered by Miner, and that the convicts escaped through the hole dug under the fence.

SPokane vs. N. Pacific.

Washington, D. C., March 2.—The railroad rates involved in the famous case of the city of Spokane against the Northern Pacific and other railroads were to-day before the interstate commerce commission to be "inherently unreasonable."

PULLED TO DEATH BY SAVAGE WALRUS

(Special to the Times.) Ottawa, March 2.—Major Moody reports from Fort Churchill that Sergeant Donaldson, of the Mounted Police, lost his life through a walrus attacking the small boat in which he was operating it with its tusks and pulling Donaldson under when he was swimming ashore.

COMMONS COMMITTEE ON MINES AND MINERALS

Ralph Smith is Likely to Be Appointed Chairman.

(Special to the Times.) Ottawa, March 2.—Ralph Smith will probably be appointed chairman of the new standing committee of the Commons on mines and minerals, thus giving British Columbia the chairmanship of what promises to be one of the most important committees of the House. In the last parliament the province had no committee chairmanship.

"LUCKY" BALDWIN LEAVES THIRTY MILLIONS

Widow Said to Benefit Largely—Attempt to Break Will.

Los Angeles, Cal., March 2.—The "Lucky" Baldwin estate is worth \$30,000,000, according to a statement by his manager, A. H. Unruh. This is the largest estate ever probated in Southern California.

Knowing that there would be an attempt to break any will that he might make, Baldwin had his attorney, Bradner M. Lee, draw a document that would be sure to meet every possible legal requirement. This was executed several months ago while the old man's mind was still perfectly clear. Attorney Lee declined to discuss the contents of the will.

He said, however, that the document provides for an equitable division of all property. From one who has seen the will it is said that it allows Mrs. Baldwin more than would be her under a court division, and provides for all the legal heirs.

NEW CATHOLIC CHURCH FOR CUMBERLAND

Members Will Contribute Their Services Toward Erecting Structure.

Comox, Feb. 27.—Rev. H. Mertens Stile, who looks after Catholic interests here and at Cumberland, is engaged in raising funds to build a church at the latter place and his efforts so far have been very successful. It is understood that Cumberland Catholics will build their own church and thus save the cost of labor.

Friends of George Macdonald will be glad to learn that his health has steadily improved since his return home after his operation in Nanaimo. Comox Dancing Club, which was formed by the Misses Macdonald to give weekly dances during the winter months, announces a grand event for Saturday next. The musical arrangements are as usual in the hands of Mr. and Mrs. Martin, of the Elk. The club has proposed an unusual success.

A meeting of the local Liberal Association is announced for next week. Dr. Kerr and Messrs E. Johnston, A. F. Knox and F. W. Hales, of Victoria, are registered at the Port Augusta hotel. Messrs. Hunter and Berrick, of Victoria, are at the Elk.

SCHEDULE ISSUED BY BOSCOWITZ COMPANY

Head Office of Firm Has Been Moved to Yates Street.

The Boscowitz Steamship Company has just issued a schedule of sailings during the remainder of the present year of their two steamers Vado and St. Denis. The Vado will go into dock when she arrives next week, so there will be no sailing north during that week. From that time on there will be regular weekly sailings, the vessels alternating and leaving here every Thursday night, and Vancouver the following night.

The Boscowitz Company has just moved its offices in this city. John Barnsley & Co. are still the agents, but the office is now at 534 Yates street instead of on Government street. This will give a separate office for the shipping business, keeping this quite distinct from their sporting goods department.

SHORT LINE FOR G.T.P. IN NORTH

IT WILL BE USED FOR WEST-BOUND TRAFFIC

Pacific Northern & Ominec Line to Be Completed by June 25, 1911.

The railway committee on Tuesday dealt with the bill respecting the Pacific Northern and Ominec Railway Co., and in the afternoon reported their findings to the House. The company was incorporated in 1900 by Captain John Irving, J. A. Mara and F. S. Barnard and in 1905 got an extension of time for the completion of its line to May 1st next. It is now asking for a further extension. The line, when completed, will form part of the Grand Trunk Pacific system, which purchased the charter some years ago.

The committee recommend that the company be allowed an extension of time, the company agreeing to build fifteen miles of its line from Kitimat to the Copper River before June 1, 1910. It also agrees to build a branch from the Skeena by way of the Copper and Telqua rivers to a junction with the G. T. P. main line at the confluence of the Bulkley and Telqua rivers. For the building of this line and the completion of the line from Kitimat to Copper city the company is given until June 25, 1911.

This cut-off from Copper city to the Bulkley river will effect a considerable saving in the distance by the main line, which runs north along the Bulkley to Hazelton, and then southwest along the Skeena to Copper city. It is understood that the G. T. P. will run its west-bound through freight train over the main line, a combination which will furnish excellent grades either way. The cut-off will open up a splendid mining country in which some prospecting has been going on in spite of the difficulties of getting in. There is also a great deal of fine agricultural land in the hands of Victoria capitalists.

THIRTY YEARS IN NANAIMO.

Death of John Teague, Aged 70, One of Best Known Residents in Coal City.

Nanaimo, March 2.—The death occurred last night of John Teague, one of the oldest and best known residents of the city. It is thirty years since the deceased came to Nanaimo, and he has resided here ever since. He was in his 70th year and hailed from Cornwall, Eng. His death was due to heart failure. He is survived by a wife, three sons and four daughters, all resident in the city and district, with the exception of one son, who is at Nelson. The funeral will take place on Thursday afternoon.

"MOTHER MANIA" IS PLEA OF AMERICAN

Woman Denies Ill-treating Children—Husband Also Involved in Charge.

Paris, March 2.—The police authorities are still busily engaged with the case of the Englishman, Sargent, and his wife, who were arrested in Amieres recently charged with the gross ill-treatment of four children whom they had adopted and the developments of to-day indicate that the husband alone was responsible for the ill-treatment of the children. It has been learned that Mrs. Sargent's maiden name was Josephine Savil and that she is an American. It turns out that Mr. Sargent is addicted to heavy drinking, especially absinthe.

Mrs. Savil's brother, who lives near Paris with his wife, a dressmaker, insists that there is nothing mysterious about his sister's past life. Both were born in New York, he said to-day, and his sister received an allowance from her father, who is rich. He insisted that his sister's love of children amounted to a passion. It might almost be described as "mother mania."

Any ill-treatment of the little ones must be laid to the door of the husband, who frequently was not responsible on account of his condition. M. Viraut, Mrs. Sargent's lawyer, insists emphatically on his client's disinterested love of children. During her pre-trial examination Mrs. Sargent did not cease to protest her innocence of the charge of ill-treatment.

MONTREAL'S PROSPERITY.

Montreal, Que., March 2.—Bank clearings for February were \$120,115,222, compared with \$95,021,138 in the same month last year and \$107,658,094 in 1907.

GERMAN GUNS TO DESTROY AIRSHIPS

Krupp Weapons Loaded With Explosive Shells and Burning Projectiles.

Berlin, March 2.—Lieutenant Gustav Von Bohlenunder Halbach, who married a daughter of Herr Krupp, the gunmaker, has contributed the sum of \$2,500 to the aeronautic profession, recently founded in Goettingen, and he has pledged an equal sum every year. The Krupp concern has taken up the subject of air engineering with energy, having organized a section for the construction of guns to be used against air craft. The concern already has two model guns, one for discharging explosive shells and the other for throwing a burning projectile.

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WELSH RESIDENTS FORM SOCIETY

St. David's Day Banquet Held in Sir William Wallace Hall.

About 80 natives of Wales Monday night attended the banquet held in the Sir William Wallace hall...

LOCAL SCIENTIST READS INTERESTING PAPER

Lake and Ocean Undulations Illustrated Before Natural History Society.

An unusually interesting and instructive paper was given Monday before the Natural History Society...

EARLY NAVIGATION ON GREAT LAKES

Detroit, Mich., March 2.—Reports to the weather bureau from its stations about the Great Lakes indicate...

VICTORIA'S DEBENTURES HAVE SOLD HIGH

Good Figures Have Been Obtained From Toronto Underwriters.

The credit of Victoria stands high on the money market. Monday \$255,000 worth of debentures were placed which netted the city \$817.

ARRESTED FOR SMUGGLING CHINAMEN

Burling, N. Y., March 2.—United States Marshal Conking-to-day arrested Wm. Riley, who was indicted by a federal jury...

ARRESTED IF HE GOES BACK TO VENEZUELA

Caracas, Venezuela, March 1, via Willemstad, Curacao, March 2.—Should Cipriano Castro, former president of this republic...

ONE GRAIN CHARTER DURING PRESENT WEEK

Owners of Idle Vessels Not Disposed to Accept Offers for Lumber Loading.

The charter of the French barque Le Perouse a week ago to load barley at this port for the United Kingdom...

DEATHS AT NANAIMO.

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PRICE OF COAL.

A correspondent calls attention to the exorbitant prices consumers of coal in British Columbia are forced to pay for fuel. Mr. Oliver, the member for Delta, moved in the Legislature that a royal commission be appointed to investigate into the causes of these inflated prices and, we presume, to suggest a remedy for them. We British Columbians are addicted to the habit of vaunting the magnitude of our natural resources, but of what value are such resources if we permit them to pass into the hands of private parties or concerns, who incontinent proceed to form combines and monopolies for the purpose of fleecing us? Is that too strong a description of the conditions which exist to-day? Are the circumstances of coal consumers in any part of the world analogous to the circumstances of the people on the coast of British Columbia? The coal measures of Vancouver Island and of all the province were originally the property of the people. Yet, although they lie within a few hours' journey of our doors, coal costs the ordinary consumer seven dollars and a half a ton.

The Premier and the Finance Minister of the province frequently allude with unctious to the substantial revenue the public treasury receives from the royalty upon coal. Who pays that tax? Is it not, beyond question, just as much a tax upon the people of the province as the road tax or the revenue tax to which so much objection is raised annually? The public not only pay the royalty upon the coal consumed within the province, but also upon the tonnage used by foreigners outside the province. We submit that the foregoing is an absolutely correct statement of facts. Every year a considerable acreage in coal measures passes into the hands of private parties or companies, and we sometimes flatter ourselves that competition will become keener and relief must come, but the tendency is in the direction of higher rather than towards lower prices. In the face of these facts, which are not only a hardship upon the people of British Columbia, but seriously affect the development of industries of importance to the province, the government of Premier McBride has issued an order that the resolution of Mr. Oliver calling for an investigation of the affairs of this most palpable combine must be voted down. It is with the view of shirking the duty of dealing with such questions, embarrassing to the government, but of vital concern to the people, that the word has gone forth that proceedings must be rushed and business pushed through in a crude state in order that prorogation may take place as speedily as possible.

CANADA'S RAPID GROWTH.

Of surpassing interest to Canadians is the annual report of the Department of the Interior recently laid before parliament. Included in this report is a statement dealing with the immigration into the country for the past fiscal year. It is the feature which lends particular interest to this state paper. From a perusal of the statement of the Minister the reader will learn with satisfaction that the bulk of the immigration for the year was directed towards the western parts of the Dominion, and that while the volume of immigration was great the characteristics of the immigrants, physical and moral, were of the very best. There arrived in Canada during the twelve months ending March 31st last, 253,469 immigrants, which is an increase of 23,767 over the preceding year, the largest immigration in any one year in the history of the Dominion. During the decade ending 1907-8 the number of arrivals was 1,186,126, of which 819,313 came from Great Britain, Ireland and the United States, and the remainder, or 356,813, from other countries.

This tremendous movement of people is more than one-sixth of the total population of Canada, according to the census of 1901. And if the present population of the country be estimated at seven millions, the immigration during the twelve months represents over one-twenty-sixth of such population. Never in the history of the United States, where during the past century there was witnessed the mightiest immigration ever recorded in the annals of the world, even when the movement reached its highest tide, did there come in from outside during any given space of time such a large immigration as flowed into Canada since the advent of the new century, proportionately to its population. During the past twelve years there arrived in Canada from the British Isles 487,720 immigrants. Of these 376,502 came during the past five years, 282,769 during the past three years, and 126,182 during the past fiscal year. As compared with the total British arrivals in the twelve

years, more than three-quarters came in within the last five years, considerably more than one-half within the last three years, and one-quarter during the twelve months ending April 1st, 1908. It is also interesting to note that of the 20,424 entries granted last year 7417 were made by Canadians, 7,818 by Americans, 6,205 by English, Scotch and Irish, and 10 by Canadians returned from the United States, or 21,950 in all, representing a population of over 52,000 souls, and leaving 8,534 entries made by other nationalities, representing a population of about 21,000 souls.

CITY AND ESQUIMALT CO.

Although little new matter of great public importance was brought out at the meeting held in the city hall Monday evening to discuss the somewhat threadbare subject of water supply, the proceedings were interesting. One feature which may not be new, and certainly is not thoroughly apprehended, was made clear, however. That is, the Esquimalt Water Works Company is not opposed to the expropriation of its works by the city provided the proceedings be carried out in accordance with the provisions of the Water Clauses Act. As Mr. Taylor deftly drew from the legal representative of the company, the difference between expropriation under the Water Clauses Act and expropriation according to principles ordinarily applied in arbitration proceedings is that under the Water Clauses Act thirty per cent. would be arbitrarily added to the value of the property to be expropriated. In the light of this admission it is not at all surprising that the company stands inflexibly by the principle it believes to be "nominated in the bond." Nor would it be unfair to the company to suggest that possibly the bond was so nominated by a weak legislature under pressure from representatives of the company in the lobby and in the House itself. Only by such a process of deduction can any one arrive at the reason why the Esquimalt Water Works Company has placed a valuation in excess of a million and a quarter dollars upon its property. Mr. Luxton says that his company has expended, including profits applied to improvements, in the neighborhood of twelve hundred thousand dollars upon its water works system. Add thirty per cent. to this, as the arbitrators would be bound to do if they expropriate under the Water Clauses Act, and we have, approximately, the value of the concern as fixed by the company. Unquestionably a deep-rooted prejudice has been created in the minds of citizens of Victoria against the Esquimalt Water Works Company. All the circumstances considered, that fact is not surprising. It is due to an impression that the interests of the public at large, which should be considered paramount in such a matter of fundamental importance as water supply, have been subverted, in devious ways, in the interests of the company. An opinion has been created that the aim of the company, working through the legislature, has been to force the city to become permanently tributary to the company. This is unfortunate for both the company and the city, because there is no question that Goldstream is the natural source of water supply for the city of Victoria. There is an ample supply of water there for a community of at least a hundred and fifty thousand people. If the property could be acquired at a figure bearing a reasonable relation to its cost, plus a fair rate of interest upon the money actually invested in its development, the very best thing we could do would be to secure it. If that were done the vexed question of a municipal water supply for Victoria West, which in a few years—the reserve question will soon be settled—will be one of the most populous sections of the city, would be disposed of for all time.

Under the circumstances we hope the Legislature will prove more just to the city than a committee of that legislature has been, and confirm the municipality in its rights as granted under the water works act of 1873.

THE WATER QUESTION.

It is stimulating, we might say almost exhilarating, to observe that some of the members of the city council are temperamentally capable of being roused to wrath upon any subject. If there is one question before the people of Victoria at the present time which calls for more than ordinary strength of expression it is the matter of water supply, and especially the attempts made year after year by interested parties to prevent any settlement except one by which they hope to personally profit.

One can make allowances for the antagonism of the Esquimalt Water Works company to the legislature confirming the rights of Victoria in waters which that company has appropriated subject to the priority of our rights. The annual lobby of that concern, we have become accustomed to and regard as a mere matter of routine. Its shareholders entertain a hope, which we believe to be vain, that they can either compel this municipality to pay them an annual tribute for the use of their water or to expropriate under outrageous conditions made specially to fix their case, the property upon which they have squatted. But when the municipality of Oak Bay, whose people

have for years been supplied with water by this city, and who depend upon the future must be upon the city, through its representatives co-operate in a legislative lobby with the operators of the Esquimalt Water Works company against the interests of the city, then assuredly the time has come for some one to "say things right out in meeting." There is absolutely no reason why there should be any feud between this city and the municipality of Oak Bay over a supply of water and we hope that the officials of each will not permit one to be raised. We presume that when the legislature conferred on Victoria the right to all water within a twenty-mile radius, it regarded the duty of this city to supply water to those residing within that radius as obligatory. That is a moral obligation the city does not, believe, wish to combat.

On the other hand, a mistaken idea of assisting a minor municipality in its desire for plenty of water from a larger municipality should not lead the members of the legislature to saddle on this city the obligation to give privileges to the residents of Oak Bay which are denied to residents of Victoria. The two have common interests in this matter. The residents of Oak Bay are Victorians, and entitled to all the advantages of those who reside in the city proper. They should have no more.

The reve and council of Oak Bay should not permit legal gentlemen to put them in the position of fighting the city for the purpose of serving the ends, not of Oak Bay, but of a private water company.

The proposed amendment to the Victoria Water Works Act standing in the name of H. B. Thomson is one which both Oak Bay and this city should accept unhesitatingly, and the legislature should brush aside all quibbling and accept it. If it is preferred to substitute the name of the Water Commissioner to be appointed under the new act for two judges, we think there should be no objection by the city. On the other hand it entirely covers the ground that every reasonable resident of Oak Bay wants.

It is as follows: "Section 4 of the Victoria Water Works Act of 1873 is hereby amended by adding thereto the following words: 'Provided that if satisfactory provision shall be made by the corporations of the districts of Oak Bay, Saanich and North Saanich for the assumption by each of the said municipalities of a just and equitable proportion of the costs, charges and expenses incurred or to be incurred by the corporation of the city of Victoria in connection with the installation, operation, maintenance, extension or addition to or of any existing or future water works system of the corporation of the city of Victoria, the said duty of the said commissioner shall be so far extended as to include the said municipalities, in order that the benefits and advantages of any water works system shall be borne and enjoyed proportionately and similarly upon a like provision being made to include the districts of Highland, Malahat, Goldstream, Sooke, Esquimalt and that portion of the city of Victoria known as Victoria West, consistently with so far as concerns the districts of Esquimalt, Highland, Malahat, Goldstream, Sooke and Victoria West) the terms and conditions prescribed in: 'The Victoria Water Works Act, 1873. 'The Esquimalt Water Works Act, 1885. 'An act to amend the City of Victoria Water Works Act, 1873, being chapter 64 of the statutes of British Columbia of the year 1892. 'And that act. 'In case of any difference of opinion between any of such municipalities as to the terms of any such agreement, such difference may be referred to any two judges of the Supreme Court, who shall have power to hear and determine same.'"

The ardent lobby which is being carried on by several legal gentlemen and one or two who are not lawyers on behalf of Oak Bay we think should be deprecated. There is no justification for it, and it certainly is calculated to create the impression that the city is seeking to work some great hardship on the smaller municipality.

We ask the members for the city and the members generally to insist that the eminently fair and just clause which we have quoted shall be substituted for that offered by the member for Cowichan.

TIDE TABLE.

Table with columns: Date, Time, Height (ft.), etc. for Victoria, B. C., March, 1909.

The time used is Pacific Standard, for the 120th Meridian west. It is counted from 9 to 24 hours, from midnight to midnight. The figures for high water to distinguish high water from low water. The height is in feet and tenths of a foot, above the average level of the sea, low water in each month of the year. This level is half a foot lower than the datum to which the soundings on the Admiralty charts of Victoria harbor are reduced.

GOVERNMENT WILL IMPROVE HARBOR

SIR WILFRID'S PROMISE TO VANCOUVER DELEGATION

When Federal Revenues Permit \$600,000 Will Be Spent on Work.

(Special to the Times.) Ottawa, March 4.—Vancouver's request for the improvement of False Creek and the provision of a wider and safer entrance into Vancouver harbor at the First Narrows was presented to the Dominion government to-day by a deputation representing the board of trade and other civic interests. The deputation was received by Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Messrs. Pugsley, Brodeur, Oliver and Templeman. The delegation urged government action to improve the harbor as being the finest natural harbor in the world and Canada's greatest Pacific coast port. The work proposed would cost about \$600,000. Sir Wilfrid Laurier promised that the request would receive favorable consideration from the government and that as soon as the revenues permitted the work would be commenced.

ROYAL CITY PREPARING FOR PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN

Board of Trade Submits Proposal to Mayor and Aldermen.

New Westminster, March 3.—A deputation waited on the council at its last meeting from the board of trade with reference to the appointment of a publicity commissioner, and advertising the city. The deputation consisted of the president, J. A. Lee, vice-president, George Small, and D. S. Curtis. Mr. Lee said they were present to lay a proposition before the council for the advertising of the city by concentrating the present efforts being made to advertise into one body. The proposition was to appoint a secretary of the board of trade, who would also be publicity commissioner. The sum to be paid him would be \$100 a month, and they would ask the city council to pay half that expense. The board of trade would find the balance of the salary and half the cost of advertising the city. He believed one organization would do better than the present four. The control would be in the hands of three members of the council and three of the board of trade, to be a publicity

commission, and have complete control. They were in a position to recommend a man, competent to look after the work.

Vice-President Small thought the time had come when Westminster should reach out for the grain shipments, which must necessarily follow from advertising.

Mayor Keary said it was all a question of finance. And Jardine thought if the question of money could be arranged he did not see why it could not be done. If the estimates were reduced it might be possible to find some way of dealing with the matter. He thoroughly agreed with the proposal to advertise the city. The matter was left over to be taken up again on Friday evening.

DOMINION'S REPLY TO REQUEST FROM B. C.

Imperial Government Will Not Be Asked to Investigate Oriental Question.

Ottawa, March 4.—In the Commons this afternoon Sir Wilfrid Laurier replying to Mr. Taylor, New Westminster, said the answer sent to British Columbia last year relative to the request of the provincial legislature that the Dominion ask the Imperial government to appoint a royal commission to investigate Oriental immigration to British Columbia was still good. The federal government held that the question of immigration was under the exclusive control of the federal parliament and adequate steps had already been taken to stop the influx of Orientals.

BOADICEA'S CARGO.

The British ship Boadicea, now loading at the Hastings mill, is taking to the United Kingdom a cargo of very large pieces of lumber. She should be ready for sea in a fortnight or three weeks. Her decks have been fitted up to take a full deck cargo of 24 in. by 24 in. and 30 in. by 30 in. timber of great length. Practically no average ordinary commercial lumber is on board. All the shipment is to be used in the making of the new docks at Southampton, where the huge contemplated White Star liners will be able to dock at all tides.

WIRELESS BREAK.

The wireless apparatus takes freaks now and then when the atmospheric conditions are unusual. This morning the station at Cape Lazo reports having spoken a steamer in Millbank Sound, Millbank Sound is about 300 miles north of Cape Lazo, who mountains and islands intervening. Usually the Cape Lazo station does not pick up the steamers until they get near Cape Mudge, which is only a few miles away.

GOOD PROGRESS IN AVIATION

DR. GRAHAM BELL IS WELL SATISFIED

Canadian Inventor Will Build a Fleet of Aero-planes.

New York, March 3.—Dr. Alexander Graham Bell's Aerial Experiment Association, which has been engaged in experimental work with aeroplanes and tetrahedral kites for more than a year, will be formally disbanded at Baddeck, N. S., on March 31st. Glenn H. Curtiss, the Hammondsport aeronaut, who has just returned from Baddeck, where Dr. Bell and his assistants have finished their work, said that the decision to disband had been definitely arrived at recently. Dr. Bell is more than satisfied with the success attained, said Dr. Curtiss. He believes the experimental work has accomplished practically all that was expected.

The time has come, however, to branch out on broader lines. The aerial aeroplanes will be built at once on the models of the special machines that have been tried out during the past year. The association has spent \$35,000 in its experiments, the larger part of which was contributed by Mr. Bell.

EXTENSIVE BUILDING PLANS PROVIDED FOR

Victoria Creamery — Brewery and Other Plans Are Prepared.

Several large structures are contemplated for this month which with the Chambers street school house will run into well over \$100,000 in value. The B. C. Electric company contemplates erecting a large store room at the gas works to cost about \$8,000, and the Victoria Creamery company are about to take out a permit for the erection of their new building on Broad street, which with machinery and land will amount to an outlay of \$35,000. In addition to these the Silver Spring Brewery company, Victoria West, have the plans out for the erection of modern premises on the site of the old Fraternal's brewery, Victoria West. The school house contract will probably be let this month and will cost in the neighborhood of \$70,000.

In addition there are a number of permits for residences being issued, among which are the following: To A. C. Bowes for a dwelling on William

street of five rooms to cost \$1,800, a seven room house at Stanley avenue for A. Clement to cost \$3,000 and a permit for repairs to the house of H. Campbell, Johnston street for \$200. The Victoria Creamery intend commencing work at once and have already got out plans and applied for the permit. The other structures it is understood will be commenced without delay. The structure will be a two story one with a basement. A part of the ground floor will be used by the company, the remainder being let. The second storey will be rented also.

CRIPPLED BY SCIATICA.

Made Well and Strong by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills After Doctors Had Failed.

Mr. H. W. Awalt is one of the leading merchants of Hemford, N. S. A few years ago he was a great sufferer from that excruciating trouble, sciatica. "At that time," he says, "I was afflicted I was living at Baker Settlement. The attack was so severe that I had been off work for some time. The cords of my legs were all drawn up and I could only limp along with the aid of a stick. The pain I suffered was terrible. I was in misery both day and night. Every moment caused me such pain as only those who have been tortured with sciatica can know. I was treated by several doctors, but they did not help me a bit. In fact I almost began to feel that my condition was hopeless, when Dr. Williams' Pink Pills were brought to my attention. I got a half dozen boxes. I had used about the entire quantity before I found any benefit. But I was encouraged and got a second half dozen boxes and before these were all gone every vestige of the trouble had disappeared. Not only this, but I was improved in health in every way, as it will be readily understood that the long seige of pain I had suffered had left me badly run down. I can't speak too highly of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I can't recommend them too strongly to other sufferers."

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—Although grappling operations have been continued in the upper harbor, the body of William Nickerson, the rigger, who was drowned on Tuesday, has not yet been recovered. The deceased, it is understood, has a brother employed editorially on one of the Seattle newspapers. His father formerly lived in Cumberland and a sister, Mrs. Stanley Riggs, lived also at Cumberland, B. C.

Our Natural Resources

Two cords of four-foot wood makes one ton of sulphite pulp; one cord of four-foot wood makes one ton of ground wood pulp; and 1,500 lbs. of ground wood and 600 lbs. of sulphite pulp equals one ton of finished newspaper. The principal element, therefore, in the manufacture of news and wrapping paper, is, 1st, large water power for the manufacture of ground wood pulp; second, ample supply of pulp wood; third, facilities for reaching extensive markets. No country in the world possesses these great essentials equal to British Columbia. At the present time pulp wood is being sold in Ontario and Quebec from \$3.00 to \$5.00 per cord. In the United States from \$2.00 to \$15.00 per cord. In order to guard against a possible shortage of pulp wood material and be assured of a permanent supply at a nominal price, The Western Canada Wood Pulp and Paper Co., Ltd., purchased the entire limits formerly owned by the Quatsino Pulp & Paper Co. on Quatsino Sound, Vancouver Island, consisting of 55,869 acres, including a 20,000-inch water record on Marble Creek capable of developing from 10,000 to 30,000 h.p. Marble Creek derives its source from Victoria and Alice Lakes, 20 miles in length, thus assuring a permanent supply of water for mill and power use. The cruise of the pulp limits acquired by the company showed approximately 450,000,000 feet of spruce, 400,000,000 feet of hemlock, 300,000,000 feet of larch and balsam, all peculiarly adapted for the manufacture of mechanical and chemical pulp. As a matter of fact these woods now constitute 95 per cent. of the material used for the manufacture of chemical and mechanical pulp. Not only have we an eminent advantage over eastern manufacturers on account of our tremendous supply of cheap pulpwood, but our proximity to the great Oriental markets gives us a still greater advantage. The annual importation of Australias on news and wrapping alone exceeds 100,000 tons per year. We are able not only to secure a \$5.00 per ton freight rate from British Columbia, but we have an additional advantage in insurance and length of time in transit. The day is not far distant when the

entire trade of the Oriental market will be diverted from British Columbia. One or two mills cannot hope to supply this vast and increasing market. Let us thus get together and lend our energies in the building up of this great enterprise, the same as Ontario and Quebec, that it may become the leading industry of Western Canada. Within 10 years the manufacture of paper should become a larger factor in the commercial life of British Columbia than that now enjoyed by the lumber industry. The consumption of paper is increasing at an enormous rate, while the material from which to manufacture is gradually decreasing. In 1908 Japan alone was obliged to import almost \$3,000,000 of paper and \$1,000,000 of pulp from Eastern Canada and Europe. What country could hope to compete with British Columbia on Oriental trade, had we sufficient mills to manufacture the product. In 1908 the Laurentide Pulp and Paper Co. shipped the "Seattle Times" 3,000,000 lbs. of paper—remember, three million pounds—and that clear from Grandmere, Quebec. At present there are seven great paper mills on the Pacific Coast, and yet a number of the large consumers are obliged to cart their supply of paper 3,000 miles across the continent. With these astounding facts it is surprising that every commercial body in this Province are not sending their energies in the building up of the great wood and paper industry in British Columbia.

The big plant of The British Canadian Wood Pulp and Paper Co., Ltd., of Vancouver, will soon be in operation. This splendid plant is equipped to turn out book and ledger paper, white drug paper, posters, and a general line of high grade fibre paper, while the mill which we are now erecting at Quatsino Sound is to be confined exclusively to news and ordinary wrapping paper. We are rushing along with our work, and we are certain of having the wood pulp division, with a capacity of 100 tons of wood pulp, in operation by December 1st of this year. In commending the stock of the corporation to the conservative investors of British Columbia, we do so with a feeling that it is the best industrial stock ever offered for subscription in Western Canada.

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CIVIL SERVICE PENSION ACT

WHAT THE DRAFT BILL PROPOSES TO BE DONE

Employees and Province Pay Share and Share—Committee to Manage.

Much interest is being taken in the draft superannuation bill which the provincial secretary has laid before the members of the legislature for their consideration.

It is not at all likely that the bill will be introduced this session, as it would involve a great amount of discussion, and could not possibly be satisfactorily dealt with at this stage.

As the draft stands it reads as if it would be enacted this session, but the dates in it will be changed to suit whenever it is passed.

The act is to apply to all persons in the public employ who are paid a yearly salary voted by the legislature and to all present pensioners who may be desired to come under it.

A fund to be known as the superannuation fund is to be maintained by the minister of finance to be made up by the reservation out of the monthly salaries of five per cent. for entrants under 21, thence graded by such scale as shall, computed at four per cent. interest, produce a proportionate annuity at sixty or equivalent monthly payments out of the consolidated revenue fund; by the payment out of the revenue fund to the credit of each person dying or retiring in such financial year, who entered the public service six months or more before April 1st, 1909, of the capitalized value of what would have been the government's contribution had the act been in force during the life of such person had he been in the service; by any amount which the employee, the government or any other person may pay into the fund for the benefit of such employee; and by interest derived from the investment of the fund.

A managing committee. This fund is to be administered by a managing committee consisting of a chairman, to be appointed by the Chief Justice of British Columbia, two government representatives selected by order-in-council and two representatives chosen quinquennially by the contributors at the annual meeting, which is to be held in the parliament buildings at Victoria on the fourth Saturday in March.

The government guarantees four per cent. interest, computed half yearly, during the lifetime of all who are contributors, when any change is made, such change only to affect new entrants. The interest to be invested in government securities, and there is a provision that on the advice of the managing committee he may invest portions of the accumulating funds in first mortgages upon houses and houses which contributors may desire to purchase for their homes.

If any employee is so far insured that the superannuation deduction would be burdensome the managing committee may allow his contributions and those of the government on his behalf to be paid on his premiums, the committee holding the policies. Power is given the committee to arrange with federal or provincial governments or any insurance corporation for members' insurance against accident, illness or death.

Annuitants Provided For. For employees who have become incapacitated an "invalidity reserve fund" is to be created, from which may be paid a superannuation annuity not exceeding that purchasable by the combined contributions of government employees. In the case of married employees these annuities shall be converted within the fund to a joint annuity on the lives of husband and wife at the time of such retirement. In the event of employees of under ten years' service being retired for ill-health the managing committee may pay him the accumulated value of his and the government's contributions, with such an amount as it may see fit out of the invalidity reserve fund. A supplemental annuity may be allowed in the case of employees invalided before 60, and in the case of employees of severe mental or bodily injuries sustained in the discharge of his duty as the lieutenant-governor-in-council may add through the superannuation fund such sum as the merits of the case warrant.

Temporary losses may be made members in case of protracted illness, to be repaid. All allowances, pensions or annuities are to be payable on the last day of each month. As provided in the Public Service Act retirement at 65 is to be compulsory. In case of resignation or dismissal the lieutenant-governor-in-council will decide what proportion of the fund is to be paid in each case.

In case of dishonesty or fraud by an employee the managing committee may recommend that out of his accumulated contributions restitution may be paid. In the event of an employee dying before superannuation, annuities are to be provided for his widow or children, or if none then the accumulated sum to his credit shall be paid to his legal representatives. Where a superannuated person's death occurs before he has received annuities equal to the total of his own and the government's contributions, his widow as joint annuitant will continue, or if he was unmarried or a widower his legal representatives shall get the difference between what he has drawn and the total amount to his credit when he retired.

The lieutenant-governor-in-council is to appoint a registrar of the public service, who will be secretary of the superannuation fund and of the managing committee, and also a superannuation adviser. The auditor-general will audit the funds and an annual report will be made to the house.

THREATEN TO DROP CITY BILL

COUNCIL WILL NOT MEET OAK BAY'S DEMANDS

If Water Measure is Amended in House it Will Be Withdrawn.

The city council at its meeting Tuesday decided by resolution that rather than allow the clause promising the municipality of Oak Bay a good supply of water at a reasonable price to go through, the city would again withdraw its bill and wait for another year.

It was pointed out that this would be a very serious delay, but it seemed to be the opinion that it would be better than to give way. The clauses have been thrown out by the water committee, but notice has been given on the floor of the House.

The mayor said ex-Reeve Oliver was not working for Oak Bay, but for the Esquimalt Water Works Company, in which he held shares. Oak Bay wanted to compel the city to supply water at the boundary. It was his opinion, however, that the city would refuse to be the milch cow for the surrounding municipalities.

Ald. Turner said the reason given him for the action of the Oak Bay municipality was that they could not finance their pipes unless they guaranteed water with which to fill them.

The mayor explained that if there was a shortage of water Oak Bay would be able to get a supply at the expense of the city. He did not think it would be right to jeopardize themselves in order to build up Oak Bay. He thought they should withdraw the bill if the clauses were attached to the bill. They all wanted to give Oak Bay a fair deal, but they did not propose to be held up.

Ald. Turner wanted to know if they were under any legal obligation to supply Oak Bay with water. He was assured by the other aldermen that they were not, and that Oak Bay used something like three million gallons.

What is wrong with cutting them off and letting them fight it out with the legislature? inquired Ald. Turner. Why was it, he continued, that he could not get water for more than two hours a day last summer when Oak Bay could get it for six hours? He proposed to let the city have what they wanted, and then if there was any left let Oak Bay have some.

The following resolution was then put and carried unanimously: "That the introduction of the clauses into the water bill in favor of the Oak Bay municipality be condemned, and in case of their being forced in, we instruct Mr. Thompson, who has charge of the bill, to withdraw it."

There was a good deal more dissatisfied conversation, in which it was openly stated that the Esquimalt Water Works Company was behind the scheme, and that Councillor McGregor, of Oak Bay, was influenced by the Oldfield, Kirby & Gardiner Company, who said they could not finance their subdivision unless they obtained a guarantee of sufficient water.

The council then adjourned to the legislative building, where some active lobbying against the objectionable clauses was done, a number of the legislators being interviewed and impressed with the importance of the bill passing without being tampered with.

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JOIN IN WORK OF PUBLICITY

METCHOSIN AND COLWOOD UNITE WITH LEAGUE

Great Enthusiasm at District Meeting Held Last Night.

The beautiful districts of Metchosin and Colwood swung into the great series of publicity and development leagues on this island last night, with a will, when over a hundred of the men and women of the communities mentioned gathered at Colwood hall to hold the annual meeting of the development association of that place and to form a league for the Vancouver Island Development League.

Not only was the crowd large but enthusiasm ran high and the latest member of the chain of societies mentioned starts its work with flattering prospects of usefulness.

By invitation a number of members of the executive of the parent league in Victoria were present, consisting of Messrs. A. W. McCurdy, W. Fullerton, Goude Wilson and John Nelson. Three of these were present when the original society was launched at Colwood two years ago and were pleased to hear from the secretary's report of the progress of the work and the interests of the district since that time.

These improvements consist of securing a reduction in rates from Colwood to the city on the E. & N., the changing of the station name from Colwood to Lanford, the making of the latter a regular station instead of a flag station; the procuring of a public telephone station at Colwood; the promised improvement in mail facilities and the prospect of aid from the provincial government for a ferry across Esquimalt harbor, which if carried out would make the districts mentioned contiguous to the city instead of remote as is at present the case owing to the circuitous route which has to be employed.

Will Prepare Handbook. The new association will at once begin the preparation of a handbook in which the peculiar attractiveness of the district for the purpose of fruit, sheep and poultry will be outlined. These booklets will be placed in the hands of the central organization for the island at Victoria and should also go to the department of information of the provincial government, which curiously has less information available regarding the older and more settled portions near Victoria than of those which lie further afield.

At last night's meeting also several important resolutions were adopted. The first of these was a suggestive one to the Nanaimo league asking them to join Nanaimo in memorializing the central league in Victoria to have a gathering of delegates at once from all the organizations on the island to take joint action looking to the securing of transcontinental rail connection. This was carried with enthusiasm.

Another resolution which was carried related to the opening of roads to the sea. This is one of the great grievances of the district. Notwithstanding that the road to Sooke follows the sea for almost its whole length there are only two places for the whole distance where the public can, by right, gain access to the sea. This is felt to be a hardship by the residents, as was pointed out by their chairman, and already the government has been asked to remedy this state of affairs.

With this resolution when it goes before the government will also be one asking for the subsidizing of a ferry across Esquimalt and for assistance in the way of rural telegrams.

The chair was occupied last evening by Mr. Heatherbell, of the Lacon, who outlined an admirable policy for which the association might stand and work. Mr. Griffith, the capable secretary of the league, in lieu of reading the minutes briefly sketched the work which had been done and supplemented briefly the suggestions of the chairman.

Both these officials urged the residents of the district to come to the aid of the association liberally for the purpose of getting out the literature necessary to make the needs and potentialities of the district known.

The chairman spoke in an appreciative way of the assistance which several members of the Victoria league, who were in the past and thanked them for coming down to last night's meeting. Mr. G. H. Wilson, who was called upon to speak, outlined the work which had already been accomplished by the Development League in continuation of that originally carried out by the Tourist association. He spoke of the enthusiasm which had attended the inauguration proceedings and of the great interest which the C.P.R., through Mr. Marpole, had manifested in it. Notwithstanding that some people were fond of describing Victorians as money bags there was no place in the west where people would put up their money more cheerfully for a desirable object than in Victoria (applause). An instance he mentioned that about half a day's work by two or three members of the league had insured subscriptions of nearly \$1,000 yearly for two years. The association expected to reach the \$15,000 mark.

Energy and Co-operation Necessary. Mr. Fullerton who followed told of the misconceptions which existed with regard to the character of the island, and of how the majority of people believed that there was a narrow strip of arable land along the sea while the interior was a ridge of mountains. From some experience during the last two years in timber cruising he had gathered that fallacy. It was the greatest tract of country for its size in the world and only needed energy and co-operation on the part of its inhabitants to make it boom.

It is instanced in this connection the wonderful change which had taken place in Calgary, a place which five years ago was comparatively dead but which by co-operation and energy was now a thriving city, and offering the 50,000 mark in point of population. Mr. John Nelson mentioned the fact that

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The usual votes of thanks were also came out from the city, said that though they sometimes said there were mossbacks in Victoria, he was one of them and proud of it. The speaker also mentioned the city and had done the pioneer work of the district. As to development, that was coming rapidly. It used to take several hours to come from the city to Colwood, but that evening he had entertained at dinner, started a concert at eight, got in his auto at nine and was in Colwood at midnight (laughter and applause). They would make the trip by airship yet, and he was glad to know that the Canadian Pacific had agreed to give the air and actually making flights in a machine of his own construction was a son of Mr. McCurdy. (Applause.)

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CONVENTION POSTPONED. Nelson, March 2.—William A. Anstie, secretary of the British Columbia Lumber, Logging and Forestry Association, has announced that as the result of the Alberta elections being called for March 22nd, the convention of the lumber manufacturers and retailers between the great lakes and Pacific Coast, which was to have been held at Calgary on March 23rd, has been postponed until April 13th.

A grand mask skating carnival will take place at the Assembly rink, on St. Patrick's Day, March 17th, from 8 p. m. to 12. Eight valuable prizes will be given for the following characters: Best dressed, the most comical, national and original lady and gentleman. Elaborate preparations are being made by the management. The hall will be specially decorated in appropriate colors for the occasion and nothing will be spared to make this the banner carnival. All those who attend are assured of an evening of pleasure.

The Aberdeen Society, which appealed to the public of this city for papers and magazines, wish to thank the following for donations: Mrs. T. L. Gore, Mrs. Griffiths, Mrs. McDowell, Miss Devereaux, Mrs. Lubbe, Miss Adair, Mrs. Chamberlain, Mrs. Cross, Mrs. McKeon and Mrs. Mess. Rocca-bella.

The ancestor of the fox was an animal clothed with woolly scales. MARRIED. MIDDLETON-WILSON—On the 22nd, by the Rev. T. E. Holling, John C. S. Middleton and Annie B. Wilson, both of this city.

Public Service Act retirement at 65 is to be compulsory. In case of resignation or dismissal the lieutenant-governor-in-council will decide what proportion of the fund is to be paid in each case.

The lieutenant-governor-in-council is to appoint a registrar of the public service, who will be secretary of the superannuation fund and of the managing committee, and also a superannuation adviser. The auditor-general will audit the funds and an annual report will be made to the house.

St. John, N. B., March 3.—The St. John Presbytery has accepted the statement of the Rev. J. J. McCaskill giving an unqualified adherence to the doctrine of the divinity of Christ and the Atonement. It had been alleged that Mr. McCaskill had denied these.

SERVIA GIVES IN TO POWERS

WITHDRAWS HER DEMAND FOR COMPENSATION

Prospect of an Early and Peaceful Settlement in Balkan Affairs.

London, March 3.—It was learned conclusively in London to-day that Serbia, in accordance with the advice of the powers, has withdrawn her demand for territorial compensation...

It is believed that this decision on the part of Serbia foreshadows an early and peaceful settlement of her difficulties with Austria-Hungary.

Vienna, March 3.—Semi-official advices received here from Belgrade set forth that Serbia has refused to withdraw her demands for territorial compensation...

Under instructions from his government, the Russian minister at Belgrade called on the Serbian minister...

Later, the British, French, German and Italian representatives saw the foreign minister and gave him similar advice.

U. S. SHIP SUBSIDY BILL Congress Narrowly Defeats Measure After It Was Passed by Senate.

Washington, D. C., March 3.—The ship subsidy bill previously passed by the United States senate was defeated in the House of Representatives yesterday by the narrow margin of three, the vote registering 172 to 175.

ANTI-CIGARETTE STATE

St. Paul, Minn., March 3.—An anti-cigarette law, prohibiting the manufacture, sale, or gift, of cigarettes and cigarette papers within the state, was passed by the House last night.

REGINA MOTHER DROWNS CHILD AND HERSELF

Husband Comes Home to Discover Bodies Floating in Tank.

Regina, Sask., March 3.—Mrs. William Finlayson yesterday murdered her three-year-old son Warren and then committed suicide. The deed was done in a moment of insanity brought on by illness.

Mr. Finlayson left the house at seven in the morning to open his store, and when he returned an hour later for breakfast he found the place locked.

Mrs. Finlayson was only 27 years of age, and had been married five years. She was the daughter of Wm. Sleath, a carpenter of Seaford, Ont., and came west to Regina two years ago.

Her husband is engaged in business here and is well known. The bodies are being shipped east to Seaford.

MILLION-ACRE GAME RESERVE IN ONTARIO

St. Paul, Minn., March 3.—Carlos Avery, commissioner of the Minnesota Fish and Game Commission, yesterday received word from Arthur Hawkes of the North American game protective association to the effect that the Canadian government had agreed to set apart 1,000,000 acres of land in Ontario for a game reserve.

This land will be contiguous to the 1,000,000 recently set apart by President Roosevelt in Minnesota, as a forest reserve to be known as a superior national park. It is said that this will be the largest game reserve in the country.

LETTING OF NAVAL CONTRACTS

London, March 3.—In the Commons yesterday Reginald McKenna, first lord of the admiralty, said that where the circumstances were practically equal, the admiralty naturally gave preference to British countries in naval contracts.

ORIENTALS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

(Special to the Times.) Ottawa, March 3.—In the Commons this afternoon Hon. F. Oliver replying to Ralph Smith said the number of orientals in British Columbia on January 19, last was 33,256. Of these 17,229 were Chinese, 5,131 Hindus and 15,896 Japanese.

BLEAK OUTLOOK FOR ALBERTA TORIES

Party Is Leaderless and Divided—Several Seats by Acclamation.

Winnipeg, Man., March 3.—The outlook for Alberta Conservatives is not bright. The party is divided and has no leader. R. B. Bennett not yet having accepted the nomination in Calgary, and he flatly refuses to be leader.

There will probably be several seats by acclamation. A. J. Armstrong has been nominated by the Edmonton Conservatives with A. F. Ewing to oppose Attorney-General Cross.

BROILED PACIFIC WHALE AT NEW YORK DINNER

Grilled Blubber From Nootka Also Appears Among Delicacies.

New York, March 3.—Broiled Pacific whale, grilled blubber from Nootka, roast Amazon monkey, baked Winnipeg porcupine and boeuf constructeur, were among the most imposing features of the annual dinner of the Caudan Camp, at the Hotel Astor here last night.

Col. C. Jones (Buffalo) was the guest of honor and the principal speaker. His address, which the toastmaster described in advance as a "change to nature's ways and mollycoddles," was illustrated by a series of stereoscopic pictures thrown on a white curtain at one end of the hall.

Not the least interesting part of the discourse were imitations by "Buffalo" Jones of the cries of coyote, bear, moose and other animals of the plains, enabling any of the diners, the speaker said, "to recognize these specimens easily by voice whenever they chanced to get within speaking distance."

CANYON TRAGEDY

J. P. Maxwell, Aged 17, Drowns in Waters Near Capilano.

Vancouver, March 3.—John P. Maxwell, aged 17, was drowned in Capilano, following a fall from a cliff in the second canyon.

15,000 UNEMPLOYED SWEEP BERLIN STREETS

German Capital in Grip of Blizzard—Traffic Disorganized.

Berlin, March 3.—Berlin is in the grip of a blizzard. Snow fell heavily throughout the night and this morning traffic is practically at a standstill.

More than 15,000 of the unemployed of Berlin are to-day engaged in clearing the roadway. Empty trains were run over the elevated railway all night long in order to keep the track open.

TARIFF REFORM VICTORY

Free Trade Candidate Suffers Heavy Defeat in Scottish By-election.

London, March 3.—The government suffered another electoral defeat in the by-election yesterday for a member of the House of Commons for the central division of Glasgow. Gibson Bowles, a Liberal Free Trader, was defeated by Scott Dickson, a Unionist Tariff Reformer, by a majority of 2,113.

LAKE ONTARIO TRAFFIC

Rochester, N. Y., March 3.—Unless a severe cold spell obtains, navigation on Lake Ontario will be open within the next few weeks for the heaviest kind of craft, which can be used as ice-breakers.

B. C. FRUIT ON WINNIPEG MARKET

REPLY TO CHARGE MADE BY PENTICTON GROWER

McPherson Company Is Forced to Deal in American Products.

(Special to the Times.) Winnipeg, Man., March 3.—Asked for confirmation or refutation of the charge made by a British Columbia fruit grower that the Winnipeg fruit dealers made 300 per cent. profit on British Columbia fruit, while the growers made 2 per cent., R. R. Scott, manager of the MacPherson Fruit Company, said: "I do not notice that our dealers are getting rich on the handling of British Columbia fruit. Our company has not handled a car of it this season. The charge is a rash one, made no doubt in a fit of temper."

At the recent conference between the fruit growers of British Columbia and representatives of the C. P. R., which came to a conclusion Tuesday, A. J. Alcock, of Penticton, stated that the B. C. fruit was not high-priced on the Winnipeg market.

CAPITAL RAISED FOR NEW ALBERTA RAILWAY

Construction of Edmonton-Fort McMurray Line to Be Finished in Three Years.

Vancouver, March 3.—J. A. L. Waddell, bridge engineer of Kansas City, announced to-day that the Clarke Bros., bankers of Kansas City, have completed the financing in Europe of the Alberta and Great Waterways railway from Edmonton to Fort McMurray with branches of 350 miles.

Mr. Waddell will place engineering parties in the field within two months and locate a route for construction to start this summer and to be completed in three years.

DISTRESS IN CHICAGO

Chicago, Ill., March 3.—Chicago's financial distress is to be relieved, according to a city hall announcement, by the discharge of 400 employees, mostly inspectors, who have been doing duplicate work.

TEN DIE IN BLAZING NEW YORK TENEMENT

Octogenarian and Infant Girl Among Victims of Outbreak.

New York, March 3.—Cut off from escape by a burning stairway ten persons met death early to-day in a five-story tenement house at 374 Seventh avenue. The victims, who were all Italians, with the exception of an unidentified Frenchman, ranged in age from 80 to an infant girl of four.

It was at first believed that the fire was of incendiary origin, but after investigating the fire marshals and police came to a contrary opinion.

PRACTICAL METHODS OF HARVARD PROFESSOR

Berlin, March 3.—William Morris Davis, professor of Geology at Harvard University, who has been lecturing at the University of Berlin this winter as exchange professor, is about to put in practice a plan unique in Germany.

Further questioned, Mr. Adams said that the old 12-inch main would be left to supply the farms between the lake and the city. Only two sections had been renewed, but by doing this it was possible to increase the flow to a large extent.

MURDOCH M'KENZIE DEAD

Ottawa, March 3.—Murdoch McKenzie, chief of the seasonal clerks of the House of Commons, died yesterday of cancer of the stomach, aged 70 years. He was a native of Cape Breton.

MR. JUSTICE ANGLIN

Ottawa, March 3.—Justice Anglin was sworn in as a judge of the Supreme court of Canada yesterday.

WATER SUPPLY WILL BE AMPLE

GRATIFYING REPORT FROM CITY'S EXPERT

Arthur L. Adams Satisfied With the Progress Which Is Made.

It was reassuring to hear from Arthur L. Adams, the water expert, at the council meeting on Tuesday that even though Elk lake is not full there will be plenty of water for the use of citizens during the coming summer and that the present supply will be ample until such time as another source, satisfactory to the city, can be decided upon.

The mayor introduced Mr. Adams to the council who had not previously had an opportunity of meeting him, and he was then asked to tell the council how the work was proceeding.

Mr. Adams said it was two and a half months since he was in the city before and had had an opportunity of inspecting the work on his return.

REPORTED EARTHQUAKE WITH 150 VICTIMS

Village of "Masran" in Palestine Said to Have Been Destroyed.

London, March 3.—A telegram, received here from Smyrna, Asiatic Turkey, says that the village of Masran, near Jerusalem, has been destroyed by an earthquake. One hundred and fifty persons are buried in the ruins.

LOCAL OPTION IN WASHINGTON

Bill Is Now Ready to Pass State House of Representatives.

Olympia, Wash., March 3.—The House debate on the local option question ended yesterday with a complete victory for the Liberals. Superior organization had its effect and the stringencies were outgeneraled all along the line.

PREMIER ASQUITH ON ARMY OF EMPIRE

Oversea Dominions to Still Have Complete Liberty of Action.

London, March 3.—Replying to a question in the Commons yesterday regarding the army of empire scheme, Premier Asquith said that in regard to the overseas dominions no interference with their complete liberty of action is suggested.

TO-MORROW'S CEREMONY AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

Washington, D. C., March 3.—With every prospect of good weather, with all preparations complete, and with each incoming train and boat adding to the numberless hosts gathered here for the formation of an imperial general staff, with minor modifications designed to give the Commonwealth complete control of its own affairs.

PONTIFF'S ILLNESS

Rome, March 3.—The Pope is better of his cold and hoarseness, but he has not yet been permitted to resume his audiences, which will probably be suspended until next week.

SETTLERS COMING WEST

Toronto, Ont., March 3.—Two train loads of settlers' effects left for western Canada over the C. P. R. yesterday. In all there were close upon 200 of Ontario's stalwart farm boys, many of them accompanied by their wives and children.

WHITE SLAVERY IN DOMINION

HUNDREDS OF IRISH GIRLS BROUGHT IN YEARLY

Immigration Agency Is Said to Be Responsible for Vile Traffic.

Chicago, Ill., March 3.—Patrick H. O'Donnell, attorney for Ella Gingles, victim of the Wellington hotel mystery, to-day declared he would bring before the United States government evidence of "white slave" plots by which Irish girls are brought into Canada and sold into penance in the Dominion and in this country.

FRISCO GRAFTER SENTENCED

San Francisco, Cal., March 3.—Esop Supervisor M. W. Coffey was sentenced yesterday to seven years imprisonment. Coffey was found guilty recently of accepting a bribe of \$4,000 in connection with the granting of a trolley franchise to the United Railroads.

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CAN JEFFRIES GET BACK INTO FORM?

Heavyweight Tells New Yorkers How Training Agrees Him.

New York, March 3.—James J. Jeffries, retired heavyweight champion of the world, was accorded a remarkable demonstration on his arrival here to-day.

PROHIBITING COCAINE

Ottawa, March 3.—The Patent Medicine Act comes into force on April 1st. The manufacture, importation and sale of all medicines containing cocaine or any of its derivations or preparations is prohibited after that date.

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American Stopping at London Hotel Plotted Bold Theft.

London, March 3.—The man giving the name of Dr. R. Pullman, of Chicago, who committed suicide at the Savoy hotel yesterday by cutting his throat with a razor when he was discovered attempting to leave the premises with a quantity of valuable jewelry that had not been identified.

ARCHBISHOP SWEATMAN'S WILL

Toronto, Ont., March 3.—The late Archbishop Sweatman left an estate valued at \$25,000. The largest portion of it is in the old country.

WANT ABOLITION OF THREE-FIFTHS CLAUSE

(Special to the Times.) Toronto, Ont., March 3.—At large deputation of the Ontario branch of the Dominion alliance waited on the government this morning and asked for the abolition and asked for the three-fifths clause. Premier Whitney suggested it should be abolished first from the church courts. He made no promise.

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FAVORS SYSTEM OF GOTHENBURG

WILL MOVE TO HAVE COMMISSION APPOINTED

J. H. Hawthornthwaite Wants an Inquiry Into the Liquor Traffic.

(From Wednesday's Daily.) The Gothenburg system in the sale of intoxicants is favored by J. H. Hawthornthwaite for British Columbia, and he wants the government to consider the advisability of appointing a commission to inquire into all matters affecting the traffic in this province and to obtain information regarding the Gothenburg system.

OTHER FIRMS WILL NOT CUT STEEL WAGES

Pittsburg, Pa., March 3.—Notwithstanding many rumors to the contrary, it is absolutely denied that the large independent steel manufacturers of the Pittsburgh area will follow the Lackawanna in a cut of ten per cent in wages.

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CITY'S RIGHTS TO WATER SITUATION DISCUSSED

Legislature Hear Case

At a fairly well attended session on Monday afternoon the city council discussed the water situation with the legislature.

Whereas a sufficient amount of water is not available for all times to the city to be held in the city.

Whereas it is in the interest of the people of this province and of arising out of traffic in intoxicating liquors.

Whereas local option, which aims at prohibition in given localities of the sale of intoxicating liquors, is objectionable from certain standpoints and ineffective as a remedy.

Whereas the government has decided to grant a plebiscite at some future date on the question.

Whereas it has been shown that the Gothenburg system of manufacturing and distributing intoxicating liquors removes many of the evils complained of; and

Whereas it is desirable that the people of this province, before taking a plebiscite, be seized of full information on the question.

Be it, therefore, resolved, that an address be presented to his honor the lieutenant-governor, asking him to take into consideration the advisability of appointing a royal commission immediately to inquire into all matters in relation to the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors in this province, with a view to ascertaining the amount of liquor manufactured, imported and sold in the province, the amount of capital invested, the number of wage-earners employed, the estimated profits obtained by such employment, and further to obtain such information as may enable the people to intelligently comprehend its merits or demerits, with a view to the possible adoption and establishment of this system, or a modification of it, in the province of British Columbia.

John Oliver intends to move for the appointment of a special committee to inquire into the allegations made by John McLarty, of Vancouver, in a petition presented to the House, regarding certain timber claims. He names Messrs. Ginder, Grant, Ross, Henderson and himself as the members of the committee.

The pugilist said: "I have been training lightly for several weeks and have reduced my weight to about 245 pounds. I have taken so much weight off in fact that I have got to purchase a new suit of clothes. Each day I find that I can box faster than the day before and I am delighted to find that my mind is in good shape. I feel first rate but I can't say definitely whether I will re-enter the ring or not. I have been out of the ring for four years and that may make it impossible for me to attain strict championship form again."

A crowd gathered around the office building where Jeffries went on his arrival here and the police were called to clear the thoroughfare.

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Traffic.

Wednesday's Daily.)
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is favored by J. H. Haw-
for British Columbia, and
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OUT STEEL WAGES

March 3.—Notwith-
rumors to the contrary,
by denied that the large
steel manufacturers of
follow the Lackawanna
in a cut of ten per cent
Jones, president of the
Steel Company, the
and steel concern in
in a statement says:
The meeting, while not large
connection will be gov-
of business conditions
terms of the tariff bill
introduced in congress."
new also is held by Wal-
president of the Pitts-
burgh.

C. A. AFFAIRS.

Has Resigned Position of
President.
Committee meeting of the S.
on Tuesday, the resign-
ing president, A. J. Dallan,
with regret. C. N. Cam-
den is secretary. Those, W.
over the duty of inves-
ing cruelty in conjunction
Buckley, who has been
an inspector of the so-
communications, were
to be made to the hon-
ary at his address, 1810
ue, or phone A1733.
The society is about to
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the executive commit-
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STREET RAILWAY.

Will Buy Out Rights of
Tramway.
The city council
to buy out the rights
of the tramway, with the
the service again.
The city will operate the sys-
tem, it will lease it has not
yet decided.

CITY'S RIGHTS
TO BE PRESSED
WATER SITUATION IS
DISCUSSED BY CITIZENS
Legislature Will Be Asked to
Hear Case Presented at
Bar of House.

At a fairly well attended meeting
of citizens on Monday it was decided
to press upon the legislature the right
of the city to be heard at the bar of the
House upon the subject of the ratifica-
tion of the city's rights in the water
within the twenty-mile radius. With
that object in view the following reso-
lution was passed:
Whereas a system of waterworks
adequate for a supply of pure water at
all times to the residents of Victoria is
vital to their necessities;
And whereas it is essential that the
rights required by the city in order to
procure such supply should be clearly
defined in order that delays and other
difficulties may be avoided, and the ratifi-
cation of such a system, after the citi-
zens of Victoria have decided upon
plans therefor;
And whereas it is clearly the in-
terest of the city to have the legisla-
ture confirm the rights of the city in
1873 and 1892 (notwithstanding any sub-
sidiary powers granted to private corpora-
tions in the interim) to remove all doubts
and to confer such rights upon the
city;

And whereas confirmation of the
rights granted the city in 1873 and 1892
will materially assist the city corpora-
tion in its efforts to finance and instal-
l a suitable waterworks system by
the raising of loans, the extent and
existence of such rights;
And whereas two applications by the
city have been made to the legislative
assembly at separate sessions for such
confirmation, but upon each occasion the
private bills committee thereof has
refused to recommend such confirma-
tion, although the executive council
after hearing all parties in interest af-
fected by the application, and the legisla-
tive committee of last year had turned
down the application, and providing a
means of settlement of all disputes
arising from the exercise thereof by
reference to the method provided in
the city's act of 1873;
Therefore, be it resolved, that the
citizens of Victoria view with regret
the refusal of the private bills com-
mittee of the legislature to recommend
the confirmation of rights intended to
be vested in the city corporation by its
private acts of 1873 and 1892, such re-
fusal tending to prejudice the city cor-
poration's status when occasion for the
exercise of such rights arises by creat-
ing doubts as to the existence of such
rights, and thereby delaying the con-
struction of works vital to the well-
being of the city, and
And that a copy of this resolution
be presented to the government accom-
panied with a suggestion that if the
government be pleased the city would
esteem it a favor to be heard in sup-
port of its request by its representa-
tives at the bar of the House.
The meeting was presided over by
Mayor Hall, while the city's case was
presented to the meeting in a very
clear way by W. J. Taylor, K. C., the
city barrister. A. P. Luxton, K. C., for
the Esquimalt Company, also spoke,
presenting the case of the Esquimalt
Company. D. R. Ker in moving the
resolution gave his views of the situa-
tion recalling the declarations made in
the legislature in 1892 to the effect that
Victoria was to have her rights main-
tained to her when the Esquimalt
Waterworks Act of 1892 was passed.
The meeting, while not large was a
very representative one. Some of the
heaviest property owners were repre-
sented as well as those with smaller
holdings in the city.
H. E. Thompson, M. P., wrote re-
gretting that he could not be present
and stating that he had prepared ma-
terial to present to the House in sup-
port of the city's claim.
His worship presided at the meeting
made a statement with respect to the
history of the introduction of the bill
under consideration. It was felt that
the city had not been fairly dealt with,
and for that purpose the meeting was
called.

W. J. Taylor Explains Bill.
W. J. Taylor, K. C., the city barrister,
was asked to address the meeting and
explain the bill.
He said that he would review the sit-
uation of the city's rights in the water
within the twenty-mile radius. The
statute was passed giving the city the
right to take water for its purposes
within a radius of twenty miles of the
city. The city took Elk lake then,
under the act of 1873. He recalled the
agitation by the city Esquimalt
Company for permission to go to Thetis
lake. No opposition to this was raised
by the city, not wishing to play the
dog in the manger, the Thetis lake
supply not being suitable for a water supply
to Victoria.
In 1892 the Esquimalt Waterworks
Company sought an amendment to take
in the Goldstream water supply. The
city opposed the bill introduced on the
ground that the city had vested rights
there. Almost every member of the
House was agreed that the city of Victoria's
rights should not be interfered
with. A bill was passed in 1892 to the
Esquimalt company's act set forth that
the rights were to be subject to the
rights of the city of Victoria. In the
first section of the act it was set forth
that it should be subject to any rights
or privileges given to Victoria city in
1873.
It was still further specified in the act
that nothing should be considered as
derogatory from the rights of the city
of Victoria. In the same year the
rights were renewed to Victoria city in
another act.
The Esquimalt company said that
what the legislature really meant was
that there should be a race as to who
could appropriate the waters of Gold-
stream between the city and the com-

pany. The city had the opinion of
three lawyers but had not the confirma-
tion of the courts.
It was felt that before the city pro-
ceeded to act under powers given it
that confirmation should be received if
the rights. Last year a move was
made. The private bills committee took
the objection that there might be some-
thing behind this move against the
Esquimalt company. But the commit-
tee went further and suggested an
amendment when a tunnel from Sooke
Lake was suggested that Victoria
should appropriate in reserve water
which might be in view. This was
surely taking away from the city's
rights.
Government's Answer.
It was proposed to have an amend-
ment passed to the general municipal
act which would give Victoria a con-
firmation of its rights. The govern-
ment promised to give this considera-
tion. The answer given by the govern-
ment was as follows:
"Having in view the great importance
of the city of Victoria in securing an
ample supply of pure water, the govern-
ment has come to the decision that
it would be advisable, in case there
is any doubt as to the right of the
city to appropriate under the act of
1873, to introduce legislation either to
confirm the powers granted by the acts
of 1873 and 1892, or to confer upon the
city the right to expropriate—with this
reservation, however, that, as Mr.
Asher has distinctly pointed out, the
reservoir site below the power house at
Goldstream is not required by the city
in connection with the Sooke lake
scheme, but is essential to the Gold-
stream system, the city should not be
permitted to expropriate such site, or
with this site. In the event of the
parties not being able to agree, we
think a settlement of the question in
dispute had better be referred back to
the method provided in the act of
1873."
The act of 1873 provided a plan of
expropriation. The Esquimalt com-
pany, however, did not want this. It
wanted expropriation under the Water
Clauses Act by which a considerable
percentage of increase in the valuation
of the works was to be made before
the expropriation was carried out.
The private bills committee of this
year was constituted in part as last
year. Mr. McPhillips was not on the
committee this year. Last year, al-
though Mr. McPhillips had been the
solicitor of the Tramway Company, yet
he had asked to be on the committee,
and he was a member.
A. P. Luxton and Harry Pooley en-
sued.
Mr. Taylor said that no one ever sat
as a judge when he had appeared as
counsel, and Mr. Luxton could not give
an instance where he had done so.
Mr. Luxton said he would. It was
Mr. Thompson, who was a citizen of
Victoria, and the complainant. He was
the advocate for the city's cause, yet
he sat on the committee.
Mr. Taylor said that he did not know
that but Mr. Thompson should not
have been asked to sit on the commit-
tee.
The argument advanced before the
committee by Mr. Luxton was that the
city was trying by an underhand
method to get something that was not
given it by a former act. This was
done only to detract from the weakness
of the cause the company had to ad-
vance. The city had taken no under-
hand course. Its proposals had been
advertised beforehand. The committee
had this year by a vote he believed of
4 to 1 refused the company's re-
quest for a ratification of its rights.
The city was asking nothing unrea-
sonable. The Esquimalt Company has
been given the right to go there but
subject to the rights of the city of Vic-
toria whenever the necessity of the
city to go there. Was it right or
common honesty for that company now
to refuse the rights the city had then
been granted and say that the words
of the act of 1873 were not intended?
The Esquimalt Company advanced the
argument that vested capital
should be protected. Was it right that
the investors of \$500,000 should stand
clear of the city where a population
of 37,000 had invested \$2,000,000?
Victoria must look after its own in-
terests. It was useless to look to any
government to make it. Victoria must
depend upon herself; show to this gov-
ernment and all governments that the
city had faith herself and was going
to depend on her own rights and her
resources to make this a great and
beautiful city. Victoria must not al-
low any private corporation that had
vested in it thousands of dollars to
control the city.
Capt. Curtis asked leave to speak. He
said he did not fully understand the
situation.
Submits Resolution.
D. R. Ker in introducing the resolu-
tion gave above recalled the previous
history of the move for water.
He quoted from Mr. Asher's report
that if a settlement could not be reached
that the matter should be referred
back to be decided by expropriation
under the act of 1873. He recalled the
agitation by the city Esquimalt
Company for permission to go to Thetis
lake. A meeting was held in the city
protesting against the act. In the legisla-
ture the members, with few exceptions,
were agreed that the rights of Victoria
were protected. It was only under
these conditions that the act was
passed. Fifteen days after the
passage of the act the company en-
tered into an arrangement with the
electric company to supply power. Not
a move had been made to bring the
water to Victoria West.
There were two many lawyers in the
matter. A wordy councillor of Oak
Bay, a lawyer, appeared. Another able
lawyer who would attempt to prove
day was night so long as he was paid
for appeared also for Oak Bay. Mr.
Henderson, a lawyer, the son of the
reeve of Oak Bay, is also on the com-
mittee while the chairman of the com-
mittee was a lawyer. The lay members
became confused.
He felt, however, that when the mat-
ter came up in the House the opposi-
tion would disappear and Victoria
would get her rights. He proposed the
above resolution therefore.
The members representing the city
went back to their part. Mr.
Thompson was pleased at disad-
vantage in being on the committee. Hon.
Mr. McBride had told the speaker that
he could be relied upon to do all that
could be done. The city desired to re-

CONFERENCES ON
FREIGHT RATES
OBSTACLES TO FRUIT
INDUSTRY IN PROVINCE
C. P. R. Will Be Asked to Re-
duce Charges on Shipments
to Winnipeg.

Three resolutions of thirteen submitted
by the representatives of the provin-
cial boards of trade and fruit growers
of the C. P. R. officials at the con-
ference continued Monday afternoon,
were granted by the company, three
were held over, and the balance with
one exception, were at the instigation
of the company's officials, withdrawn.
One resolution asking for a reduction
on freight rates on fruit and vegetables
from British Columbia to Winnipeg so
as to equalize the rates with those
standing for shipment of similar
goods from Ontario centres, was car-
ried by eighteen votes to four, this be-
ing the only resolution that went to the
vote.
In this matter W. B. Lanigan told
the delegates that the cause of British Col-
umbia not being able to compete with
the Ontario products in the Winnipeg
market was the shipment of fruit and
other goods from Washington, U.S.A.,
into Winnipeg. He also claimed that
very British Columbia did not supply
a larger proportion of fruit to the
Winnipeg market because British Col-
umbia growers asked too much for
their goods and that any reduction in
rates in this province would at once be
followed by a similar resolution in
Washington. He gave Mr. E. R. Sol-
licitor's opinion on the matter, which
was that the American fruit was under
fewer restrictions than the British Col-
umbia fruit, and held that a freight
reduction would not improve the pres-
ent situation.
Maxwell Smith, Dominion fruit in-
spector, however, took exception to the
statement of the railroad official, say-
ing: "Mr. Lanigan makes out a good
case for the company, but I don't quite
agree that he has made a satisfactory
answer to the claim. Take it as a fact
that there are defects in the Dominion
fruit regulations and that growers re-
quire them remedied. That can be
brought about by placing Ontario Col-
umbia and Ontario on the same footing
in regard to rates as far as the
Winnipeg market is concerned. They
can then combine and go to the Do-
minion government for restrictions they
have not got at present. The Domini-
on act is not a handicap, and it was
never so designed. It is meant for a
protection to both dealer and consum-
er. In section 10 it provides for
its application to imported fruits for
the prosecution of handlers of unmark-
ed and ungraded packages. The mer-
chant and importer can be prosecuted,
and I have prosecuted them on more
than one occasion."
He denied there were unmarked cases
in town, in reply to a statement from
Mr. Lanigan.
Mr. Picotini asked if there was a
reduction in rates in Washington.
The resolution as carried read:
"Whereas, the distance from Okan-
agan to Winnipeg is 1,800 miles, and
from the fruit shipping portions of
Ontario is 1,200 miles.
"The city of Winnipeg is the largest
market and principal distributing
point for the fruit trade.
"The freight rates on fruit and
vegetables from Ontario to Winnipeg
are materially lower than from Okan-
agan to Winnipeg.
"Therefore, be it resolved, that the
Canadian Pacific Railway Co. be asked
to reduce the minimum weight for car-
load lots for fresh fruits in packages
from California to Winnipeg to 20,000
pounds to 18,000 pounds."
"Whereas, it is impossible to load
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C. P. R. Will Be Asked to Re-
duce Charges on Shipments
to Winnipeg.

Three resolutions of thirteen submitted
by the representatives of the provin-
cial boards of trade and fruit growers
of the C. P. R. officials at the con-
ference continued Monday afternoon,
were granted by the company, three
were held over, and the balance with
one exception, were at the instigation
of the company's officials, withdrawn.
One resolution asking for a reduction
on freight rates on fruit and vegetables
from British Columbia to Winnipeg so
as to equalize the rates with those
standing for shipment of similar
goods from Ontario centres, was car-
ried by eighteen votes to four, this be-
ing the only resolution that went to the
vote.
In this matter W. B. Lanigan told
the delegates that the cause of British Col-
umbia not being able to compete with
the Ontario products in the Winnipeg
market was the shipment of fruit and
other goods from Washington, U.S.A.,
into Winnipeg. He also claimed that
very British Columbia did not supply
a larger proportion of fruit to the
Winnipeg market because British Col-
umbia growers asked too much for
their goods and that any reduction in
rates in this province would at once be
followed by a similar resolution in
Washington. He gave Mr. E. R. Sol-
licitor's opinion on the matter, which
was that the American fruit was under
fewer restrictions than the British Col-
umbia fruit, and held that a freight
reduction would not improve the pres-
ent situation.
Maxwell Smith, Dominion fruit in-
spector, however, took exception to the
statement of the railroad official, say-
ing: "Mr. Lanigan makes out a good
case for the company, but I don't quite
agree that he has made a satisfactory
answer to the claim. Take it as a fact
that there are defects in the Dominion
fruit regulations and that growers re-
quire them remedied. That can be
brought about by placing Ontario Col-
umbia and Ontario on the same footing
in regard to rates as far as the
Winnipeg market is concerned. They
can then combine and go to the Do-
minion government for restrictions they
have not got at present. The Domini-
on act is not a handicap, and it was
never so designed. It is meant for a
protection to both dealer and consum-
er. In section 10 it provides for
its application to imported fruits for
the prosecution of handlers of unmark-
ed and ungraded packages. The mer-
chant and importer can be prosecuted,
and I have prosecuted them on more
than one occasion."
He denied there were unmarked cases
in town, in reply to a statement from
Mr. Lanigan.
Mr. Picotini asked if there was a
reduction in rates in Washington.
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STUMP PULLER—Made in 3 sizes, for sale or for hire; contracts taken. J. Duerksen, 426 Burnside road, Victoria. Phone A131.

Teaming

TRIMBLE & SON, general teaming, ploughing and excavating. 17 Putman street. Phone A1433.

Truck and Dray

JEPSEN'S TRANSFER—Stand, Yates St., between Broad and Douglas; residence, 2281 Douglas street. Orders left at 210, telephone 1061, promptly attended to.

Watch Repairing

A. PETICH, 29 Douglas street. Specialty of English watch repairs. All kinds of clocks and watches repaired.

MISCELLANEOUS

Business Chances

AN INTEREST in a lumber business can be acquired by a suitable man with small capital. Very profitable. Only deal with; all inquiries treated confidentially. P. O. Box 250, Victoria, B. C.

SMALL ENGINEERING BUSINESS FOR SALE—Good proposition for one who has capital to invest. \$250 per month. Apply W. T. H. Lubbe, consulting engineer, P. O. Box 222, Victoria, B. C.

WANTED—To loan, \$2,000 on a \$3,000 property. Including 12-acre place in good order, for length of 3 years. Call at Room 1 at 1234 Government street, upstairs.

PARTNER WANTED with \$250, who including cylinder 12-horse power, in good net profits, to take control of business in B. C. that can be developed rapidly. Address Box 132, James Office.

REAL ESTATE—We have re-organized our realty department, and have placed it in charge of an excellent salesman. List your property with us for quick sale. Victoria Real Estate Co., Mahon Bldg.

WHO, WHY, WHEN, WHERE to make profitable mining investments, by the late Cecil Rhodes. Most interesting facts and figures, 708 Oursay, Washington, D. C.

HOTEL and GENERAL STORE FOR SALE. Apply Nelson Lacroix, Cobble Hill.

FOR SALE—Furniture and business of boarding house. Apply Box 848, Times Office.

FOR SALE—Mechanical shooting gallery, including 120 car line, water free, order, cost \$700; will sell for less than half cost; good money maker to right hands. Apply to Mrs. M. R. Smith, 106 Lower Douglas street, Victoria, B. C.

FOR RENT—Houses
TO LET—Six roomed house, good garden, fruit trees, chicken house, 3 minutes from city. Apply 1431 Edmondson road, city, or 577 Johnson street.

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TO LET—2 furnished cottages on Dallas road, one 5 rooms and the other 10 rooms. Apply to Mrs. M. R. Smith, 106 Lower Douglas street, Victoria, B. C.

FOR SALE—A few new bugles, latest style, second-hand bugles, wagons and carts, two good fresh calved cows; also all kinds of horses. Apply at J. J. Fisher's Carriage Shop, 42 Dispersary street.

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FOR SALE—Hounds, beagle hounds, and all other breeds of sporting and pet dogs, fancy pigeons, ferrets, rabbits, guinea pigs, cattle, sheep and swine. 50-page catalogue, 10c; 90-page catalogue with poultry combined, 12c. Mount Penn Kennels, Reading, Penna., U.S.A.

FOR SALE—Shetland pony and four-wheel cart; pony exceptionally gentle and kind with children. For full information and price apply to 566 Michigan street.

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FOR RENT OR SALE—House and one acre, stables and chicken houses, at Mt. Tolmie, 525 William street, Victoria.

CHOICE LITTLE PROPERTY near Victoria, fine situation, beautiful surrounding views, splendidly timbered, extra well fenced and laid out; fruit trees and ornamental shrubs; stylish new house, well furnished and with new range, dairy, fowl house and woodshed, barn, including furniture, stock and complete set of implements, horse, cow, buggy, wagon, etc., \$1,000 per acre; terms. Address "B. C." Times Office.

FOR SALE—Live Stock
FOR SALE—Jersey cow, due February 28th; test, 9 p. c. Bittanourt, Salt Spring Island.

FOR SALE—Lots
SMITH'S HILL—Beautiful view, 1 lot, \$400; 800 cash, \$10 per month. Maysmith & Co., Mahon Bldg.

FOR SALE—Lot 66x130, Third street; terms, \$1,100 cash. Apply owner, 669 B.

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For Sale—Acreage

TIMBER—Before buying or selling timber in B. C. call and see my list, comprising more than 100 of the best properties, aggregating a total of over twenty-five million (25,000,000) feet. A. T. Frampton, Mahon Bldg., Victoria. Phone 1688.

For Sale—Lots

ADVERTISEMENTS under this head 1 cent per word per insertion; 3 insertions, 2 cents per word; 4 cents per word per week; 50 cents per line per month. No advertisement for less than 10 cents.

FOR SALE—On Cook street, block of 16 fine lots, no rock, good soil, \$2,600. Apply Owner, Box 56, Times Office.

YOUR CHOICE of 18 good lots on near Hillside avenue at \$90 to \$400 each; \$20 down, balance yearly payments. Featherston, Mount Tolmie P. O.

FOR SALE—Cheap, ten lots, fronting three streets, Ontario, Montreal and Michigan, \$4,000. Apply Owner, P. O. Box 208.

FOR SALE—Lot 66x130, on Tockland Ave., near Cook. Apply owner, P. O. Box 525.

FOR SALE—2 good lots, together, in vicinity of C. P. R. wharf; ideal site for hotel or apartment house; \$2,200 each; easy terms. Yates & Jay, solicitors for owner, 646 Bastion street, Victoria.

For Sale—Machinery

FOR SALE—One second-hand Houston tonner, one Smith motor, one snapper, one ten-inch stoker, one small dynamo. Apply Taylor Mill Co., 171, 216 Government St., or P. O. Box 62.

For Sale—Poultry

FOR SALE—One dozen White Leghorn hens (Dougans'), \$10. Lawder, Thornburn P. O.

For Sale—Wood

MILLWOOD, \$3. Hull, Phone 1124.
NOTICE—For the next six weeks I, the undersigned will sell cordwood

advertised

SCCELLANEOUS

Wanted—Male
Drapery, situation in Man-
sion furnishing over 6 years'
Apply Box 224, Times.

Wanted—Articles

RICAN WARRANTS—I will
price, slight draft, no de-
price, first letter or wire.
Box 226, British Bank.

half-decked boat, 15 to 24 ft.
good beam; hull only, or may
with small engine or sails.
times, Oak Bay P. O.

Wanted—Houses

rent, until November 1st.
nished house for family of
es, giving particulars, Mr.
.

Wanted—Lots

from 3 to 5 acres improved
buildings, near city. Box 622.

Wanted—Offices

rent, small room, suitable
central position. 1310 Glad-
.

Wanted—Poultry

few young chickens or pul-
chick (common kind only);
price. Box 551, Times.

REAL ESTATE.

ORTH WEST REAL
STATE CO.
FINANCIAL
AGENTS.
YATES STREET.

REAR NANOOSE.

ed, good house and barn,
of horses, rubber tired
2 buggy, good milky, new
new single harness, one
harness, farm implements
sheep now bearing lambs,
in April, 5 good dairy cows
cost \$500; 2 bedroom new
w couch, Morris chair, 10
room chairs, large range,
everything for a well fur-

REID & CO.

REID & CO.
MONTREAL CHAMBERS.

USES TO LET.

TREET—4 rooms, close in
nt street, with large lot.
\$8.50
TREET—6 rooms, new, \$20.00
TREET—6 rooms, new,
\$23.00
TREET—5 rooms, new, \$25.00
TREET—New, 7 rooms,
line house, \$30.00

McCONNELL

MENT AND FORT STS.
UPSTAIRS.

TIMBER BUY.

Close to Rossland City,
outlet to Columbia River,
on feet of saw timber, be-
quantity of cedar poles
feet in length. This is a
lling proposition, and at
good buy, \$25,000. Terms
ed.

BRIDGEWAY.

les from Victoria city, on
road, 3 cleared, balance,
of about 1 acre, choice
den land; an ideal fruit
property, and the cheapest
buy we know of for \$2,100.

BRIDGMAN.

RE AND INSURANCE.
VERNMENT ST.

INGS FOR SALE.

TREET—6 roomed dwelling,
in suburbs, \$2,500 in good
lots, price \$1,200; with 1
terms.
TREET—Dwelling with
\$3,150.
STON AND MENZIES—
dwelling, with base-
modern conveniences,
MESTRAD—Choice lots,
on Richmond street,
Fairfield road and
prices \$1,400 upwards.
PARK—75 feet by 240
frontage on Heywood
Vancouver streets, price

WORK AMONG
YOUNG WOMEN

GRATIFYING RESULTS FOR
YEAR IN Y. W. C. A.

Move Made to Form Travellers'
Airl Society—Officers
Elected.

The Y. W. C. A. held its second
annual meeting on Tuesday. Miss For-
man, the president, occupied the chair
and presented an interesting report
covering last year's work.

The directors for the year were elect-
ed during the meeting. They are as
follows:
For the 3 years term—Mesdames J.
G. Brown, Niniv, Dalby, J. Kingham
and Miss A. Fayatt.

For 1 year—Mesdames Collis, J. A.
Turner and Oliver.
For one year—Mesdames R. A.
Brown and Rattenbury.

Mesdames Forman, Sheldon, Andrew
and Niniv were instructed to wait
upon the Local Council of Women and
seek aid from that body towards the
employment of a travellers aid secre-
tary.

This report of Mrs. Forman's set out
that suitable quarters had been se-
cured for a boarding home, and while
the institution was meeting with suc-
cess, it was hoped to get started in
work. With this object in view a suit-
able place for a more commodious
building was being sought.

Reference was made to the necessity
for a travellers' aid secretary to meet
the boats and trains on arrival, in or-
der to direct the young women, who
are strangers, to suitable boarding
places. In order to do this, they would
require the support of the women's so-
cieties of Victoria, each paying, say,
fifty cents to one dollar monthly
towards a salary.

The valuable services rendered by
Miss Gilbert as secretary, and Miss
Cromwell as assistant, were referred
to. Regret that they had not re-
mained was expressed, but it was felt
that in Miss Schofield they had a
worthy successor. The Times and
Colonist were thanked for courtesies
extended during the year.

Miss Phebe P. Gilbert, the secretary,
in her report stated that the society
lean the year with 208 members; 125
being associate members who pay a
fee of 11 a year, and 81 sustaining,
who pay either 50 cents per month or
\$5 per year. During March and April
dinners were served at noon in the
reading room and afternoon teas from
3 to 6 o'clock, while a Bible class has
been held on Sunday, a physical cul-
ture class on Tuesday evenings, and
a social on Wednesday evenings. Upon
the 29th of April last they moved into
their new boarding home, which has
been found to be suitable for their
present purposes. With the aid of
generous friends, accommodation was
provided for twelve boarders, and dur-
ing the last ten months the average
per day has numbered nine. Mrs.
Frank Adams and Mrs. Spencer fur-
nished each a room, and the Ladies
of the Macbees two rooms, in addi-
tion to helping in many other ways
in the work of furnishing the home,
while other valuable gifts came from
different church societies, the King's
Daughters, the members of the asso-
ciation's committee and sustaining
members, etc. During the year 304
guests, of whom 169 were in search
of employment, had registered at the
home.

During the year they had received
twenty-five applications for servants,
and twenty applications for positions
a month. Situations had been found
for the girls at the rate of seven per
month. Letters had been received
from all parts of the British Isles, from
young women who are desirous of com-
ing to Victoria, and were anxious for
information concerning work to be
found here. A letter also was received
from an agency in Scotland, which
stated they were prepared to send re-
liable servants, if situations could be
secured for them. During this year
about twenty-five young women had
arrived here straight from the old
country. A few were general servants,
but the majority were teachers, gov-
ernesses and housekeepers.

The aim had been to have the girls
feel that it is in every sense a home
for them when they are not in em-
ployment, and a place for them to
come and meet their girl friends when
they are in employment, and have an
afternoon or evening frolic, while the
charges might be no less than might
be secured elsewhere, yet they were
always sure of a welcome at any time,
and could have many privileges that
were not to be secured in other board-
ing places.

It was thought that the home could
be made self-supporting, if accommo-
dation were provided for about 20,
with at least 15 permanent boarders,
and quarters situated conveniently
near to the city's business centre. The
present rooms were scarcely suitable
for such boarders, while all these
rooms were really required for trans-
ients. The rental paid for the home
building was \$40 per month. The
year's income from rooms and board
fees and sundries was \$1,755.52, which
had not only defrayed all the running
expenses but had enabled the manage-
ment to apply \$108 towards the pay-
ment of salaries. The only liability
was a debt of \$12 upon the piano.

In concluding Mrs. Forman's report
the president is thanked for her untiring
efforts during the year in aid of the
institution.

The financial statement of the treas-
urer was presented and showed the
following:

Table with columns: Income, Expenditure, Rent. Rows include Balance on hand, Room and board, Gratification fees, Class fees, Sundries, etc.

Table with columns: Item, Price. Rows include Telephone, Fuel and gas, Electric light, Stationery, Insurance, etc.

In addition to many useful gifts in
the way of furniture and groceries, do-
nations in cash were received during
the year from the following: Mrs.
Brooker, Mr. Pearson, Hibben & Co.,
Mr. Weller, C. Hayward, J. A. Hinton,
Brown & Cooper, Mrs. Ellis, King's
Daughters, A. C. Plummerfelt, Holster-
man & Co., D. Spencer, Alex. Cook,
G. B. Marvin, R. P. Rithef, J. H. Law-
son, A. B. Fraser, sr., Mrs. McCurdy,
St. Andrew's Presbyterian church,
Ladies' Aid, Mrs. Bell, Mothers of
Pity, Miss Robertson, Miss Gore, Mrs.
Denny, Ladies' Aid St. Paul Presby-
terian church, Willing Workers, First
Congregational church, D. E. Ker,
Baxter & Sons, Hives of the
Macbees, West Eng Grocery, J. H.
Todd & Sons, B. C. Land Investment
Co., Pemberton & Sons, J. Fullerton,
Fauline & Co., A. Robertson, Mrs.
Saddles' aid, Mrs. Tuck, Mrs. Mrs.
Van Sant, Miss Gill, Mrs. Greyston,
King's Daughters of Cowichan, R. D.
Hillis, Mrs. J. H. Todd, Metropolitan
Church Ladies' Aid, First Presbyterian
church.

The following contributions toward
the piano fund have been received:
Mrs. Jas. Dunsmuir, \$10; A. B. Fraser,
Jr., \$5; D. Dolg, \$5; Mrs. Gleason, \$2.50;
Mrs. Macbees, 50 cents. Total \$22.

The list of sustaining members in-
cludes the following: Mrs. T. Adams,
Mrs. Andrews, Mrs. Arbutnot, Mrs.
G. H. Barnard, Miss Blackwood, Mrs.
Grace, Mrs. M. Brown, Mrs. G. O.
Buchanan, Mrs. Angus Campbell, Mrs.
Collison, Mr. Carne, Mrs. Catterall,
Miss Nellie Chapman, Mrs. G. W.
Dear, Mrs. S. J. Drake, Mrs. Forman,
The Misses Gill, Mrs. Gleason, Mrs.
Graham, Mrs. Grant, Mrs. H. H.
Grant, Mrs. Hanbury, Mrs. G. Hicks,
Mrs. S. Johns, Mrs. H. Kent, Mrs. D.
Ker, Mrs. J. Kingham, Mrs. Kin-
naird, Miss Lawrence, Mrs. A. Lee,
Mrs. W. Le Maître, Mrs. W. A. Laney,
Mrs. Matson, Mrs. J. Maynard, Mrs.
J. B. McCallum, Mrs. McCandless,
Mrs. J. McDonald, Mrs. McLean, Mrs.
MacEachern, Miss E. Newcombe, Mrs.
J. W. Ney, Mrs. Nolt, Mrs. Ogilvie,
Mrs. T. W. Paterson, Mrs. Perrin, Mrs.
Pither, Mrs. Pemberton, Miss Porter,
Mrs. G. Porter, Miss Robertson,
The Misses Russell, Mrs. J. A. Sayward,
Mrs. Sheldon, Mrs. E. S. Smith, Mrs.
David Spencer, Mrs. C. Spencer, Mrs.
T. A. Thompson, Mrs. C. Todd, Mrs.
Tripp, Miss L. Vaughan, Miss Walker,
Mrs. Wallace, Mrs. T. Watson, Mrs.
Wellwood.

WEDDED TUESDAY EVENING.
Mr. P. H. Harrison and Miss McDonald
United in Marriage.

A pretty wedding was solemnized at
6:30 p. m. Tuesday at the home of Mr.
and Mrs. A. McDonald, Clarence street,
when their daughter, Bertha Harriet,
was united in marriage with Mr. Philip
H. Harrison, of the firm of Harrison
and McDonald.

The bride, who was beautifully and
becomingly gowned in white silk and
chiffon, carried a bouquet of bride's
roses, and was given away by her
father. The wedding march was play-
ed by Mrs. Raymond McDonald, and
Rev. T. E. Holling performed the cere-
mony, with a bridal arch of smilax
and white carnations. Only a very few
of the immediate relatives and friends
of the family were present.

The supper table was tastefully de-
corated with lilies of the valley and
white carnations, while streamers of
smilax were draped from the chandel-
ier.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrison left on the
Princess Charlotte for Vancouver, en
route for Seattle and Portland. On
their return they will take up their
residence at 123 Clarence street. The
bride's going-away suit was of blue
cloth with hat to match.

PRESENTATION TO BRIDE.

Miss Murcutt Received Silver Tea Ser-
vice From Local Option League.

Miss Ada L. A. Murcutt, who was
married at Vancouver on Monday to
Rev. A. T. Robinson, of Summerland,
was on Sunday night the recipient of
a silver tea service, accompanied by an
unlimited address from the Local
Option League of this province. The
presentation was made at the opera
house at the close of a lecture by Miss
Murcutt. The address, signed by E. B.
Forsyth, president, and D. Spencer, was
as follows:

"Dear Miss Murcutt: In closing your
present series of local option meetings
in British Columbia, and especially in
the city of Vancouver, we desire to
express our high regard for your
Christian character and our indebted-
ness to you for your splendid ability,
intense sympathy, untiring zeal and
self-sacrificing labors in the cause
you have so ably presented to the
public for the past year. To you is
owing a large share of the success and
present position of the temperance
movement, and we beg you will ac-
cept the expression of gratitude ten-
dered to you by the permanent token
of our regard now presented to you.

"You have helped to unite the vari-
ous organizations represented in the
Local Option League and make it a
force to be reckoned with.

"We wish for you the greatest hap-
piness and usefulness in whatever ser-
vice for your heavenly Father you
may be led to undertake, and trust
you will be able to some extent to
serve the cause we all love in the pro-
vince of your adoption.

"We also wish to acknowledge our
indebtedness to and high regard for
your sister, Dr. Murcutt, who has so
often shown her deep Christian sym-
pathy with your work."

The annual meeting of the Saanich
Liberals Association will be held in the
Royal Oak schoolhouse next Saturday
evening at 8 o'clock. Convoynances
will leave Kent's transfer at 7 p. m.

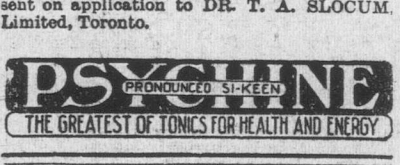


Voice Gave Out.

Thomas P. Macdonald, a prominent
singer of Teoswater, says: "Six years
ago I became a victim to La Grippe and
had it in its worst form. The attack was
unusually severe, and left me in terribly
bad shape. I was utterly prostrated;
weak, and run down entirely. My
voice also completely gave out, and my
lungs seemed to be seriously affected.

"One day I saw in the paper what
PSYCHINE had done for others and
thought I would give it a trial, so I sent
for a sample bottle. This gave me such
immediate relief, and helped me so, that I
determined to keep on with it at all costs
and in spite of what the doctor had said.
In an incredibly short space of time I was
completely restored, and my voice was
soon in grand shape again. They used to
tell me that a breath of wind would blow
me away, I had got so thin, but PSYCHINE
built me up in no time; I am a pretty
solid specimen of humanity to-day, having
gained in weight and put on flesh all the
time."

STOP THAT COUGH OR THE RESULTS WILL
BE SERIOUS. You can do this by toning up
the system with Psychine. All druggists and
dealers sell it. 50c. and \$1.00. FREE TRIAL
sent on application to DR. T. A. BLOOM
Limited, Toronto.



DON'T PLY FROM
OAK BAY TO ISLANDS

Three Trips a Week Will Be
Made Commencing
March 16th.

On the 16th of this month the little
steamer Don will make her first trip
from Oak Bay to Sidney, James, Sa-
turna, Mayne, Pender and Salt Spring
Islands, returning the following day.
She will from that time on make three

trips a week, leaving Oak Bay on
Tuesday, Friday and Sunday of each
week at 9 a. m., except on Sunday,
when she will await the arrival of the
first car from town at 20 minutes after
9. Returning, she will leave Mayne
Island Mondays, Wednesdays and Sat-
urdays at 8 a. m.

The Don was formerly a naval pin-
nace. She has been fitted up for pas-
senger work and will carry twenty
easily, as well as light freight. She
is to be operated by R. W. Buller, who
conducted the C. P. R. train and steam-
boat news agency at this point. Capt.
Maile will have charge of the little
craft.

Speaking of his new venture Mr.
Buller said that he considered this ser-
vice was just what was needed, giving
the public a quick trip to and from the
islands. The steamer will run during
the spring and summer months.

CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY.

Council Will Be Asked to Assist in Se-
curing Detention Home and
Probation Officer.

A meeting of the directors of the
Children's Aid Society was held at 4
o'clock Tuesday afternoon in the city
hall, with the president, C. Hayward,
in the chair. Mrs. Gordon Grant, the
secretary, who has been doing a noble
and much needed work in a quiet way,
reported a large number of cases of
neglected children visited by her. The
chief of police was present, and gave
much valuable advice and information
with regard to certain cases, and the
best methods of dealing with them.

Rev. W. Leslie Clay and Mr. Hay-
ward were appointed to interview the
mayor and city council, and urge upon
them the necessity of setting aside a
grant for the securing of a detention
home and a regular probation officer,
both of which are necessary before a
juvenile delinquent court can be es-
tablished.

NEW DREDGE
HAS ARRIVED

ROUGH PASSAGE FROM
GERMANY IN 127 DAYS

Will Be Used by Dominion Gov-
ernment for Deepening
Mouth of Fraser River.

In a very short time the Fraser river
will be shorn of all its dangers to na-
vigation for the big Fruhling dredge
has arrived. She has four times the
capacity of any dredge hitherto used
in those waters, and besides that she
is able to work in bad weather when
an ordinary dredge would founder.

She was purchased in Germany and
Mr. Fruhling, one of the firm which
supplied her to the Dominion govern-
ment, will be on the coast soon to see
that she starts all right and will for-
mally deliver her to the government in
working order.

The dredge was reported Tuesday
morning by wireless as a German ship
passing in, and she certainly does not
strike an ordinary observer as being
a dredge with her upper works plank-
ed for the long voyage, and with her
dredging apparatus stowed below. She
arrived here Tuesday and tied up at
the Hudson's Bay wharf, where she is
still moored.

The strange craft took 127 days to
come here from Kell. After leaving
the Elbe river she had a rough trip
to Algiers, especially in the Mediter-
ranean, seas washing over her deck
and carrying away portions of her
planking. From that port to Port
Said the weather was almost as bad.
After passing the Suez canal and Red
sea the northeast monsoons caused
them to make slow headway to Sabang
the next coaling port. She kept close
to the islands, making a fine trip past
Formosa to Moji. From there to
Kobe the northeast monsoon delayed
them considerably, but they reached
Kobe safely, leaving that port after
coaling on February 3rd, making the
ocean trip in 27 days. Southeasterly
and southwesterly gales were experi-
enced all the way across, the climax
coming when a day out from Cape
Flattery, the dredge then getting a
good shaking up with seas continually
rolling over her. In spite of this the
officers who brought her over say she
is the best sea ship they were ever on.

When she left she was loaded with
bunker coal almost to her decks, the
space usually used for storing mud
being utilized for fuel. She averaged
something like 15 knots, making
seven and eight knots in good weather.
She could make faster time, in
fact could make as good speed as any

ordinary freighter, but it would not
be economy to push her that fast.

The new dredge works by suction
and can move something like 2,000
yards an hour, while the best that has
been done by the other dredges is 500
yards an hour. There are, however,
two features that make her wholly
different from others and that is the
fact that she removes her own mud
and that she can work in rough as well
as smooth weather. Much of the mud
is stored in her own hold but she can
also utilize two scows, which she fills
with mud, then sends them astern
and fills herself before towing the
whole out to sea, doing away with the
necessity of using a tug.

When crossing the ocean the dredge
carried a crew of 19, but when work-
ing on single shifts she will need only
14 or 15.

The cost of the new craft to the Do-
minion government was in the neigh-
borhood of \$300,000. She will be un-
der the charge of G. A. Kaefer, resi-
dent engineer of the public works de-
partment. There is a good deal of
work for her to do on the Fraser in
order to make the channel perfectly
safe for large vessels at low water, and
this she is perfectly capable of hand-
ling.

The draft of the dredge is marked in
decimeters instead of in feet and this
has caused considerable comment,
those noticing the figures remarking
how deep she was in the water. The
actual draft is only about 11 feet.

A very pleasant social evening was
spent Tuesday in the board room of
the First Congregational church, un-
der the auspices of the Men's Own
Social Club. The meeting was opened
at 8:30 by J. Sinclair, when business
had been disposed of, games and music
followed. Those who took part in the
programme were: J. Barton, E. S.
Cleveland, G. Buchanan, G. Agnew,
T. West, C. Howarth. Refreshments
were served which brought the meet-
ing to a close.

LLOYD'S UNDERWRITERS
WANT HIGHER PREMIUM

Suggestion Due to Heavy
Losses Sustained This
Winter.

London, March 2.—Despite the reduc-
tion in the output of shipping and the
fact that many vessels are laid up in
home ports, there is not the slightest
indication of improvement in the
freight markets as a whole. Shipping
men in London consider that during
the next few months matters are like-
ly to become even worse.

A strong stand is being made at
Lloyd's for higher premiums on marine
insurance risks. The factor is a most
important one for the owners, but in
view of the very heavy losses sustained
during the present winter it will be
found impossible in the majority of
cases to insure vessels at anything like
the premiums ruling last year.

The number of underwriters who
have given up business this year in
consequence of the unprofitableness of
the marine insurance business is not
a large proportion of those at Lloyd's,
but they included some of the most
able in the "room," and these men
frankly confess that they see no pros-
pect of improvement as regards profits.

Premiums have been gradually
dwindling for years past, and those un-
derwriters who have made a stand for
high rates have received no support
from the general market. On inquiry
in Cornhill it was ascertained that
where accounts have been disclosed the
losses for the years 1905 to 1908 have
been very heavy.

Roughly speaking, ship owners will
in 1909 be compelled to pay ten per
cent. above the rates ruling last year;
that is to say, that where an owner
has been getting his vessels covered at
ten per cent., all risks for the year, he
will in renewing his policies at the
present time have to pay eleven per cent.

LOST PROPELLER BLADE.

Lumber and Ore Brought From North by
C. P. R. Freighter Ena.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)
Princess Ena, the C. P. R. freighter, ar-
rived in port last night from the North
with a propeller blade missing, and is
being docked at Esquimalt to-day in order
to have repairs made. It is not known
where the blade was dropped, as the Ena
did not strike any rock or get into any
dangerous position.

The passage was uneventful, but
going north dry weather was en-
countered every day, rain, snow, sleet
and wind. From the Swanson Bay Pulp
Company the Ena took on a deck-load
of 80,000 feet of lumber. The final destina-
tion of the consignment is England. In
the hold 200 tons of copper and iron
ore, and 100 tons of coal, were stowed.
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twenty years.

CHARGEURS REUNIS
CHANGES SCHEDULE

Following the visit of the French
steamer Amiral Hamelin to Puget
Sound in May, the Chargeurs Reunis
service to British Columbia and Puget
Sound will be discontinued for the re-
mainder of the year, says the Seattle
Post-Intelligencer.

Whether this change is permanent is
not stated, but it is believed that the
new arrangement is but temporary,
and that the French around-the-world
liners will again resume the former
schedule next year.

Announcement of the discontinuance
of this service has just been received
by Cook & Co., Pacific coast agents of
the line. Several months ago H. W.
Roberts, in charge of the Seattle office,
made a trip to Europe during which he
conferred with the officials of the com-
pany at Paris regarding their future
plans.

"I think it probable that this change
is only temporary," said Mr. Roberts.
The announcement simply states that
there will be no further services to Brit-
ish Columbia and Puget Sound after
May for the remainder of the year. No
reasons for the withdrawal are given in
the official circulars.

The next of this line due is the
steamer Amiral Duperré, which is ex-
pected at Victoria from Yokohama on
March 18th. She will load a part cargo
of grain for Europe and also take gen-
eral merchandise. Following her will
be the Amiral Hamelin, which is now

FRIENDLY HELP SOCIETY.

Meeting Held Tuesday—Annual Gath-
ering on Tuesday, March 16th.

The regular meeting of the Friendly
Help Society was held Tuesday in
their room in the market building, with
the second Vice-President, Mrs. Mc-
Micking in the chair. There were
twelve members present, and the secre-
tary's report for the past month was as
follows:

Twenty, received second hand cloth-
ing; three new clothing; fifteen were
given groceries; fifteen shoes; three
received milk daily; two received bed-
ding and mattresses.

Cash donations were received from
the following: A friend, Mr. Jackson,
Mrs. Cooper, C. W. Kirk, Barnest
Spoonham, Miss Angus, Mrs. H. Scott,
Mrs. Gill by card collection; Miss M. R.
Lawson by card collection.

Clothing is acknowledged from Miss
Ellis, Mrs. Mellor, Mr. Robinson, Miss
Bigwell, Mrs. Heisterman, E. G. Rich-
st, Mr. Harvey, a friend, Mrs. A. L.
Enoaf, Mrs. McKay, Mrs. D. Spencer,
Mrs. C. F. Codd, S. W. Robinson.

The fifth annual meeting of the soci-
ety was held in the city hall on Tues-
day March 16th, when a full attend-
ance of members is hoped for.

—The local bank clearings for the
week ending Tuesday show a total of
\$1,009,457.

