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# PREMIER McBRIDE GROSSLY MISTAKEN CASE FOR THE PROVINCE

## HE WAS NEITHER FRANK NOR SINCERE

### So Says Conservative Leader of Ontario-- Not Looking For Better Terms But For Grievances.

Ottawa, Oct. 15.—After a week's stay in Ottawa the provincial premiers have returned to their homes with the assurance of increased financial aid and a better understanding between themselves and the Dominion on a variety of subjects which in the past have created more or less friction.

The result of the work of the conference will mean an

Additional Expenditure

to the Dominion of little short of two million and a half.

So satisfactory were the whole proceedings, outside the attitude assumed by British Columbia's premier, that resolutions were passed thanking Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his colleagues for their attention and efforts to facilitate the work of the conference, and that there should be annual meetings of provincial premiers, to be convened by the premiers of Ontario and Quebec.

When the conference opened on Monday the premier of Quebec was appointed chairman. The order of the proceedings is given below, but the discussion, which bore principally upon

Premier McBride's Attitude, which was undignified and undiplomatic throughout, can be obtained from several members of the conference who are all, however, ready enough to speak.

It was made very plain to every member of the conference on the first day that Premier McBride was looking for a political platform and not for financial help; for grievances, not for an increased subsidy. He did nothing by negotiations or proposition to facilitate the proceedings, and for three days

Refused to Say What He Wanted. He asked at the outset that British Columbia's claim for extra consideration be referred to arbitration, but to this the conference was opposed. The motion declining it was carried unanimously, Premier McBride only dissenting.

In respect to this proposed reference, Sir Wilfrid explained to the conference that the view of the Dominion government was that the conference itself should determine all questions referred to it, but that if it approved of the proposed reference to arbitration he would be most happy to give the recommendation his best consideration.

Premier McBride protested that British Columbia's claim was a question between him and the Dominion, with which the conference had nothing to do, and it was during this debate that Premier Whitney referred to Premier McBride as being

Neither Frank Nor Sincere in dealing with the question, and finally moved that in addition to all other grants British Columbia be given \$100,000 a year for ten years. When this "insult" of a million dollars was offered to British Columbia, Premier McBride withdrew, which he probably would have done had the sum been doubled. He had been working for three days to compel the conference to provide a grievance for him to fight an election upon, and he feared if he did not get out pretty quick there would not be a semblance of a chance for

Imaginary Grievances, and he was actually glad that he made his play to the galleries.

He was approached immediately afterwards by Hon. Mr. Fielding, who suggested to him that he should refer to the conference when he (Mr. Fielding) would take the responsibility of urging a larger increase, even specifying that a portion of the amount equivalent to the million offered, should be made in perpetuity and that an additional sum of \$40,000 a year for ten years, or \$400,000 in all should be conceded, but Richard's blood was up, and he

Turned the Province Down. This suggestion, if accepted, would have brought an increased sum payable to British Columbia to about \$25,000. It did not suit Premier McBride, who was looking only for a grievance, to accept this most generous offer, and he finally left the conference, bearing with him the honest contempt of every other provincial premier in Canada.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier informed the provinces that he would not be able to give all they asked. He could not accede to the financial resolutions of 1902, but would give them what was asked at the conference of 1887. The difference was that in the latter there was no amount for criminal justice. Along with Hon. Mr. Fielding, he said that he would visit England next spring and

Arrange For an Amendment to the British North American Act. The premier touched upon other subjects taken up at the conference. Taking the 1887 resolution what the provinces will receive will be: Special subsidies for government and civil legisla-

Ontario, \$240,000; increase, \$140,000. Quebec, \$240,000; increase, \$170,000. Nova Scotia, \$190,000; increase, \$130,000.

New Brunswick, \$180,000; increase, \$150,000. Manitoba, \$180,000; increase, \$130,000. British Columbia, \$150,000; increase, \$115,000.

Prince Edward Island, \$100,000; increase, \$70,000. Newfoundland, \$100,000; increase, \$70,000.

Whereas, as members of this conference are of the opinion that it is desirable in the interest of the people of Canada and essential to the development of the provinces that immediate provision be made for an increase of subsidies granted by the Dominion to the several provinces and for an award to the provincial governments by Canada of an amount sufficient to meet the costs of the administration of criminal justice, not exceeding 20 cents per head of the population, therefore it is unanimously resolved:

(1) That the subject matter of the resolutions adopted by the conference of representatives of several provinces held at Quebec in December, 1902, and which were shortly thereafter presented to the government of the Dominion, and which were ratified by the legislatures of the then existing provinces, except that of British Columbia, be now pressed upon the government of the Dominion for immediate and favorable action; under reserve of right of any province to now submit to such government a memorandum in writing concerning the same, which may have larger sums than those set out in the said resolutions, or to additional con-

sideration or recognition. (2) That in case of the government of Canada concurring in the views of the conferences, as expressed in the above resolution, a measure should be submitted to the parliament of Canada, at the next session providing for the payment of such increased subsidies and allowances as may be determined upon pending amendment of the British North American Act, if such amendment would be deemed necessary.

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wards 25 cents per head in perpetuity. There was no resolution putting this to the conference, but as soon as Mr. Whitney's resolution, giving British Columbia \$100,000 extra, was submitted to the parliament of Canada, at the next session providing for the payment of such increased subsidies and allowances as may be determined upon pending amendment of the British North American Act, if such amendment would be deemed necessary.

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naval dock yard dispatched contingents of engines and assistance. The land and floating brigades of firemen made herculean efforts to extinguish the flames, which leapt to a height of over sixty feet.

The British steamer Pow An, which was berthed at the same wharf, was towed out to save her from destruction. A neighboring pier, a hundred yards distant, was burned to the water's edge.

Mr. Nathan, accompanied by his aide d'camp, arrived at the scene at 4.15 a. m. Gov. Nathan suggested scuttling the ship, but the suggestion was found to be impracticable.

The fire was brought under control at 6 o'clock in the morning, at which time only the shell and hull of the Hankow remained. The gruesome work of recovering the dead was then begun. The fire fighters have already recovered and buried 110 bodies, many of them were huddled together and only singed, while others were incinerated beyond recognition. Of the cargo 200 bales of raw silk were saved, but badly damaged by water. The remainder was totally destroyed.

There are many theories as to the cause of the fire. The first is that it was caused by the overturning of the lantern of a Chinese boarding house to the west, the same boarding house, which was a Chinese opium smoker accidentally set fire to matting, the third being that it was caused by the crossing of electric wires. A fourth theory and one that is considered the most probable is that the fire was incendiary and was an outgrowth of a boycott against British river boats.

The steamer Hankow was owned by the China Navigation Company, of London. The vessel was constructed of iron, her dimensions being: Length, 308.5; beam, 42.3; depth, 15.2 feet. She registered 3,078 tons gross.

HINDU IMMIGRATION. Complaint to Colonial Office Has Been Sent to Ottawa.

Ottawa, Oct. 15.—The department of trade and commerce received to-day a complaint from the colonial office which was forwarded there from British Columbia against the influx of East Indians.

The collector of customs at Vancouver informs the department that the arrivals to date were 1,468.

Scott, seconded by Premier Rutherford: "That the following words be added to Mr. Whitney's motion respecting exceptional treatment to British Columbia: "In view of the exceptional conditions of settlement existing in the provinces of Manitoba, Alberta and Saskatchewan, each of the said provinces should be granted for a period of ten years an allowance of fifty thousand dollars per annum in excess of subsidies provided by the Quebec resolutions of 1902 as amended."

The question then being put on Premier Rutherford's motion, the conference adopted it unanimously.

It was proposed by Premier Roblin, seconded by Premier Peters, that: "As a result of the deliberation of this conference with representatives of the government of the Dominion of Canada:

"This conference recommends to each legislature to abolish the special tax on commercial travellers, provided that this recommendation do not apply to any license payable under any act concerning the sale of intoxicating liquors."

"This province also recommends that the legislatures of the several provinces abstain from the discrimination in taxation of companies incorporated by the Dominion and companies incorporated by the province wherein such tax is imposed."

As to the second part of the above resolution Premier Whitney and Premier Murray desire to consult with their colleagues before assenting to its adoption.

It was resolved: "That a meeting of prime ministers of the several provinces of Canada be held every year to consider matters of common interest, and that every such meeting shall be convened by the prime minister of the province of Ontario and prime minister of the province of Quebec."

It was moved by Premier Whitney, seconded by Premier Rutherford, and unanimously resolved: "That the members of this conference place on record their hearty appreciation of the attention shown them by the premier minister of Canada and his colleagues and their efforts to facilitate the work of the conference."

It was moved by Premier Roblin, seconded by Premier Whitney, and unanimously resolved: "That the thanks of the conference be extended to Mr. Charles Lanctot for the satisfactory manner in which he has acted as its secretary."

Moved by Hon. Mr. Pugsley, seconded by Premier Peters, and unanimously resolved: "That the thanks of the conference be extended to Hon. Mr. Gwynne in the same manner in which he has presided over its deliberations."

of 74, is unable to attend to the business of government.

Sir Charles Norton Edgecombe Elliot, K. C. M. G., C. B., was also a passenger. He has spent his whole life in the British diplomatic service, having been stationed at St. Petersburg, Constantinople, Morocco, Bulgaria, Servia, Samoa, Zanzibar and the British East Africa Protectorate. In 1898 he was secretary of the British embassy at Washington. He served in the service in 1904, when he occupied the position of consul-general for German East Africa. There were several officers on board, including Lieut.-Col. G. Chevenix Trench, and Lieut. R. Holt, R. N., of the British service, and Brigadier-General Pershing and Capt. W. F. Gwynne, U. S. A.

The full saloon passenger list was as follows: W. F. Balden, Mr. and Mrs. Blaylock, Dr. J. C. Bringan, Mr. and Mrs. G. Brockelbank, Miss Brockelbank, H. W. Brown, Lieut.-Col. C. D. Bruce, Mrs. Corsar, Miss Corsar, V. Stapleton-Cotton, Mrs. Creed, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Edwards, Sir C. Elliot, K. C. M. G., W. J. Essame, T. Fujii, T. Furukawa, U. S. A., Mr. C. Richards, E. Rosenfeld, A. P. Simpson, M. M. Smith, S. Tamura, Lieut.-Col. G. Chevenix Trench and valet, Mrs. A. W. and Master Tuckey, W. Webster, Chang Wei, W. H. Wickham, J. H. Williams, His Excellency Taotai Wu Lin, We Heng Sen.

The Empress of Japan left about 9.30 a. m. for Vancouver, where she will connect with the Over-Sea Mail. The Oriental party will proceed through Canada without any hindrance, the Dominion government having given instructions to that effect.

Six steerage passengers, four Hindus and two Japs, were ordered deported by Dr. G. L. Milne, Dominion immigration officer. When the Empress of Japan left Victoria the purser stated he was unaware what final disposition would be made of them.

The number of persons employed in the mines of British Columbia, of whom one-fifth are in Great Britain.

MAKING THUNDER FOR THE CAMPAIGN

Premier's Preparations For Early Appeal to Country Go Merrily On--His Plans Working Satisfactorily.

On September 17th the Times announced that Hon. Richard McBride had resolved to appeal to the country before another session of the house, and that the legislature would dissolve on his return from Ottawa from a meeting of the provincial premiers.

It was also stated that the election would probably be held in December of this year.

Immediately upon the announcement being made it was challenged by the premier, and was denied in an explicit way by the daily government organ.

This denial was amplified by those weekly and monthly supporters of the administration, which entertained lively hopes of favors to come and learned discussions on the ethics of journalism by men who haven't learned its alphabet were written with a view of convincing the premier that his lesser minions were more zealous than those who are supposed to voice his views in the daily press.

The Times reiterated its statement, and the events of the past two weeks have verified in very particular the information available when the article of September 17th appeared.

It was stated that the premier was preparing to leave for Ottawa to attend the conference of provincial premiers. He already had his plan of action mapped out, and naturally was annoyed that the development should be anticipated by his opponents. He had drawn up a claim for this province, which he not only believed, but hoped, would be rejected by that conference. Upon its rejection he planned to return to British Columbia and rush to the country on a cry of better terms, but to frustrate another in the dust of that agitation his record of incapacity and the unsavory Kalen Island deal and its brood. The hope, of course, was that the personal records of men like the chief commissioners would be lost in a wave of enthusiasm for British Columbia's

valiant champion of her rights, Hon. R. McBride.

Every move he made at Ottawa proved what a mockery his fight for better terms was, and how thinly it veiled his real object, namely, the obtaining of a cry on which to appeal to the country. The dispatches he caused to be sent to the coast were worthy of the Sanch Ganza of such a political Don Quixote. They were full of sneers at all the premiers excepting Roblin and Whitney, of sinister suggestions of connivance between the provincial Liberal premiers and Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and changes of "sloggers, coxswain and bluff" against men whose reputation for at least the first and last of these qualities dwarfs into insignificance beside that of Hon. Mr. McBride. If he were honestly seeking to win his colleagues to his side, were these the tactics he would have adopted? They merely reflected the diplomatic attitude of British Columbia's premier—an attitude so perverse that even Premier Whitney, after a long and patient attempt, gave him up.

British Columbians accustomed to these ways of "bluff" were not prepared to believe that the premier would carry these methods into the federal arena. Now the public is told that he will "carry our case to the foot of the throne." British Columbia is also gravely informed that Premier McBride wants "peace" but it must be "peace with honor." This assumption of the Disraelian role is really a limit of what would be comic-operations were the interests of the province not being jeopardized.

The Times repeats that Hon. Mr. McBride went to Ottawa resolved not to obtain better terms, but to frustrate better terms. He was not seeking the good of his province, but an election cry. In the hope of obtaining that cry he had already prepared to appeal to the country before the meeting of the legislature, and if he does not do so it will be due to a miscarriage of some of his plans.

THE TRANSFER OF ONTARIO BANK

THE NOTE HOLDERS AND DEPOSITORS PROTECTED

Bank of Montreal Representative Appointed General Manager--Raid on Chinese Gamblers.

Toronto, Oct. 14.—The Bank of Montreal took over the Ontario Bank on Saturday, acting under a guarantee given by a number of other banks to the extent of two and a half millions, the Bank of Montreal agreeing to protect all the depositors and note holders of the Ontario bank. It is expected that after the assets have been realized upon that there will not be a great deal left for the shareholders, but it is not expected that they will become liable for the double guarantee or that the guarantee of the banks will be required. C. McGill, general manager of the Ontario, has been deposed, and a representative of the Bank of Montreal appointed general manager.

Leave For Ottawa. Calgary, Oct. 14.—Countess Grey and other lady members of the vice-regal party, who have been touring the West, left this evening for Ottawa. His Excellency will remain for a few days longer duck shooting.

Chinese Gamblers. Winnipeg, Oct. 14.—Police last night raided a Chinese gambling joint and gathered in forty-three Celestials, who were enjoying a game of fan tan.

Changes Hands. Montreal, Oct. 14.—La Presse has again come into the control of Hon. Mr. Berthoumieu, who sold the paper some time ago to David Russell and Mackenzie & Mann. The deal was consummated on Friday in Toronto.

Thomas Cote, who was manager of the paper at one time, resumes his position.

HUNDREDS OF LIVES LOST AT HONGKONG BY THE BURNING OF STEAMER HANKOW

Panic Among the Chinese Passengers, Many of Whom Were Burned to Death. Hongkong, Oct. 14.—The British steamer Hankow, from Canton, was burned this (Sunday) morning while lying alongside her wharf. Hundreds of Chinese passengers were burned to death, and a valuable cargo was destroyed. All the European passengers and crew were saved.

THEIR APPARENT TO PRINCIPALITY ARRIVED ON EMPRESS OF JAPAN THIS MORNING

Distinguished Party of Chinese and Nearly Two Hundred Hindus on Board. There was a wealth of Oriental splendor on the Empress of Japan that reached Victoria this morning on her 78th homeward voyage. For the first time also the steamer carried an heir apparent to a throne in the person of His Highness Heinrich Reuss, XXVII. There was also a distinguished party of Chinese on board, including His Excellency Yue Lin Wu, a notable Taotai, who is en route to New York, and his son; also Dr. Kung, son of the Chinese ambassador to London, who recently sent in his resignation on the patriotic plea that his ignorance of the English language made him not as good a representative as could be secured. Dr. Kung is accompanied by his wife and daughter.

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ROMANCE. Romance has just J. Price-Brown, In the Van" (To- Allen). Under the "John" the same ublished a novel, " while the pre- sently presented ser- Magazine, and Dr. Price-Brown theme, and now se early English- Canadians who "Canadian progress eant for the most cutting of roads es and forts, and off of enemies, he account of the arching of a gal- oners—known as of England—who home government a for—the first time, early in the nt of the arrival town at the victory the march up to , and then across Bay, and on to anadian color and story legend and the author to be the early history glimpses of fam- ictured as they a hundred years and conditions away. self is the main s human interest inevitable love ates always being Harold Manning, 100th to America, eral for the com- fort, but Lieut. ose to go to the young English girl who is determin- may, she will ant army. To his intrepid cou- ections of the triumphantly ac- journey through Parts of her ascribed in vari- interesting readin- iced, where one pms amid a wil- plexities are not unt more of the unfair to a book ng for its own

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CALVARY CHURCH NOW STRONGER

NO CONNECTION WITH BAPTIST CONVENTION

Affiliation Severed at Largely Attended Meeting Held Last Night...

(From Friday's Daily.)

At the regular quarterly meeting of the Calvary Baptist church...

A short time ago a minority section of the members called an extra-part council to consider a series of charges against the present pastor...

In the account of the actions of the council which appeared in the Western Baptist, the denomination's official organ...

In order to thoroughly understand the situation it is necessary that the events which have transpired since the original breach between the two congregations should be outlined...

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SUSPECTED OF MURDER

Man in Custody Charged With Having Killed His Sister-in-Law

Winchendon, Mass., Oct. 12.—Harry Wood, who is suspected of having shot and killed his sister-in-law...

CHILIAN LOAN

Twenty-Five Million Dollars For Reconstruction of Buildings Destroyed by Earthquake

Santiago, Chili, Oct. 12.—The Chilean congress at the coming session will discuss a project to raise a loan of \$25,000,000 to be devoted to the work of reconstructing the public buildings...

VANCOUVER NOTES

Man Killed by Explosion at Central Park

A sad fatality occurred at Central park on Wednesday, as a result of which George Anderson, a resident of that place, lost his life...

EXPERIMENTS IN GROWTH OF HEMP

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INVADING MARKET OF NEW ZEALAND

First Exhibit of Apples from British Columbia

Aorangi Takes To-Day Display for Exposition at Christchurch, Opening November First

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A FINANCIAL SENSATION

Sudden Drop in Stock of Ontario Bank

Toronto, Oct. 12.—A sensation occurred on the market this morning by the sudden drop in Ontario bank stock. It was quiet at 123 yesterday, this morning it dropped to 125 and then to 124 1/2 with no takers...

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Boston, Mass., Oct. 12.—A special to the Globe from Portland, Ore., says: "Ex-Governor W. L. Douglas, who is now in Portland on a pleasure tour of the west, may become the Democratic nominee for the gubernatorial chair of Massachusetts...

ADVENTURE RETURNS

Overdue Steamer Arrived at St. Johns, Newfoundland

St. Johns, Nfld., Oct. 11.—The sealing steamer Adventure, which left here on August 3rd, conveying Major Crode, Canadian governor of Hudson Bay, fifteen Northwest Mounted Police and supplies for the Canadian government posts there, returned to-day, a month overdue...

BOYCOTT LEADERS RELEASED

Applauded When They Left Prison at Canton and Were Entertained by Magistrate

Hongkong, Oct. 12.—The boycott in American goods having been taken off at Canton, the viceroy has released the three ringleaders of the movement to raise no end of trouble...

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Attitudes of Premiers of British Columbia and Ontario May Mean Failure of Gathering

Ottawa, Oct. 12.—The crucial point in the negotiations of the provincial conference has evidently been reached. The resolutions reported upon unanimously by the premiers are those approved at the Quebec conference...

U NREST IN MOROCCO

Reports that Anti-French Movement is Being Arranged

Paris, Oct. 12.—The activity among the nomadic bands in the lower part of Morocco is causing considerable anxiety in French government circles and the appearance of M. Jonnart, the governor-general of Algeria, at the cabinet meeting to-day was for the purpose of explaining the situation and making precautionary dispositions of troops in the event of an outbreak...

FRENCH PARLIAMENT

Church and State Separation Question Will Occupy Attention of Deputies

Paris, Oct. 12.—The cabinet has decided to convene parliament for October 24th. The greater portion of the session will again be devoted to the vexed church and state separation question.

ANOTHER ADVOCATE OF SPELLING REFORM

DR. DONALDSON GIVES REASONS FOR ATTITUDE

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Paris, Oct. 12.—The activity among the nomadic bands in the lower part of Morocco is causing considerable anxiety in French government circles and the appearance of M. Jonnart, the governor-general of Algeria, at the cabinet meeting to-day was for the purpose of explaining the situation and making precautionary dispositions of troops in the event of an outbreak...

FRENCH PARLIAMENT

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Flight Caused Failure of New York Firm—Missing Man Probably Making for Venezuela

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New York, Oct. 12.—No definite clue as to the whereabouts of Manuel Silveira, the Cuban who absconded in the steamer with \$1,000,000 belonging to J. M. Ceballos & Co., of this city, which precipitated the assignment of the firm, has been gained. Speculation has been rife, however, as to his destination and the guess which gains the most belief is that he has gone to Venezuela.

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BETTER TERMS CONFERENCE.

"He will go back to his native province a greater man than ever." Thus the advertising bureau refers to the return of the Hon. Richard McBride, premier of British Columbia and premier of all the premiers of the Dominion, according to the correspondents of his apocryphic organ here, who went to Ottawa with a fixed purpose in his heroic mind and executed that purpose without the least thought or shadow of turning over at the solicitations of those other exemplars of noble Conservative principles, Hon. Messrs. Whitney and Roblin.

Hon. Richard McBride cannot be considered seriously. Neither his personality nor his mentality admits of serious consideration. He behaved at Ottawa just as might have been expected in the light of his public career and in view of the present position in the province of the government of which he is the ornamental head. Mr. McBride went down to the Dominion capital not for the purpose of securing better terms for British Columbia, but for the purpose of creating an issue which he believed would overshadow all other issues in the appeal to the constituencies he had decided to make and for which he and his confidential colleague have been preparing for months. In pursuance of this plan he deliberately sacrificed the interests of the province to an extent which will be found set forth in our dispatches from Ottawa to-day.

THE BESETTING WEAKNESS. Those five Eastern Tory members of parliament appear to have a fairly good idea of how to take advantage of all the opportunities their positions may place in their way. They first

tapped the information bureau of the managers of two of the leading railways of Canada and then drew upon the trust funds of a benevolent institution, speculated with them, and placed the "unearned increment" in their own pockets. One of the party pleaded that he was poor (although he appears to have been in receipt of a good salary all the days of his mature years, and has never been noted as a generous spender), that he had been ground down by the limitations of his income, and seemed to think that plea justified everything. Those honorable gentlemen, whose names are now a "household word" in Canada, were, we believe, quite as resourceful as the good company of lady and gentlemen adventurers who "procured" the location of the terminus of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway upon Kalen Island and received a fair recompense for their enterprise—a good deal more than the people who were the owners of the property and ought under the extraordinary circumstance of honest government prevailing for a time in British Columbia to have participated in the profits due them as a consequence of the construction of the new transcontinental railway. This opportunity was placed in our way through the enterprise of the Dominion government, and we were denied the advantage of the opportunity through the knavery of the McBride government, which affects to be striving to gain better terms for the province. But, coming back to the enterprising M. P.'s who have so faithfully exemplified in their conduct the character of the majority of the persons who have been so violently assailing the Laurier government, it is apparent that the leading Conservatives in parliament are not to be balked in the exercise of their natural instincts simply because they are debarred from office and of the opportunity which office brings. They are bound to find a way of bringing their talents into play. The revelations before the insurance commission reveal the code under which they operate. Now, found out and convicted, their leader is defiant and defends himself by upbraiding members of the commission which exposed him and by asserting that some one who was not exposed has been guilty of more reprehensible acts. Even R. L. Borden, the leader of the opposition, although it is due to him to state that his connection with the band of exploiters must have been of a very minor character, as it only yielded him a profit of one hundred dollars—then Mr. Borden has descended from his assumed pedestal and attempted to defend his colleagues—and on the logical plea that certain members of the Liberal party have been guilty of offences of a similar character! That is not true, of course, and the Conservative leader knows it is incorrect. Not a single Liberal had anything to do with the misuse of the trust funds of the Foresters' Society. But the fact that the leader has been driven into a defence of one of the meanest transactions of which there is any record in the history of party politics in Canada proves how seriously the Conservative party is affected by the revelations bearing upon the character of Messrs. Fowler, Foster, Bennett, Lefurgey and others of less prominence.

GAME IMPORTATION AND PRESERVATION.

We suppose the field sportsmen of British Columbia are to be felicitated upon the preliminary success which has attended their efforts to impart rare and valuable game birds from Northern Europe and settle them upon the wilds of the province. We say preliminary success deliberately and advisedly, because while it is doubtless true that great care must be exercised by those entrusted with the transportation of the capercaille and black game, there is still much to contend with and a great deal that is far from admirable in human nature to be overcome before absolute success in the interesting venture can be assured. The birds ought to do well if given the opportunity to accustom themselves to their new, but we trust not totally strange, environment. They may have enemies to meet in the form of cannibals of their own tribe whose ways and methods are new to them. We hope none of the human species will be found with so little sense in his head or so lacking in grace of heart as to deliberately kill any of the strangers until they have passed through their period of probation and have increased and multiplied satisfactorily in the land to which they have been brought as captives. They are magnificent creatures, and every true sportsman will take a delight in cherishing and protecting them by every means in his power until they have settled down and made themselves thoroughly at home in their adopted country.

Now that the arrival of these attractive strangers has drawn the attention of all who delight in sport with dog and gun, would it not be an opportune time to devote a brief space to the consideration of game preservation generally? Grouse shooting has been perilously near what would have been called a failure in British Columbia a very few years ago. The scarcity of birds has been attributed to various causes, all quite plausible. That is, they will serve until next year about this time, when it will be found that other explanations must be sought—unless we are candid and frankly confess that which has been apparent for some years, that the only reason why the blue grouse is becoming scarce is that he has been shot off.

There are other reasons for the gradual disappearance of the willow grouse—the true Canada ruffed grouse and in many respects the finest game bird in the world—but he also has been slaughtered too recklessly. Here are two native game birds which we know with absolute certainty have only to be given a fair chance in order to furnish good sport and adorn the table of many generations of British Columbians. What are we going to do to preserve them from extinction? If we defer action for another year, we believe nothing less than an absolute close season, perhaps extending over more than one year, will be necessary to restore the birds to what ought to be their minimum numerical condition. It has long been apparent that a four months' season is too long. The legislature ought to be asked to shorten it. We believe there can be no reasonable objection to such a proposition. If there are such objections and they can be sustained, let them apply to districts which are perhaps not so thickly settled as those in the neighborhood of Victoria.

But a shortening of the season will not accomplish all that is necessary to preserve this most valuable asset of the province. The men who profit by sport ought to contribute towards a fund for the maintenance of an efficient corps of game wardens. A license should be imposed upon guns, not necessarily in order to restrict the use of firearms, but as the only equitable way of creating the desired revenue. Under present conditions, as everyone who takes an interest in the matter and goes around during the close season with his eyes open knows, there is a great deal of illicit shooting. It cannot be stopped unless there are detectives specially employed to discover the offenders. It is absurd to expect the government of the province to put its hand in the public treasury for any such purpose. Such action would not be tolerated, and could not be expected to be tolerated. We must do as all other provinces and states having game worthy of preservation have been compelled to do—impose a gun license.

And we are not so sure that if the imposition of a license on guns had the effect of restricting the use of firearms the consummation would be greatly to be regretted from any point of view. The so-called "city sport" has fallen into disfavor with the farmers. If there is one class of the community the hunter ought to seek to find favor in the eyes of, and whom the gentlemanly sportsman treats with whatever courtesy is due from one assumed pedestal and attempted to defend his colleagues—and on the logical plea that certain members of the Liberal party have been guilty of offences of a similar character! That is not true, of course, and the Conservative leader knows it is incorrect. Not a single Liberal had anything to do with the misuse of the trust funds of the Foresters' Society. But the fact that the leader has been driven into a defence of one of the meanest transactions of which there is any record in the history of party politics in Canada proves how seriously the Conservative party is affected by the revelations bearing upon the character of Messrs. Fowler, Foster, Bennett, Lefurgey and others of less prominence.

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Seattle might put off for a time the final solution of its water problem by following the advice of so-called "experts" and installing meters. But the people are averse to any such course. They seem to hold there is a more excellent way of accomplishing the dry season of next year. The Seattle Times says: "There will be no general installation of water meters in this city next summer. This is the positive declaration of members of the council interviewed on the subject. The city has no money with which to install meters by wholesale and the members of the council, as a rule, have no inclination to make an effort to raise \$300,000 and more for machines that will be in for a year at the most and then be thrown away as old junk. Councilman Critchton, chairman of the finance committee, said yesterday: "I believe that all the water meters that will be used in this city next summer will be in places where it has been shown that there is a wanton waste of water. I believe it absolutely safe to say that no general plan of water meter installation will be adopted. There is no necessity for any great water shortage next summer. The Volunteer Park standpipes, which should have been finished last May, but which is now drawing near to completion, will counteract the increase in population to such an extent that conditions should not be any worse than they were last summer and perhaps not as bad. It should cause no objections for us to install water meters in those residences where it is proved that a wanton waste of water is continually taking place. Outside of these places there should be no worry about the matter on the part of citizens."

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BOARD OF TRADE  
SOUND SERVICE

QUESTION DISCUSSED AT  
MEETING YESTERDAY

Resolution Forwarded to Government and  
C.P.R. Officials—Water Question De-  
bated—Important Reports.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

The quarterly meeting of the board of trade, which was held yesterday, was marked by the discussion of a number of matters of vital public importance. The introduction of the subject of the best means to provide a satisfactory mail service between Victoria and the Sound led to a general debate upon the passenger service provided on that route. The result was the adoption of two distinct resolutions, one recommending that the government grant a subsidy for carrying mail to some Canadian steamboat company and the other instructing the secretary to wire C. P. R. officials to the effect that if they continued their service throughout the winter months, making Tacoma a port of call, the board would support their being awarded the contract. A discussion upon the water question and a number of important reports completed the programme of the proceedings.

F. A. Pauline, vice-president of the board of trade, took the chair in the absence of J. A. Mara, the president. Among those present were the following: Robt. Swinerton, J. Wilson, C. F. Todd, A. Fraser, sr., Simon Lelsler, R. B. McMicking, J. A. Sayward, T. W. Peterson, M. P. P. T. Lubbe, E. Earle, Dr. Lewis Hall, J. J. Shallcross, and H. F. Bullen.

A communication from Dr. C. J. Fagan, secretary of the Anti-tuberculosis Society, was read. It announced that it had been proposed to request public bodies to appoint committees to collect subscriptions for a fund for the construction of a sanatorium. The hope was expressed that the board would accept the suggestion.

T. W. Peterson thought this was outside the province of the board of trade. It would not do to establish a precedent of the kind. No doubt it was a laudable undertaking. If correctly informed, many members had already contributed. Therefore it was his opinion that Dr. Fagan, if he desired the association to take it up, should have broached the matter at an earlier date. It was received and filed.

The chairman reported upon the work of the past three months as follows:

An invitation received from the Dominion Fair authorities, Halifax, to arrange for an exhibit from this province, and the board's committee waited upon the provincial government in this connection. On finding that the government was not prepared to give any assistance, the committee reported adversely, and the matter was then closed.

The committee on manufactures submitted a report embodying suggestions for the establishment of new industries in or near Victoria. The report was printed and placed in the hands of members of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association.

Letters were received from the Hon. J. H. Turner and Robert Ward, reporting the presentation of the board's resolution, in a modified form, in regard to the British consular service, and that it had been adopted. They held out little hope of the acceptance of the board's invitation to hold the next congress in Victoria, but it is noticed in a recent cable that the matter is not yet closed.

Your council, on recommendation of the fisheries committee, adopted a resolution recommending that salmon fishing above the New Westminster bridge be prohibited and copies were forwarded to the Hon. Minister of Marine and Fisheries.

Upon a report that it was contemplated to remove the lepers from Darcy Island and locate them at William Head, a telegram of protest was sent to the Hon. Wm. Templeman, who replied that no change would be made until Dr. Montzambert visits the coast. The matter rests there.

On 4th September the council conferred with Mr. Richard Grigg, Imperial government commercial agent to Canada. Finding that his instructions did not include the nomination of a commercial correspondent resident in Victoria, a resolution was subsequently passed and forwarded to the Rt. Hon. President of the Imperial Board of Trade, asking that such an appointment be made; a copy of the resolution was also forwarded to Lord Strathcona, asking for his support.

Another resolution was adopted, and has been forwarded to the Rt. Hon. President of the Imperial Board of Trade, approving the action in appointing Mr. Grigg for the purpose of improving commercial relations between Canada and the Mother Country.

The council had under consideration the delay in the settlement of the Indian reserve question, and consider it unwise to meddle in the matter.

The report adopted at the last monthly meeting was forwarded to the Mayor and council, and it was aware that the by-law submitted to the ratepayers, which largely embodied your recommendations, was defeated at the polls.

Before the opening of discussion a report of the conference with Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, president of the C. P. R., an account of which appeared in the Times, was read, as follows:

September 29th, 1906.

The President and Council, Victoria, B. C., Board of Trade.  
Gentlemen:—Your committee beg to report having interviewed Sir Thomas Shaughnessy on the 13th instant, and that they were gratified to learn that the various complaints they made had already received the attention of the local C. P. R. officials, and that so far as possible steps had been taken to relieve the situation, or plans

devised for attaining that end. With regard to the block in freights which occurred during the past summer at Ladysmith, a new barge and a tugboat have been arranged for, and when operating would meet the situation.

The inconvenience and delays in handling freight at the E. & N. Depot are fully recognized, but owing to the company's inability to acquire proper terminals on the Indian reserve, it has been impracticable to afford relief. In consequence of the present situation in the city of Mr. Frank Pedley, superintendent of Indian affairs, your committee have some hope that the question of the removal of the Indians is approaching a solution, and in that event your committee cannot too strongly impress the claims of the C. P. R. for proper terminal facilities, as, in our opinion, the plans which the company desire to carry out will fully meet the requirements of shippers.

Your committee called the attention of Sir Thomas to the great convenience it would be to merchants if the storage warehouses are provided at the new wharves, and it is satisfactory to receive the assurance that such a plan is being considered.

Your committee also urged the importance of railway extension to Alberni canal via Cowichan lake, and that the E. & N. railway should be extended most certainly have to keep pace with the time; which remarks your committee accepted as an indication that the contemplated new steamer will be superior to anything now in these waters.

D. R. KER.

H. Munn spoke of the transportation of mails between Victoria and Sound. They were now carried by the Alaska Steamship Co., for which they received, as remuneration, \$2,900 per annum. That arrangement expired upon the 1st of the month. If nothing was done at the expiration of that period Victoria mails would have to be forwarded via Vancouver. He wished to suggest that the Dominion government be requested to subsidize to induce some Canadian concern to place a service upon the Sound run. He understood that this would not interfere with the Alaska Steamship Company as they had a contract to carry American mails for four or five years. In view of the circumstances he moved as follows:

"It is desirable such a subsidy for carrying mails between Vancouver Island and Puget Sound should be offered by the Dominion government as will induce a Canadian concern to establish and maintain for 365 days in the year a high-class service on the route, and that in view of the necessity of prompt action the secretary of the board be directed to wire the views of the board to the representative of the city at Ottawa."

The chairman asked whether the contract had not expired upon the 30th of last month. He had no official information to that effect.

Mr. Munn replied that he may have misunderstood the matter.

The secretary stated that mails had been officially refused already. They were being carried simply for the accommodation of Victorians.

S. J. Pitts seconded the motion. The chairman thought the board should take cognizance of the condition of affairs immediately. He recommended that the city's representatives be acquainted with the views of the association.

Dr. Lewis Hall expressed the opinion that it would be sufficient to call the attention of the government to the matter. A resolution from the board should not appear to dictate as to the policy adopted.

Mr. Munn explained that it was not his idea to appear distasteful. In putting in particular mention of 365 days he had in mind the avoiding of the inconvenience of having a vessel put on the run intermittently.

C. F. Todd believed that the resolution was all right. He thought it would be a good thing if a new vessel were placed upon the route to have it call at Tacoma.

Mr. Palmer thought that the resolution placed the government in a somewhat peculiar situation. Two of the strongest companies upon the Pacific coast now called at Victoria. The proposal was to ask the authorities to grant a subsidy to induce another concern to enter their competition. It was exceedingly improbable that any company could be persuaded to enter upon such an undertaking. He thought Dr. Hall's suggestion was a good one.

H. F. Bullen suggested that the views of the board might be obtained and a wire sent Capt. Troup. The C. P. R., who was now in Montreal. He thought definite might be done without delay.

J. J. Shallcross moved, seconded by C. H. Lugin, that word be sent Capt. Troup to the effect that the board protested against the withdrawal of the C. P. R. service, and agreed to support them without delay. Carried.

Ald. Dr. Hall, speaking of the water works improvements, referred to the probability of another by-law being laid before the ratepayers providing for the extension of the water supply to the city. He stated that the liquid was liable to contamination by vegetable matter during the dry season when it was low. The council had obtained an opinion from an expert who had stated that the Elk lake supply was being used to its limit. Only by raising the dams could more be procured and then but half a million more gallons per day would be obtained. Therefore what would be the use of

also present, and took part in the discussion upon the following matters: Complaints were made that the recent extension to a chimney on lot 5703 obscured the light from certain points, and it was arranged that the position of the light be changed. It was learned that the provincial government was prepared to transfer the lot in question to the Dominion government for the sum of \$2,000. A report to the department of public works by its local representative being in favor of such a transfer, it is hoped that such will now be made.

Improvements to the inner harbor were discussed, based upon the board's committee on harbors and navigation report of 10th February, 1905, together with the plan which accompanied it. Mr. Keefer reported that in about six months the channel then asked for from the outer wharf to the railway wharf will be of uniform depth 15 feet at low water. Mr. Keefer further advised that present dredging operations are for a depth of 20 feet of water, and that it is intended to continue deepening the channel to give a uniform depth of 20 feet of water.

The question of improvements required at the outer wharf was discussed, and it was learned that as soon as the dredges can be spared the work of deepening the water between the outer wharves will be taken in hand.

The safeguarding of life and property on the West Coast was gone into very thoroughly, and Mr. Templeman was informed of the deep disappointment and the consequences of so little work having been done during the past summer.

In reply, the hon. gentleman pointed out that a new light of the first order, and a fog alarm, is being installed at the mouth of the river, and will be in operation about 31st December next.

At Cape Beale the lighthouse is being rebuilt on an improved plan. It was again urged that a more powerful fog alarm be erected at the mouth of the river.

The question of the need of a trail on the West Coast was then gone into. It appears that some doubt as to its practicability has been reported to the Dominion government, but it was pointed out to the Hon. Mr. Templeman that it is merely a matter of cost, which should not be considered when the life of shipwrecked sailors is at stake. Cases were stated of men having died after reaching the shore from starvation and exhaustion owing to the fact that there is no means of communication with points from which help would be obtained.

Mr. Templeman expressed the hope that Capt. Troup would make it convenient to attend the next meeting of the Lighthouse board of Canada. He considered this a matter which the lighthouse board could attend and felt quite sure that any recommendations coming from that body would carry weight with the Dominion government.

Time was now pressing, and it was agreed that Mr. Shallcross and Mr. Lugin should draw up a memorandum embodying the views of members of the council, to-day expressed, and present to Capt. Troup prior to his contemplated departure on Wednesday next to attend the lighthouse board meeting.

Mr. Geo. Carter, chairman of the special pilotage committee, then reported the present position of the pilotage question. Mr. Templeman appeared to be somewhat surprised by the board's views upon this matter.

Mr. Templeman reported that during the past four months Mr. H. P. Bell has been engaged in the preparation of an estimate of the cost of railway communication between Cape Beale and Vancouver Island by bridge at Seymour Narrows, and he expected that Mr. Bell's findings will be placed in the hands of the Hon. Minister of Railways within a few days.

F. A. PAULINE, Chairman.

Resolution of the Council of the Victoria, B. C., Board of Trade:

That strong representation shall be made forthwith to the Dominion government that it is essential for the protection of life and property on the south-west and west coast of Vancouver Island that time should be lost in completing the additional safeguards which have been recommended, and that so far as possible this work should be done before the storms of the coming winter commence. The council hereby urges the government to give the highest priority to this work.

That the Pacheña light should be in operation before the end of the year; That a first class fog alarm should be installed at Cape Beale.

That a good trail or road should be made along the coast so that rocket apparatus and other assistance can be taken at any point, without delay, as the loss of life has already been caused by the absence of this provision, and further loss of life may result at any time;

That the whaling station at Sechart should be provided with telegraphic communication, so that the fall of the steam whaler station there with steam up at all times, may be requisitioned in case of need;

That stations for wireless telegraphy and telegraphic communication should be established at necessary points at the earliest possible date, and that conspicuous sign boards should be erected along the shore.

It was adopted. Mr. Lugin moved that Ralph Smith, M. P., and W. Sloan, M. P., be forwarded a memorandum of the recommendations with regard to life-saving facilities and that they be asked to use their influence to have something done without delay. Carried.

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putting in a larger main when the present system practically exhausted water available. There was a suggestion that the filter beds would be unable to handle the larger amount that would be demanded by an immense main such as proposed in the plan of the provincial government, and it was arranged for a temporary supply and in the meantime make arrangements for a permanent system. As for fire protection, something which had been based upon to a considerable extent, the city was not as bad off as some people thought. If the fresh water gave out there was sufficient sea water available. There were facilities, too, by which water could be pumped in case of emergency.

Referring to the quality of the water, Ald. Hall said that it could not be made perfectly palatable because of Beaver lake. That portion would have to be shut off from the main body and dredged good. This would cost considerable, as anyone could see by judging the magnitude of such an undertaking.

As for the pumping in the 12-inch main, while it wasn't satisfactory it was a better alternative to the present system. He thought it was out of the question for the city to be served by two systems, and he strongly opposed the spending of a large sum upon the improvement of the existing system.

Mr. Foster objected to Ald. Hall's suggestion that the water at present used by Victoria might be contaminated. He instanced cases in inland cities, making special mention of Chicago, where the water was taken from the river scarcely a mile from the point where the sewers emptied. It was a well known fact that water purified itself. Anyone who stated that the water of the city would be reduced to perfectly good was doing something, not only unjustified, but almost criminal.

Ald. Hall took exception to Mr. Foster's remarks and reiterated his statements.

A report of the committee on shipbuilding was submitted, as appended: September 20th, 1906. To the President and Council, Victoria, B. C. Board of Trade:

Gentlemen:—The undersigned beg to report as follows in regard to the necessity of urging the Dominion government to subsidize the shipbuilding industry in British Columbia.

The coasting and foreign trade of British Columbia has increased greatly during the last 10 years, and all the foreign vessels and the greater number of the coasting vessels are foreign built, and under present conditions there is no hope of Canadian-built vessels obtaining the business.

The British North America Act British-built vessels are admitted to Canadian register free of duty, and it is hopeless for our shipbuilders to compete, because they have to pay duty on the materials used in their construction, and a much higher rate of wages to the workmen they employ.

The serious position created for the Canadian shipbuilders by these inequitable conditions under which they are required to operate is shown by the percentage of the vessels constructed in Canada last year compared with 30 years ago, while concurrently the import, export and coasting trade has increased enormously. Figures showing the coasting trade are as follows:

Tonnage, built 1876..... 165,041  
Imports, built 1906..... 21,865  
Imports, 1876..... \$ 9,210,346  
Imports, 1906..... \$26,584,417  
Exports, 1876..... \$ 9,986,455  
Exports, 1906..... \$26,316,872

We find that a great deal of repair work is now done in the shipyards of British Columbia, but very much more would be done if such encouragement were given against it as would justify them in erecting the plant required for additional construction work.

The end would be attained if the shipyards were placed in a position to engage in the building of vessels on a large scale necessitating the operating of additional plant which would also be available for repair works. Under such conditions the shipyards would secure much of the work which now goes to America, and it is postponed until the vessels reach a home port.

The increasing carrying trade of Canada, especially on this coast, necessitates constant additions to the tonnage employed, and makes it a matter of paramount importance that vessels required should be built in the Dominion, but so long as British built vessels are admitted to Canadian register free of duty, it is hopeless for our shipbuilders to compete with the cheap labor and cheap materials to be obtained in Great Britain and Ireland.

The undersigned have reason to believe that with adequate assistance, giving shipbuilders the same protection from moderate weather as is afforded in Canada, large works would be forthwith established in the neighborhood of Victoria, with all the plant required to construct steel ships of the most modern types.

We recommend that the assistance given should be in proportion to the cost of construction, and submit that this can only be attained either by a percentage allowance or by a gross tonnage subsidy graded to the classification of the vessels in a recognized ships' register. In our opinion this subsidy should equal 15 per cent. of the cost of construction, and that it should be for a period of 20 years, in order to give confidence to the investors of capital.

J. J. SHALLCROSS,  
JOHN G. COX.

Mr. Munn thought that the board should first turn its attention towards inducing the government to continue the bonus on steel for seven years. He believed that this came before the shipbuilding.

The motion for the adoption of the report was carried.

Reverting to the matter of the Sound service, Mr. Todd moved that a telegram be sent Sir Thomas Shaughnessy expressing the board's appreciation of J. B. Hobson, R. Lange, E. Elford, J. T. Bethune, and Thomas Davis were elected members.

The meeting then adjourned.

Iceland's fishermen have taken to using motor boats in their business, and automobiles and motor boats have also made their way to Helsingfors, Finland.

EFFECT OF NEW  
LICENSE BY-LAW

PROMINENT DEALERS  
DISCUSS PROVISIONS

Business Community Deeply Interested in  
Changes Proposed in Motion Introduced by Ald. Fell.

There is a matter affecting the commercial interests of the city which will come before the City Council at an early date and which, should it be passed, promises to create considerable opposition. It is that embodied in a resolution introduced recently by Ald. Fell and published in the Times. In a few words the proposal is to introduce in lieu of the present general license tax of \$10 per annum on business a general license tax not exceeding 10 per cent. of the actual value of the business premises occupied, such rental value to be based on 5 per cent. of the assessed value of the land and full value of improvements, together with special license taxes where this mode of assessment is not applicable.

The resolution provides for the abolition and retaining the existing license taxation in other respects. The idea is claimed to be to make the tax system fairer by such a sliding scale of rates, the effect of which would be to reduce the amount demanded of the smaller concerns and increase that collected from the large establishments.

"We're perfectly willing to pay our fair share of taxation," remarked a prominent member of David Spencer Ltd. this morning to a Times representative. If, however, any changes were contemplated which would increase the amount paid out by them every year the position was a reasonable one. Certainly his firm should contribute a larger sum than a peanut stand for instance, but those who argue that they weren't doing so now didn't understand the situation. Besides the \$10 for an ordinary license they pay other municipal, provincial and general taxes which amounted well into the hundreds annually. The burden, therefore, was quite sufficient, and he thought it was a mistake to think that the taxes were larger here. While he was unalterably against the increase of taxation upon the larger firms he would not oppose any alteration having the effect of reducing the sum annually, he remarked, with a smile, nor, continuing, would he take a stand against alteration having the effect of reducing the pressure upon small dealers. Anything that might depend upon the result in the equalization of the burden, as long as it did not mean an increase in the already high rates upon the firms having exceedingly extensive interests in the community, would meet with his approval and, doubtless, with the endorsement of others in the same position.

Referring to Ald. Fell's proposed increase in such concerns as David Spencer Ltd. Such a thing he thought was inadvisable for the reasons already outlined. Industry should be encouraged in every way possible. It was this that built up the community, and he thought any change which was wrong policy.

As the attitude assumed by David Spencer Ltd. is likely to be taken by other big firms it is altogether probable, as already stated, that the competition might be benefited and with strong opposition. However it must not be assumed that the citizens as a whole take the same stand. Many of the smaller dealers, naturally, think that might be benefited and they will give the fullest measure of their support. Others think that it will increase the toll they already pay.

All circumstances considered, therefore, if Ald. Fell backed up by other members of the aldermanic board presses for the change a lively time in the councils of the civic fathers is assured.

THE FINGAL ARRIVES.

Towed to the Outer Wharf on Saturday to Discharge Cargo.

The British ship Fingal was towed to the outer wharf on Saturday, where she will discharge some eight or nine tons of general cargo consigned to the Fingal & Co. Company of this city.

Capt. O'Neill came ashore from the ship in the Royal Roads on Saturday afternoon, and from him an account of the voyage was obtained. The Fingal, he said, sailed from Glasgow, April 25th, and after a most successful voyage, ended during the early part of the voyage. "Off Cape Horn on July 13th to the 15th, we had a blizzard from the southwest, and the ship and gear were frozen up. The temperature ranging from 10 degrees at night to 20 degrees at midday. On July 15th we ran into the ice pack close to Cape Horn, and had to bear up and sail 50 miles to east to clear the same. Many bergs being in sight on July 23rd we passed a large berg 40 miles south of Cape Horn, a very unusual position. Many heavy gales were experienced until the thirty-fifth parallel was passed, thence fine weather to the Straits. On Tuesday night foggy, misty and calm weather prevailed off Cape Flattery until Friday morning when a sharp southeast gale with heavy rain was met. This finally veered to the south and carried our ship up to the Straits and into Royal Roads at 6.30 a. m."

In the bad weather off Cape Flattery the Fingal shifted cargo, some but sustained no damage. Capt. O'Neill says he thinks that one of the vessels seen off the Straits was cargo laden.

ONTARIO BANK.

Has Been Absorbed by the Bank of Montreal.

Ottawa, Oct. 12.—The Bank of Ontario has been absorbed by the Bank of Montreal.

The Ontario bank has been doing business here for 41 years. When the notice of the bank of Montreal was put up here, we were satisfied and there was no run on the bank.

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MISS MAYBELLE TALKS A

Tells Interesting Story by Navajo

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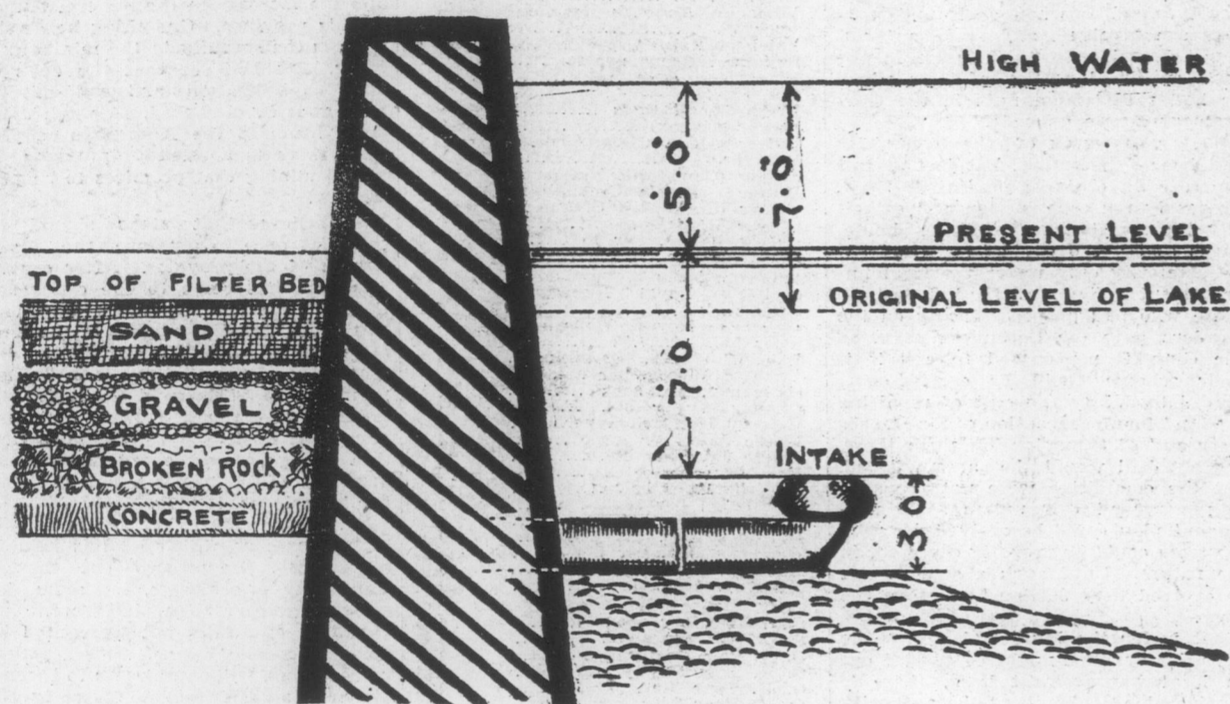
# MAYOR MORLEY ON WATER SITUATION

## His Worship Explains the Present System at Elk Lake and Method of Distribution.

(From Saturday's Daily.)  
The water question is a vexed one to Victorians it is still a vital issue, the solution of which is of the utmost importance to the municipality. The division of the city council as to the best means of effecting the necessary improvements and the infinite variety of opinions expressed by the citizens generally does not alter the fact that some definite action is absolutely imperative and that before many more months this must be decided by the ratepayers, at any rate by those who spent the summer months here and experienced the unprecedented scarcity of water during that period. The by-law formulated by the water committee, and endorsed by a majority of the council, having been defeated,

membered that last winter the lake did not fill up within twenty inches. In average years it not only fills but overflows to a large extent.  
"Taking the average rainfall, a careful computation shows that the lake will bear an extra drain for three years, viz. an average of 2,000,000 daily for the first and second and 3,000,000 daily for the third year. This is calculated on the basis of giving a full supply without putting on a general system of meters. The average for the past two years has been 2,000,000 gallons a day.  
"This does not call for raising the dams to impound more water. There is no doubt but that if this were done the available supply could be much more largely increased than is generally supposed possible.

APRIL 1906 LAKE 26 BELOW H.W.M.  
1906 USED 42"  
1905 " " "  
MOST USED IN SEASON, 52"



FILTER BED AT ELK LAKE.

another proposal must be laid before the voters at an early date in order that improvements may be made before inexorable Father Time shall have brought around another summer, thus avoiding the possibility of the community again suffering from a scarcity of that most refreshing of all beverages, "Adam's Ale."  
At the last public meeting called by His Worship Mayor Morley the two diagrams which accompany this article in miniature form were displayed, the object being to make the present conditions perfectly clear to those attend-

ally supposed possible.  
"As to the quantity of the water in Elk lake or Beaver lake there is not the shadow of a doubt that from actual analysis the water is of better quality than at either Goldstream or Thetis lake; also that given the same care at the lakes and in flushing the pipes, the water will be as free from taste, color or odors as the others mentioned.  
"Seeing that we have an abundant supply for the next three years, until an additional supply can be provided, the next important point is how to bring it in to the city and distribute it.

direct to the high levels at a cost of \$2,000 to \$4,000 a year.  
"Why hesitate in deciding to continue our present as a permanent source of supply up to its capacity, and make permanent improvements accordingly?" It will cost \$75,000 to continue the 24-inch main to Elk lake at an annual cost of \$3,200, and save pumping to the extent of \$4,000. This will place our present supply on a permanent economic basis.  
"On the other hand, if we abandon our present supply in favor of any other source it will entail a much larger expense to bring in the additional 2,000,000 gallons and necessitate an additional expenditure of \$125,000 for a reservoir and connections as a safety to the then one main.  
"The redistribution, or at least a great part of it must be put in the city before every service can obtain a fair supply, no matter what quantity is brought in to the city."

### PICTURESQUE LITTLE CAPITAL.

Appreciation of Victoria by Western Editor of the Toronto Globe.

Writing from Vancouver a few days ago Fred A. Ackland, western editor of the Toronto Globe, has this to say about Victoria:

"This is an altogether charming spot as a place of residence, and now that Winnipeggers are beginning to retire it is to Victoria they are turning as the ideal place for a pleasant, leisured life. A bit of England on the shores of the Pacific is the title of which Victoria is proudest, and which it prints in large

## STEAMERS COLLIDED IN DENSE FOG

### TWO MEN BELIEVED TO HAVE PERISHED

### Panic Among the Passengers—Coolness of Officers and Crew Prevented Serious Loss of Life.

Kingston, Oct. 12.—The passenger steamer Adirondack, of the People's line of Albany, and the Saratoga, of the Citizens' line, of Troy, collided near Glascow, twelve miles north of the city, this morning. The collision prevented the pilots of either boat from seeing the other. Both, it is thought, missed their bearing. The Saratoga sustained the greater damage.

The Adirondack was on her way to Albany and the Saratoga was en route to New York. The Adirondack tore off the port side of the Saratoga, which listed to port and her stern went overboard and sank. Clarence Sherman, of Melrose, N. Y., an officer on the Saratoga, was killed and George Norton of New York, on the Adirondack, is missing. Many passengers on the Saratoga were knocked down by the force of the collision, but the crew of both boats assisted in rescuing them and later they were transferred to the City of Troy, landed at Tivoli and sent to New York by train.

The passengers on both boats became panic-stricken and only for the coolness of the officers and crews of the boats was heavy loss of life prevented. The Adirondack after the fog cleared was able to proceed to Albany. The Saratoga listed to port and was hauled to Glascow dock where she is at anchor.

The Saratoga is an old boat, having been built in 1877, the vessel was 300 feet long and had accommodation for 650 passengers and was valued at \$550,000. The Saratoga had several accidents. She is a companion boat to the City of Troy, and the two vessels have been making alternate trips from New York to Troy. The Adirondack was launched in 1896 and is one of the fastest boats on the Hudson. She is 415 feet long and is modern in all departments.

## THE TANGLE IN ONTARIO BANK

### RUMORS REGARDING LOSSES OF INSTITUTION

### Official of the Bank of Montreal Will Probably Assume Control of Affairs To-Day.

Toronto, Oct. 12.—As a result of recent unfortunate investments, the directors of the Ontario Bank found it expedient to accept a proposition looking to the absorption of that institution by the Bank of Montreal. While not officially announced, it is expected that the Bank of Montreal will be in charge of the affairs of the Ontario Bank when it opens for business this morning.

As a matter of fact more attention is being paid to inside property. Among the sales of the past week was that of the corner of Fort and Blanchard streets that changed hands for a consideration of about \$8,000. James A. Lindsay purchased the vacant double lot 100 by 120 feet, at the corner of Douglas and Rae streets, with the adjoining lot on the former thoroughfare, 120 feet wide and 60 feet deep. This purchase, for a consideration in the vicinity of \$25,000, shows the belief of an old resident in the future of the city. Yates street, the last district in the city, is being subdivided into five and ten-foot lots. It is stated that \$20,000 was asked yesterday for a lot on the south side between Douglas and Rae streets, while in the opposite block vacant lots are held for a consideration in the vicinity of \$10,000 to \$15,000, the latter price being for those nearest Douglas street.

Suburban property is also in good demand. Pemberton & Sons sold this week five acres on Oak Bay avenue for \$3,500. Two water front lots at \$900, and a lot on Fern street for \$600. Among the sales of the B. C. Land and Investment Agency were 2 lots in the Work Estate, 3 on Fairfield road, 1 in Caledonia park, a cottage in James Bay, and 40 lots in the subdivision between Michigan and Simcoe streets.

## SAWMILL PROJECTED FOR PORT SAN JUAN

### Company Incorporated Last Week to Engage in Logging and Lumbering in Renfrew District.

(From Saturday's Daily.)  
In the current Gazette there is notice of incorporation of the B. F. Graham Lumber Company. This notice affects Victoria as it means the inception of a new industry at Port San Juan. Actual details have not yet been arranged, but B. F. Graham said this morning that in all probability a saw mill would be erected in the near future.

At present the company is engaged in logging and is well satisfied with the financial results of its operations. The limits aggregate nearly 20,000 acres and careful cruisers have estimated the timber at 700,000,000 feet. It consists of cedar, fir and spruce, and as the limits front on salt water there will be no difficulty regarding shipment once the mill is built. An associate of Mr. Graham's will come to Victoria in about a month with his family and reside

here permanently. Mr. Graham himself has other large interests in Southern California, but will spend a large part of his time here and at Port San Juan. "Yes, logs are fetching a good price here now," he said this morning. "If the lumber business had not been flourishing I should not have come up. But most people seem to think the price is all profit for timber men. This is a great mistake; prices for supplies have gone up, labor is very scarce and wages are nearly double what they were two years ago. But we are figuring on a saw mill, and I think will build one. We will decide in the very near future."

## FOUR MEN DROWNED.

St. Johns, Nfld., Oct. 11.—The fishing schooner Julia struck a shoal in Codroy river during a gale last night and went down. Four hands were drowned, but the captain succeeded in reaching the shore. The fishing schooner Helen is missing, and it is feared she and her crew have been lost.

## PROPOSED NORTHERN ROAD.

Ottawa, Oct. 12.—Application will be made to the board of trade to incorporate a company to build a line from the southern boundary of the Northwest territories to Dawson, by way of Yon Yon valley or by the most feasible route.

## THE POODLE DOG CHANGES HANDS

### WELL-KNOWN RESTAURANT AND HOTEL PURCHASED

### Many Buildings Being Erected—Real Estate Active—Suburban Property in Much Demand.

(From Saturday's Daily.)  
The most important business change of the week was the sale by Mrs. R. C. Davies of the good-will and business of the Poodle Dog restaurant and Hotel to W. S. D. Smith, formerly connected with the New England. The consideration was in the vicinity of \$10,000. "Poodle Dog" has always been a name to catch the eye of bon vivants, and since the time of Louis Marboeuf has occupied a prominent place in public patronage. Mr. Smith intends to conduct the hotel on first-class lines, and has already engaged a white chef.

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## DOUKHOBOR LEADER TELLS OF PROGRESS

### MANY MEN EMPLOYED ON RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION

### Next Summer Attention Will Be Devoted to Farms—Elevator to Be Erected.

Winnipeg, Oct. 12.—Peter Verigen, the well-known Doukhobor leader, who had directed the progress of the Doukhobors in their several colonies since their coming to western Canada, is at present in the city. Mr. Verigen will not return West, but will go direct to Montreal and intends sailing in about a week's time for London. From there he goes direct to the land of his birth. The present state of the Russian empire causes him considerable uneasiness and he fears that his destination, Moscow, will not be reached as soon as he expects. If he succeeds in reaching Moscow he will confer with Count Tolstoy who has watched the progress of the Doukhobors in western Canada with great interest and intends returning in the spring with a large party of immigrants.

Mr. Verigen said last night: "So much unjust criticism has been aimed at the Doukhobors recently that a true account of their doings is necessary. During the past season, from April 15th to October 10th, 600 of our number were employed on construction work and 75 teams on the Grand Trunk Pacific. Every man available whom we could spare from our holdings was employed on construction work. I do not think, however, we will do any construction work next summer, but will concentrate our energies on our holdings. The following summer, however, we expect to again do construction work as we have found that the employment is satisfactory to all of us. The past summer we have erected at Verigen a \$35,000 roller and flour mill. The first story of which is of solid cement, on cement piers. The next two stories are of cement block and the fourth story is of timber and brick. We have two brickyards at Verigen an done at Swan river, while we manufacture our own cement blocks at Yorkton. Settlers who have seen the satisfaction these cement

## AN INVESTIGATOR FROM ALLAHABAD

### Sent by Communities of Bengal to Look Into Conditions Here—A Thousand More Hindus Coming.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

There was a little young man in Victoria yesterday with a big mission. His name is a large one—T. C. Mazoomdar. Slim, with dark flashing eyes, a complexion with the nuttiness of a southern Italian, prominent teeth, white with a tinge of blue, and lips with an Austrian mobility this young undergraduate of Allahabad University was noticeable wherever he went. There was no sign of the typical Hindu. He wore a fashionably cut suit of light gray, the latest in neckwear and a soft hat to match the rest of his outfit.

This emissary from the Hooghly district of Bengal comes to British Columbia representing that great presidency of India. And for what? To inquire into the merits of British Columbia as a field for emigration of his people. He was frank in admitting this and said if his report proved favorable there was no limit to the number that might come. Mr. Mazoomdar is well acquainted with those who have arrived; he has the actual number at his finger ends. "There were about 900 landed at Vancouver," he said, "and a few about 20, at Victoria. Some, about 15, went to San Francisco and came to British Columbia from there. I don't know their names yet, but can get them from my people."

"Who and what are the Hindus that have already come here?" was asked. "They are Punjabi Sikhs," was the reply. "All soldiers, British soldiers. They helped England at the time of the mutiny. They went to the Boer war. They are loyal to the British flag."

"And what was their occupation in India?" queried the reporter. "Oh, farmers—wheat and rice farmers. Some of them know about growing sugar, too."

"Were they not able to get a living at home? Why do they come here?" came another question.

"They made a living—a small one—some six, some ten dollars a month. Each had his little farm, grew little crop; yes, they lived all right."

"If they were all right in the Punjab, why did they leave?" the reporter remarked. "The men in Hong Kong, the Hindu police. Someone told them maybe they read, some can read English, that labor was scarce in British Columbia, that a man could get from two to three dollars a day. Wasn't that better than the wages they got at home?"

"And who arranged for their coming out?" asked the Times representative. "We have back here shortly and an association formed to bring them here, that someone in this province was arranging for their coming."

"That's not so," replied Mr. Mazoomdar, "they come here themselves, come in batches."

"Are there many more coming that you know of?"

## MORE TROUBLE.

Difficulties of the Spanish Government are increasing.

Madrid, Oct. 12.—The recent party is using with good effect against the government the popular outcry against a new commercial treaty which is being negotiated with France, which would give the French a share in the production of the Spanish products, and it is feared that the Liberal ministry has been shaken to consequence.

Simultaneously the Clerical party showed its boldness. Five priests after meeting at Burgos have sent a message to the government protesting against the "Anti-Christian movement," and declaring their intention to obey laws which violate the rights of the church. The prelates of Santiago have sent felicitations to the Episcopal church of France, appealing to the clergy of France to faithfully and not to abandon to the church and state separation law.

## ORCHARDS RUINED.

Rochester, N. Y., Oct. 12.—The storm that swept over western New York destroyed many thousands of dollars worth of fruit trees around Rochester. The peach trees suffered the most and many peach and quince orchards in Monroe county are ruined.

Two Litchfield residents were fined the other day, one for striking a match on electric car and the other for catching hold, while cycling, behind a car.

## POPULAR

WANTED—Advertisements under a word each.

TAILORS WANTED—Help on coats wanted. Send also your card. J. Sorenson, 1st street.

WANTED—Boy, about 12 to 15 years old, hand. C. P. R. Tolson.

WANTED—A strong Laundry.

DRIVER WANTED.

ANY INTELLIGENT man a good income time corresponding earnings; experience. Send for particulars. Syndicate, Lockport.

WANTED—Salesman to sell per month. Stock clean; grow. From old orchards weekly. Also from Washington Nurseries, Washington.

WANTED—Boy, C. P. R. Tolson.

WANTED—Messenger F. R. Telegraph Co.

WHEN ANSWERING under this heading saw this announcement.

WANTED—FERN Advertisements under a word each.

WANTED—Two sales and stationary department. Monday, 10 a. m. D. Spencer, L.

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WHEN ANSWERING under this heading saw this announcement.

SITUATIONS WANTED Advertisements under a word each.

CONTRACTORS—We with laborers, or an short notice. Pole building. Litchfield, N. Y. Co., 18 Norfolk City.

WHEN ANSWERING under this heading saw this announcement.

WANTED—MISCELLANEOUS Advertisements under a word each.

WANTED—\$100 for rent. Security, 500 ft. dwelling house, stable. Times Office.

WANTED—To purchase 2000 lbs. of wool.

WANTED—Unfurnished rooms, modern, moderate. Address Box 1000.

WANTED—For a few days. Furnished rooms. Times Office.

WANTED—10 room house. Facing sea, near town. This is an anchor. Navigator, P. O. Box 1000.

TO THE PUBLIC—As vanced on bottles, or other, sacks, etc. It will be better to buy from Victoria Junk Agency.

WANTED—Old coats, boots and shoes, trunks, suitcases, etc. Cash prices paid. Write, Jacob Aronson, 1000 Douglas street, 10 doors below Government.

SUNLIGHT SOAP CO. Toilet soap given in these columns. 1000 Wharf street, Victoria.

WHEN ANSWERING under this heading saw this announcement.

A BUSINESS CAN GO WRECKED in all sorts of ways, but in none so easily as by not having a good plan. Write to us.

ART STUDENTS. MISS MILLS, Art Studio, London. Lessons in Art, drawing, painting, etc. 1000 Douglas street, Victoria.

BUILDER & GENERAL CONTRACTOR. THOMAS CATERALL, Building in all its branches and general jobbing. 1000 Douglas street, Victoria.

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BABY CARRIAGE. BABY CARRIAGE. Moore, 43 Broad street, Victoria.

BOOT AND SHOE. NO MATTER where you are, bring them here. Tibbs & 3rd Ave. Grand Theatre.

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