

thing Done to Provide
comfort for Guests at
Resort

an lake, one of the most
Victoria, will be made spe-
attractive this summer. The
n Lake hotel, formerly the
Bros., has recently been ac-
quired by a local company, the stock
of which are Victorians. It has
been under the management of
Woodward, who for many years
has been a resident of the district, and
is very popular.
The new owners have gone to a large
amount in remodeling and improv-
ing the house. It is to all intents and
purposes a new hotel now. A new
and so essential a feature to a
hotel, has been built. The din-
ing room has been altered and is now
of former size, and is light and
bright. Removal of several partitions
has provided for a large open fireplace,
furnished with large open fireplace,
most cosy appearance to the
drawing room double the size
with hot and cold water having
been installed, and the sanitary ar-
rangements have been made perfect.
Prior & Co. have installed an
and pump to keep the baths and
supplied.
In the matter of boating, the manage-
ment has acquired several new boats,
having several more built. Mr.
of this city, has just com-
pleted a 30-foot launch fitted with a
engine for the hotel. It will be
for excursions to the upper
and in addition to this the old
overhauled and put in good
condition.

MENT GOES INTO
CAMP IN JUNE

et for Annual Instruc-
tion of the Fifth Regi-
ment

orders for the Fifth Regiment,
promulgated by the Com-
mandant, contains the following:
Following extract from M. O.
published for general in-
formation:
Training, 1910; dates of camps
and instruction—it is notified for the
benefit of all concerned that
the instruction will be held this
year at the following places and on
the following dates: Vernon, June 6th; Vic-
toria, June 13th.
Company will parade on Tues-
day, 19th inst., at 8 p.m., for
by the officer commanding the
regiment.
The following men have
duty assigned to them: G. W.
G. W. Ashdown-Green, G. Brown,
G. Peter Mathison.
The following men having been
by the adjutant are posted to
as under:
1. Company—G. W. C.
2. Company—G. J. Yeates,
Mathison.

STRENGTH
IN THE SPRING

Needs Aid in Making New
Health-Giving Blood.

spring the system needs ton-
ing in the spring to be healthy
and you must have new blood,
the blood must be new and
demands it and without this
you will feel weak and lan-
guid and may have twinges of rheu-
matism or the sharp stabbing pains
of the sharp stabbing disem-
ples or eruptions on the skin.
In cases there is merely a feel-
ing of weakness and a variable
amount of these are signs that
the system must be renewed.
of order that the indoor
winter has told upon you. What
ad to put you right is a tonic.
All the world there is no tonic
but Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.
Pills actually make new, rich,
red—your greatest need in spring.
new blood drives out disease.
the skin and makes weak, easily
men and women and children
active and strong. Miss A. M.
Lower Cove, N. S., says: "I
owe my life to Dr. Williams'
Pills. My blood seemed to die
to water. I was pale as a
suffered from headaches, and
specimens seemed to be constantly
my eyes. As the trouble grew
my limbs began to swell, and it
and it was hopeless. Up to this
case was hopeless. Up to this
two doctors had attended me,
withstanding I kept going. I
Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.
I was taking a few boxes I was
improved. I kept on using them
until I had taken eight boxes,
my health was completely re-
newed."

by all medicine dealers, or by
50 cents a box or six boxes
from The Dr. Williams' Medi-
cine Co., Brockville, Ont.
Twenty-two men for the garrison at
Point passed through the Winnipeg
bound for the garrison at
point. Eight of these are for the
Canadian Artillery. These are
who are being exchanged with
garrison at Halifax.

THREATEN TO
SUE THE CITY

BLOOM PAVEMENT
HAVE A GRIEVANCE

Claims Infringement of Their
Patent for "Granitoid" in
Pandora Street Work

(From Thursday's Daily.)
The city is threatened with another
lawsuit. The Bloom Paving Company,
of Chicago, which one year ago put
down a "granitoid" pavement on Cor-
corant street, between Government
and Store are understood to take the
position that the city is infringing on
their patent rights by using a similar
pavement, though given a different
name, on Pandora avenue, between
Douglas and Government.
The "granitoid" pavement on Cor-
corant street, laid by the Bloom Com-
pany, consists, in the main, of an ordi-
nary base of concrete—composed of
sand, gravel and cement—in the pro-
portion of five parts of sand, three
parts gravel and one part of cement,
with a two-inch surface of fine chip
rock and cement in the proportion of
one to one. There may be other in-
fringements which enter into the process,
but the chief constituents are as de-
scribed. The Bloom company has ob-
tained patents for this process, which
is termed "granitoid" in both Canada
and the United States.
About one year ago a contract was
entered into with the company by the
city for the pavement on Cormorant
street, and the same was in due course
laid at the cost of \$150 per square
yard. The company was desirous of
putting some of this pavement down in
Victoria, and the piece contracted for
was mainly in the nature of an experi-
ment to prove to the public that it was
one of the best pavements for all
classes of traffic that the city could
adopt.
H. Bryson, on taking the position
of chief engineer reported to the
council that in his opinion the process
claimed by the company would not
prevent the city putting down a simi-
lar pavement. He also expressed
the opinion that the "granitoid" pro-
cess, which the company claimed to possess
did not cover the process the city
might desire to use. Thereupon it was
decided that the pavement on Pandora
avenue came to be executed a
system should be followed, though
the material used would not be known
by the granitoid name. This work is
now in progress.
There have been hints from time to
time from the local agents of the com-
pany that if the city persisted in car-
rying out its intention to use the ma-
terials entering into the "granitoid"
process, that the corporation would be
held liable for damages for infringe-
ment of the patent, but no notice was
taken of this. Now that the work on
Pandora avenue is actually under way,
however, the Bloom company has taken
steps to protect its interests. During
the past few days photographers have
taken pictures of the work in pro-
gress evidently for use in court, and
the city engineer has been visited by
the local agent of the company and no-
tified of the intention to proceed with
a lawsuit.
The legal advisers of the city con-
tend that the company has no grounds
for an action. The matter may come
before the streets, sewers and bridges
committee at a meeting to be held to-
morrow evening.

WILL BE TRIED FOR
MURDER AT TACOMA

Charles Wezler, Accused of
Beating Woman to Death,
Leaves San Francisco

(Times Leased Wire.)
San Francisco, Cal., April 21.—Closely
guarded by Captain of Police John
Fitzgerald of Tacoma, Charles Wezler,
who is wanted in the Washington city
in connection with the murder of Mrs.
Henry Schulz, started for Tacoma to-
day, where he will face the charge of
murder.
Wezler appeared to be on the verge
of nervous prostration when he was
taken aboard the train. His face was
deeply lined and the facial muscles
twitched continually. Wezler still as-
serts that he did not beat the woman
to death at Gig Harbor.
Mrs. Schulz was the mother of Wez-
ler's divorced wife. The man was ar-
rested here a week ago at Ocean
Beach where he was caught in the
act of loading a revolver. At first he
denied his identity when detectives
identified him in the prisoner's dock.
Later he admitted that he was Wezler,
but strenuously denied the accusation
of murder.

BRIDEGROOM INJURED.

North Yakima, Wash., April 21.—A
four-hick cut in the head caused by a
falling wheelbarrow, was the reward of
wedding serenaders, was the reward of
Carroll Roberts, a bridegroom of one
week last night, when he refused to
scatter money outside the home of the
bride. Miss Daisy Lenington, whose
bridegroom was injured, was attended.
The injured man was attended. The
bride was called and Clarence Park-
er, said to be one of the gang, was ar-
rested. The little brother of the bride
was also injured by the flying mis-
sile.

ROOSEVELT IN
FRENCH CAPITAL

RECEIVES HEARTY
WELCOME TO PARIS

Former President Calls on M.
Fallieres and Foreign
Minister

(By Staff Correspondent of the United
Press.)
Paris, April 21.—Paris bestowed her-
self at an unusually early hour for the
French capital, 11.30, to welcome Theo.
Roosevelt. In spite of the untimely
hour for arriving, a great throng was
present at the depot to welcome the
American. Many notables were in the
rotunda of the station to welcome
Roosevelt, among them being M. Jus-
serand, French ambassador to the
United States.
The Roosevelt party went to the
home of American Ambassador Bacon
and remained there until they attend-
ed a formal luncheon at the embassy.
Later Roosevelt called upon President
Fallieres at the president's palace and
upon Foreign Minister Pinchon at his
office. Both Fallieres and M. Pinchon
returned the visit by calling upon
Roosevelt at Ambassador Bacon's
home. Fallieres placed his box at the
Comedie Francaise to-night at the dis-
posal of the Roosevelts.
In the course of the afternoon Roose-
velt commented on a dispatch appear-
ing in the New York Sun quoting him
as saying that the Methodists at Rome
were worse than the Catholics and that
when he returned to America he would
take steps to have them driven from
Rome.
Roosevelt said: "The statement is
an unqualified falsehood and the Sun
must have known it was a falsehood
when it printed it."
The American business men in Paris
will give a reception to Roosevelt at
the embassy and President
will tender him a banquet.
On Saturday Roosevelt will be
in the city of Rome. He will be
the only visit of the American
gold medal at the city hall. Tuesday
he will visit the Saumur military ac-
cademy.

TAKING POWER
FROM SPEAKER

REPRESENTATIVE ACCEPTS
CANNON'S CHALLENGE

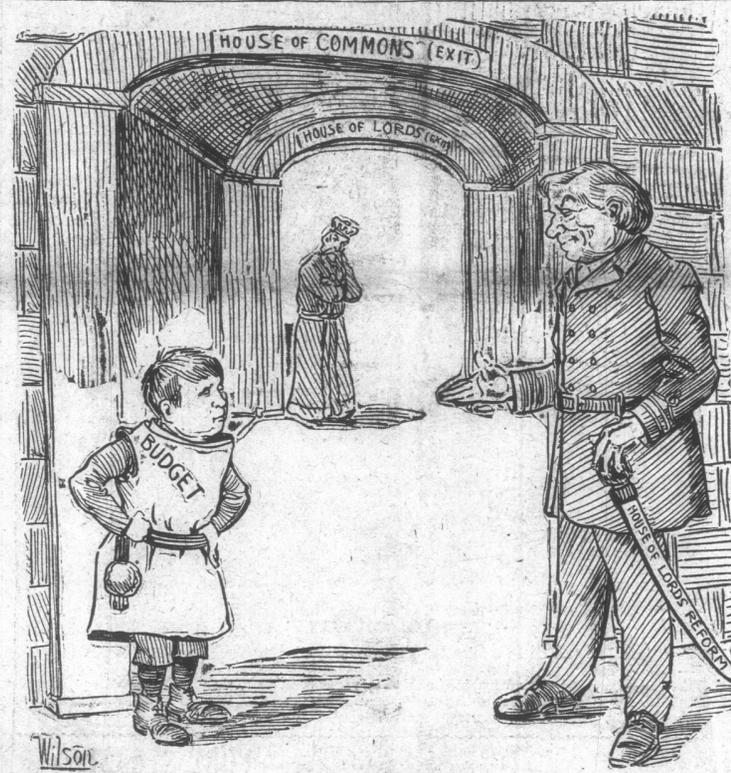
Declares Action Necessary to
Insure Freedom of U. S.
House

(Times Leased Wire.)
Washington, D. C., April 21.—Introduc-
ing a resolution, which if adopted,
will strip the Speaker of all power
except that of a mere presiding officer,
Representative Charles N. Fowler, of
New Jersey, to-day virtually accepted
Cannon's challenge to follow up the
rules victory.
"It is the final step to insure the
absolute freedom of the House," Fowler
declared.
The resolution creates two commit-
tees of the members of the House, one
from the minority and one from the
majority, empowered to select all mem-
bers of the standing committees. Seven
Democratic congressmen will select the
Democratic members of the standing
committee and seven Republicans will
select the Republican members of these
committees. The two sections of the
committee on committees, the resolu-
tion provides, are to act separately.
"The dissolution of the Speaker's
power, so arrogantly abused," said
Fowler, "is absolutely essential to the
restoration of a free, representative
government."
"We have already eliminated the
Speaker in the rules committee. It is
now time that we should strip the
Speaker's office of the power to appoint
committees and should limit his func-
tions to the single duty of presiding
over deliberations here."
"The centralization in the Speaker
of the right to appoint committees, to
control the agenda through the rules
committee and the power of recognition
made him the most autocratic influence
in American politics. To say the con-
sequence of these powers has made the
office a dispensing machine of political
blackmail is only to state what every-
body admits."
Fowler's resolution was read amid a
deep silence in the House. After it was
passed, points of order were raised by
Fayne (R.), New York, and Mann (R.),
Illinois. Hardwick (D.), Georgia, raised
the point that there was no quorum
present, and Payne moved that a call
of the House be made.
The resolution surprised the regulars
and the insurgents both. The greatest
confusion followed its presentation.
After the opening parliamentary
skirmish Fowler said he would not in-
sist on the immediate consideration of
the resolution. The resolution itself, he
said, provides for consideration May
2nd. "I want the resolution referred to
the rules committee," said Fowler.

ASSASSIN OF EGYPTIAN
PREMIER ON TRIAL

Attorney for Defence Declares
Operation After Shooting
Caused Death

(Times Leased Wire.)
Cairo, April 21.—The trial of Ibrahim
Wardani, charged with the assassina-
tion of Premier Boutros Pasha, began
to-day. There is international interest
in the affair because of the prominence
given it in Roosevelt's speeches here,
because he denounced the assassin and
roused the anger of the Egyptian Na-
tionalists. Soldiers are held in readi-
ness at the barracks here in case there
should be any demonstration as a re-
sult of the trial.
The defence of Wardani is unique.
His attorneys assert that Boutros'
death was caused by the bullet
which wounded him, but by the opera-
tion the physicians performed in try-
ing to remove the bullet.



RIGHT OF WAY
PREMIER ASQUITH—"Go right in, sonny, yonder patriarch fears this blade."

GARBAGE
SYSTEM SOON

TENDERS ARE INVITED
FOR NECESSARY WORK

Public Wharf is to Be Extended
and Two-Storey Build-
ing Erected Thereon

(From Thursday's Daily.)
The comprehensive scheme for the
concentration of the garbage collection
system of the city is to be proceeded
with forthwith. Wm. W. Northcott,
purchasing agent for the corporation,
is calling for tenders, which will be
received up to Monday, May 2nd, for an
extension of the present corporation
wharf at the foot of Herald street, and
for a 2-storey building covered with iron
to be built on the above in accordance
with plans and specifications which
can be seen at his office.
The plan as outlined for the new
system will involve an annual expendi-
ture of about \$14,492. A force of 15 men
and 8 horses will be employed con-
stantly. It is proposed to finance the
scheme out of general revenue, and to
do so Mayor Morley will recommend
that 1/2 mill be added to the rate. All
garbage will be collected free of charge,
save from hotels and restaurants. A
standard style of garbage can, costing
approximately \$2 apiece, will be dis-
tributed to all householders, but the
latter will be charged for the same.
The permission of the government to
make the necessary addition to the
present wharf has been secured. All
the plans adopted will be a vast im-
provement over the system of handling
the garbage which is in force at pres-
ent. All the material of every descrip-
tion which originates on private prem-
ises, which requires to be disposed of,
is now handled by eight scavenging
concerns who make whatever charges
they see fit to their patrons. A large
quantity of this material, it is be-
lieved, is deposited wherever the
scavengers may be able to make ar-
rangements to do so, but when it is de-
livered to the city wharf for disposal
by the corporation a charge of 15 cents
a load is made by Capt. Gardiner, who
has a contract with the city. Capt.
Gardiner furnishes a tug boat and two
scoops and dumps the material in deep
water, out in the direction of the
Royal Roads. He is paid a sum of \$235
monthly for this work, but is permitted
to retain the 15 cents per load collected
from all who bring garbage to the pub-
lic wharf.

MYSTERIOUS DEATH
OF CHICAGO MILLIONAIRE

Body, With Bullet Wound in
Head, Found Lying Across
Trunk

(Times Leased Wire.)
Chicago, April 21.—Carl W. Eisen-
drath, a prominent young millionaire
clubman and vice-president of the
Monarch Leather Company, was found
shot dead in his room in the home of
his parents late yesterday under mys-
terious circumstances, resulting in a
double investigation by the police and
the coroner.
Death was caused by a bullet from a
hunting rifle, which had pierced the
forehead of the young man. The body,
fully dressed, was found lying across
a trunk which was partly packed with
his clothes.
It is said he was about to depart on
a hunting trip to Colorado. The young
man passed Tuesday night in company
with his father, W. Eisendrath, presi-
dent of the concern of which he was
vice-president, his mother and other
relatives.
It was the last union of the family
for some time, as Mr. and Mrs. William
Eisendrath were to depart for Europe
yesterday.

BINGER HERMANN ILL.

Roseburg, April 21.—Hon. Binger
Hermann, known throughout the United
States as a politician and statesman,
lies at his home in this city to-day in
a precarious condition.
Although it has been generally known
for the past few days that the aged
man was ill, no authentic information
was made public until late yesterday,
when Dr. K. L. Miller, a son-in-law,
said that he was suffering from a
chronic disease.

WESTON'S WALK.

Palmira, N. Y., April 21.—Edward
Payson Weston, who is well known
from the Pacific to the Atlantic, left
here for Syracuse to-day. He is still
ahead of his schedule.

WEDDED AT OTTAWA.

Ottawa, April 21.—A fashionable mar-
riage took place yesterday afternoon at
St. Andrew's Presbyterian church,
when Miss Marjorie Louise, youngest
daughter of the late Hon. Andrew G.
Blair, Minister of Railways, was united
to Mr. Sutherland Campbell Gilmour,
son of Mr. and Mrs. John G. Gilmour,
and one of the trio of brothers who are
well known hockey stars. The cere-
mony was performed by Rev. Dr. Her-
tage.

FLOODS IN SERBIA.

Belgrade, April 21.—Serbia is again
flooded as a result of torrential rains dur-
ing the past few days. At Kragujevatz,
where the floods are most severe, twelve
deaths have already occurred, while the
damage to property is enormous.
The whole country from Kragujevatz to
Lapovo, a distance of twenty miles, re-
sembles a vast lake. Several villages have
been inundated almost to the tops of the
houses, and it is feared many persons
have perished.

SAILS FOR HOME.

New York, April 21.—Lord Kitchener
sailed for home on the Oceanic yester-
day.

TRADE WITH
GREAT BRITAIN

JOHN HENDRY TOURING
THE OLD COUNTRY

Will Discuss Methods for Pro-
moting Mutual Commer-
cial Benefits

(Special to the Times.)
London, April 21.—John Hendry, of
Vancouver, B. C., president of the
Canadian Manufacturers' Association,
who is now here, said yesterday that he
intends to spend three months visiting
the industrial centres of Great Britain
and discussing with prominent manu-
facturers the best methods for promot-
ing mutual commercial benefits be-
tween Canada and Great Britain. He
will meet Lord Strathcona and discuss
plans with him.
In regard to suggestions of Canadian
reciprocity with the United States,
Mr. Hendry expressed emphatically the
opinion that there should be no hurry.
Canada must take care not to take any
steps which might prove detrimental
to her future. Nothing, also, should be
done which might prevent Canada from
dealing openly and freely with the
Mother Country. Mr. Balfour's policy
of untaxed empire wheat would have a
good effect on the whole empire.

CHURCH UNION.

(Special to the Times.)
Toronto, April 21.—Speaking at a
meeting of the District Congregational
Association yesterday Rev. W. T. Gunn
said that a majority of the Congrega-
tional church were in favor of union
with the Methodists and Presbyterians.
In some cases the feeling has been so
great as to make the vote practically
unanimous.

A LOCK OF HAIR.

Found in Hand of Girl Murdered in
New York

New York, April 21.—A lock of yel-
lowish hair may send to the
electric chair Albert Wolter, accused
of having murdered Ruth Wheeler.
The prosecution is expected to show
that the hair of the murdered girl was
found to be clenching a lock of hair
that came from Wolter's head.

MEASURE ALSO INTRODUCED TO
GIVE FRANCHISE TO
WOMEN

(Special to the Times.)
London, April 21.—A woman's char-
ter which proposes to give women the
franchise and many other privileges
they now lack, is before the Commons.
It takes the form of a series of eight
bills introduced by Sir Charles Mac-
laren.
One of the main objects of the char-
ter is to put married women in a more
equitable position with regard to prop-
erty, and another is to provide salar-
ies for wives. It is proposed that a
wife who devotes her whole time to
house-keeping and care of children
shall have a claim on her husband
during his life and on his estate after
death for a sum calculated on a scale
not exceeding the wages of a house-
keeper in her station of life, provided
she has not received any other personal
allowance. Where the wife is self-
earner she shall not be legally liable
for the support of her husband or his
children unless her earnings or the in-
come of her property exceed the mini-
mum necessary for her support. Wives
who work jointly in the same business
as their husbands shall be regarded as
partners. Fathers and mothers shall
be joint guardians of their children. All
universities or institutes deriving rev-
enue from estates shall be open to
women. Finally, British husbands are
liable to heavier punishment than un-
der the present laws.

REDUCTIONS AT SEATTLE.

Seattle, Wash., April 21.—An investi-
gation to-day of local food prices, fol-
lowing the receipt of New York dis-
patches announcing a drop in the cost
of living, showed a surprising falling
off in prices on foodstuffs.
Flour has dropped 60 cents on the
barrel at wholesale and from 10 to 15
cents on the sacks. There was a 40-
cent drop three weeks ago, and dealers
announced a 20-cent cut to-day. Rice
has dropped a quarter of a cent on the
pound, barley has slumped 4 cents on
the bushel, oats show a 15 per cent. de-
crease, and wheat a 15 per cent. de-
crease. Lard is off a cent a pound and
meat shows an average reduction of 4
cent a pound.

FORTY MINERS
ARE ENTOMBED

LITTLE HOPE OF ANY
BEING RESCUED ALIVE

Men Imprisoned By Explosion
in Coal Mine in Ala-
bama

(Times Leased Wire.)
Birmingham, Ala., April 21.—The
Tennessee Mining Company's hospital
car to-day took a number of gas hel-
mets to Mulga, where preparations are
being made to send men into the mine
where 15 white men and 25 negroes
were entombed by an explosion late
yesterday.
The mine is badly wrecked and the
work of rescue is proving difficult. It
is believed none of those imprisoned
in the death pit survived.
The rescuers who worked frantically
all night attempting to remove the
twisted iron cages which block the
shaft, declare that the gases per-
meate every crevice of the mine.
Soon after the explosion large forces
of men were put to work in an effort
to reach the men imprisoned in the
shaft. Various means were employed
without success.
Several parties of rescuers attempted
to enter the mine to-day, but each time
were driven out by the gas fumes be-
fore a trace of the entombed miners
could be found. As a result of the fu-
tile attempts, the rescuers have decided
that the only thing possible to be done
will be to set the machinery to work
to clear the shaft of gas, after which
it will be possible to enter and remove
the bodies.

NEGLECTED CHILDREN.

(Special to the Times.)
Toronto, April 21.—Spencer Page, Re-
gina, superintendent of neglected and
dependent children for that province,
returned home last night after a three-
days' conference with Mr. J. J. Kelso,
superintendent of the department of
neglected children for Ontario, on mat-
ters concerning this work in the prov-
ince.

SWINDLERS AT WORK.

Visitors to San Francisco Report Los-
ing Sums Ranging From \$100
to \$2,000.

San Francisco, Cal., April 21.—It has
been established beyond a doubt that
a gang of swindlers, operating along
the lines similar to those used by the
notorious Maybray gang, are working
in San Francisco.
Within the past two weeks a num-
ber of strangers have reported to the
police that they have been fished out
of sums ranging from \$100 to \$2,000,
on fake "wire tapping" and fixed horse
races.
The latest victim was Leonard Abel,
of Lander, Wyo., who yesterday put up
\$30 in cash and a certified cheque for
\$1,700 on a race on which the "steerer"
assured Abel that the "fasteners"
friends had advance information on the
outcome. Abel was approached on the
street and he readily accompanied the
man to an office on Market street.
Owing to police interference Abel
saved his cheque of \$1,700, although he
is out the cash he put up.

FINANCIAL BILL
PASSES FIRST READING

Government Will Now Collect
Long Overdue Arrears of
Income Tax

London, April 21.—The government
may now proceed to collect the long
overdue arrears of the income tax, the
House of Commons having by majori-
ties averaging 85 sanctioned the vari-
ous budget resolutions and passed the
first reading of the financial bill, which
will carry the budget resolutions into
effect. There is now no further prospect
of the budget being defeated.
The liquor interests are raising a
great outcry against the greatly in-
creased burdens placed upon the li-
censed houses. Many big brewery
companies owing numerous public
houses will be so severely affected
by the increased license duties as to
be faced with the possible inability
to pay interest upon their ordinary
shares. Formerly \$300 was the maxi-
mum duty of a licensed house, but
under Chancellor Lloyd George's
budget this in many cases will be
increased to \$500. Additional difficulty
is presented through those securing li-
censes having to pay twice within a
few months for both the last and the
current years.
Augustine Birrell, addressing a
meeting in London last night, revealed
Premier Asquith's intention to ask
the King to create new peers to over-
ride the House of Lords if that cham-
ber rejects the veto resolutions by de-
claring that he knew of no other plan
by which the desired end could be at-
tained.

DIES IN HOSPITAL.

Toronto, April 21.—T. S. Grant, assis-
tant registrar of the Court of Appeals,
died in the general hospital yesterday
of heart failure, as the result of having
a collar bone broken by being run down
by an automobile some days ago. He
was 57 years old.

CITY ENGINEER WANTS CONTROL LAYS REQUESTS BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL

Thinks All Work Arising in Water Dept. Should Be Under His Control

Angus Smith, city engineer, is going to insist upon being entrusted with a larger measure of jurisdiction over all work arising in the waterworks department than his predecessors in office have had, and in view of the fact that a majority of the members of the City Council have placed themselves on record as heartily concurring in the idea, it may be anticipated that the work of the two departments will in the near future be practically merged. Mr. Smith indicated that what was in the subject are in an important communication which he forwarded to the City Council at Monday evening's meeting. This letter read as follows: "There appears to be a question as to the method of carrying out the improvements in the works and waterworks departments of your city. Each department heretofore has been under a separate head, that of the works under the city engineer and that of the waterworks under the commissioner. In my opinion, the work of designing, constructing, building, improving, maintaining, etc. of the waterworks system, especially in the case of municipal plans, should be under the city engineer's department. I understand that last year's City Council passed two resolutions directing that all construction work (after being designed by the commissioner), and when required to be carried out on the streets, such work should be carried out by the city engineer. The respective duties of these two officials should be clearly defined.

"During the short time I have been in office there have been submitted to me a number of plans and sub-divisions and re-subdivisions of properties within the city. These plans are required to be certified by the mayor and the city engineer. It appears to me that this should be an opportune time to introduce where possible lanes at the rear of lots. I feel sure that if this practice were adopted that the benefits derived therefrom will be appreciated by the citizens, and it would soon become a law for future sub-divisions or re-subdivisions.

"On account of the large number of works of a different nature scattered throughout the city it will be necessary that an automobile be procured for the use of the city engineer and his staff in order that the most efficient work can be carried on. A good automobile could be purchased for \$1,500.

"Last year your council passed a resolution directing that the city engineer be in his office from 10.30 a. m. and 12.30 p. m. so that he may be consulted by the public. Certain alterations should be made to the city engineer's private office which would better facilitate the city engineer in carrying out his duties. A large flat top desk should be procured and placed in such a position that the engineer would be in touch with the public and the department offices. The present roll top desk is too small to accommodate the necessary papers, when working at it the engineer either has his back to the office or his back to the desk, which is unsatisfactory. Electric calls should be attached to the desk that the engineer could call any one of his staff. The ante-room should be removed and a seat placed in the accountant's office, which office would be communicated with the engineer's office by call. This would give more room in the city engineer's office and be more convenient for the public. The work in the private office should receive a fresh coat of paint.

"There should be a reference library in the engineer's office, which would be a part of the department equipment; such a library is required in such a city as Victoria, where there are so many municipal works. Improvements to the office I estimate at \$200 and an additional \$200 should be provided for the reference library."

Talking with a Times reporter, respecting his recommendations relating to the water department, Mr. Smith said that though he had only been in office for a short time, already he had come to know that the methods at present in vogue could not be continued if the best results are to be obtained.

SUNDAY BASEBALL IN OHIO.

Question of Games Left in Hands of Individual Municipalities.

Columbus, Ohio, April 20.—The people of Ohio cities may decide by ballot whether or not they will have Sunday baseball. Governor Harmon last evening signed the Anderson Sunday baseball bill, despite protests signed by thousands of Ohio ministers. The bill leaves the mooted question in the hands of individual municipalities, permitting popular decision. Supporters of Sunday sport are elated by the success of their campaign.

BURNS-LANGFORD MATCH.

San Francisco, Cal., April 20.—So far as the Mission Club is concerned, the Langford-Burns match is off. Matchmaker Sid Hester definitely wiped it off the boards to-day when he announced that neither of the two offers sent to Burns were authorized by him, and that he would not make another, that he did not want the fight anyway and that within a day or two he may be able to announce a match between Battling Nelson and Freddie Welch, the fight to take place on September 2nd.

CALGARY TAX RATES.

Calgary, April 20.—The city commissioners have completed their estimates for the year, fixing the rate of taxation at 15 1/2 mills, which gives a levy of \$10,000. The receipts outside of taxes amount to \$442,000.

IMPROVEMENTS TO NEWS SERVICE

UNITED PRESS MAKES NEW DEAL

Canadian Field Will Be Covered by An Adequate System

(Times Leased Wire.) New York, April 20.—Contracts were signed to-day by the United Press Association and the British and Colonial Press Service Limited, of Canada, by which each will have at its disposal for use in afternoon newspapers in its own territory important news gathered by either association.

The British and Colonial Press Service was incorporated recently at Montreal for the purpose of uniting all the large newspapers of Canada in a telegraphic news service.

The organization aims to introduce into Canada the modern methods of handling news employed by the United Press in its service to afternoon newspapers of America.

Aemilius Jarvis, of Toronto, is president of the British and colonial service. Many leading Canadians are among its directors and stockholders.

As the organization will tap every news field in Canada, the alliance promises to be exceedingly valuable to the United Press.

The foregoing marks a great step forward in the improvement of the news service of this Dominion, since the Times installed its leased wire, and has been taking the full service of the United Press (about fifteen thousand words a day) its world news has not only been comprehensive in character, but so prompt as to make any other system of obtaining news no longer tolerable.

The United Press, like the Associated Press, however, does not attempt to cover Canadian news, and this the Times has had to secure by an expensive chain of special correspondents.

The British and colonial service recently inaugurated aims to do for Canada what the United Press does for the United States. It is a co-operative organization of leading Canadians, headed by Aemilius Jarvis, the well known financier, with whom is associated Hon. J. D. Rolland, president of the Rolland Paper Company of Quebec; McQuinn, K. C.; R. Richardson, owner of the Winnipeg Tribune; J. D. Molson, the well known financier of Montreal; A. A. Allan, an equally well known Montrealer; J. M. Clark, K. C.; Rev. C. W. Gordon (Ralph Connor), G. N. Moran, the well known Canadian publisher, and others.

These gentlemen aim to extend their service throughout, not only Canada, but the British Empire, and have important British connections.

The news editor of the Toronto News last week severed his connection with that paper to take charge of their news service, and the new departure promises in every way to meet a long felt want in the country.

The arrangement just concluded with the United Press enables the Times to give its readers the full and exclusive advantage of this new service.

FATALLY WOUNDED IN STREET FIGHT

Claude Heater Shot by Detective at Prince Rupert

(Times Leased Wire.) Prince Rupert, B. C., April 20.—Claude Heater, better known as the "Colorado Kid," died to-day from a bullet wound he received in a street fight yesterday. The shot was fired by Detective McKenzie. McKenzie was formerly a newspaper reporter in Cincinnati.

SCIENTISTS DIFFER REGARDING MARS

Dr. Hale Asserts Belief That There Are No Inhabitants on Planet

(Times Leased Wire.) Washington, D. C., April 20.—Dr. George E. Hale, of Mount Wilson, is the latest scientist to assert his belief that there are no inhabitants on the planet Mars. Dr. Hale also declared that he did not believe the canal Mars had been inhabited by mortals.

Dr. Hale contradicted several assertions made by Dr. Lowell, of Harvard University. He said that his observations differed greatly from those of Lowell, but they coincided with those of Professor Campbell and Barard, of Lick Observatory. Dr. Hale is the solar observer of the Carnegie institute.

LOCK OVERTAXED.

Detroit, Mich., April 20.—Because of the blockade of vessels at Sault Ste. Marie, President Wm. Livingstone, of the Lake Carriers' Association, is sending out notices to vessel owners, setting forth the additional regulations for approving the Sault Ste. Marie canal. The blockade is due to the fact that the American locks will not open till May 1st, and the capacity of the Canadian lock is overtaxed.

TWO DROWNED.

Sherbrooke, Que., April 20.—Captain Arthur Tompkins, son of ex-Mayor R. Tompkins, of Coaticook, and H. Moyle, also of Coaticook, but young men, were drowned Monday in Lake Massawippi by the capsizing of their canoe.



"A FOINE COUNTRY"
MIKE—"Sure, Pat, this do be a foine town to-wurrukin in."
PAT—"How's that?"
MIKE—"Be gabers, Oi was wurrukin' in this same spot lasht wake putting the strate down for the city engineer; to-day O'im tearin' it up for the waterwurruks; and nixt wake O'll be in the same place for the Gas Wurruks. 'Tis a foine country, bedad!"

VICTORY FOR DEMOCRATS

CAPTURE THIRTY-SECOND NEW YORK DISTRICT

Result Declared to Be Repudiation of Payne-Aldrich Tariff

(Times Leased Wire.) Rochester, N. Y., April 20.—James H. Havens, Democrat, supporter of Hughes in the last gubernatorial election, has been elected to congress over George Aldridge in the 32nd New York district and in the result politicians see an important indication of results in the coming congressional campaign.

That the tariff is the principal factor in the fight is admitted by the leaders of both parties, and the election of Havens means, they declare, the repudiation of the new revenue law in Rochester, a manufacturing city directly affected by the measure, and in all Monroe county where the law is blamed for the high cost of living.

Further the victory marks the loosening of party lines, the advent of the independent voter in the East, and is such a victory as those won by insurgents in Western states.

Since Representative Greenleaf, a Democrat, was elected in the 32nd district in 1890, no other follower of Jefferson has been sent to congress and the district has been considered normally Republican by about six thousand majorities.

James E. Perkins, whose death caused the vacancy Havens has been elected to fill, received a plurality of 10,167 in 1908. Havens yesterday was elected by a plurality of 5,331, thus achieving practically the nominal Republican plurality of the district.

Aldridge, the defeated candidate, has for many years been head of the Republic machine in Monroe county, which forms the district. Personal animosities, which his political activity entailed, are considered by some Republicans here as the cause of his defeat. Most political leaders, however, Republican and Democratic, see one reason only for the reversal in sentiment that swept the towns and outlying districts as thoroughly as it did the city of Rochester itself, and this one reason is the unpopularity of the Payne-Aldrich tariff measure.

Rochester itself, a manufacturing community whose clothing factories are among its principal business, voted against the tariff according to the politicians, until it voted against Aldridge. The wool schedule had its effect on this result, it is asserted, the principal support of Aldridge in Rochester came from the financiers interested in this business, it is declared from a close analysis of the vote in the various wards.

These men held that the re-opening of the tariff would mean a renewal of unsettled business conditions such as prevailed during the recent tariff tinkering.

But for the most part Havens carried every sort of ward.

"While the result may justly be heralded as a great Democratic victory," declared one man, "it is no less a victory such as progressive Republicans have been winning both east and west. It is the sort of victory that has been won over the things Cannon stood for, and a victory for the ideas and the things that Governor Hughes stands for in New York."

In many ways, the politicians here say, the Havens victory parallels the

FORT STREET OWNERS MEET

DISCUSS MOMENTOUS QUESTION OF WIDER

Opposed to Assessment Plan and Will Ask Council to Amend By-Law

An important meeting of a number of the property owners on Fort street was held on Tuesday, when consideration was given to the question of the proposed widening of that thoroughfare. The matter was gone into very fully, and while all present were of the opinion that the proposed improvement is one in the interests of the city and indeed, necessary to secure a fine business street, yet it was felt that the by-law framed by the council is inequitable in several of its provisions, and it was decided to wait on the city council and ask for certain alterations, which, if assented to, will permit of the work being undertaken with the full approval of all the property owners.

PITTSBURG BANKER MUST STAND TRIAL

Under Indictment on Charge of Conspiracy and Bribery

(Times Leased Wire.) Albany, N. Y., April 20.—Frank N. Hoffstot, president of the Pressed Steel Car Company and a prominent banker of Pittsburgh, who is charged with conspiracy and bribery in connection with the holding of property, which is at present a considerable distance from the business area, and which is unimproved, think it unfair that they should be called upon to pay the same per foot frontage as the owner of a business block further down the street. It was decided to lay this point before the city council and ask that the value of the various properties be taken into consideration when fixing the assessment for the cost of the improvement.

Another point which was discussed, and one over which a considerable difference of opinion has been manifested, is that of the type of paving material to be used. The by-law as drawn provides for wood blocks. It was the opinion of those present at the meeting last night that a much better pavement was the Warwick, an asphalt pavement process which has given the best of satisfaction at a number of other cities on the coast. There is a big difference in cost in favor of the latter. Wood blocks are estimated to cost \$12.50 per square yard, while Warwick can be laid for \$3 per yard, with a ten years' guarantee. It was also felt that the burden could be better borne by the property owners if the payments were extended over a period of 20 years instead of 10 years, as set out in the by-law as drawn.

In the event of the city council agreeing to the wishes of the owners in these respects it would mean that a new by-law would have to be drawn, and this, of course, implies a small delay in commencing the work over original intentions, but it is felt that harmony is essential to the success of the scheme and the delay would not for that reason be objectionable. The owners represented at last night's meeting desire it to be understood that they are in hearty accord with the general scheme, there being only a few details on which they desire amendments.

MURDER AND SUICIDE.

London, April 20.—A verdict of murder and suicide while insane was returned by the coroner's jury in the case of Hunter, the Canadian cattle dealer, who murdered Schofield, a hotel keeper, and his wife, and then committed suicide.

Members of the Reichstag, in Germany, are paid \$70 per session, with a deduction of \$5 for each day of absence.

SINKS AFTER STRIKING ROCKS

STEAMER FOUNDERS OFF COAST OF AUSTRALIA

Fate of Passengers and Crew of the Satara Unknown

(Times Leased Wire.) Vancouver, B. C., April 20.—A special cable to the World from Sydney, Australia, says: "The British India steamer Satara, from Newcastle to Queensland, struck the Seal Rocks in Bass Strait, and foundered immediately.

The fate of her passengers and crew is uncertain, but it is feared all have perished.

Later reports received at Sydney say that an unknown passing steamer may have taken some of the passengers from the lifeboats. Vessels sent in the vicinity have found traces of wrecked lifeboats and two bodies have also been picked up.

WORLD'S FAIR.

Proposal to Hold Exhibition at Winnipeg in 1914 Endorsed by Real Estate Men.

Winnipeg, April 20.—The real estate dealers of the city endorsed the world's fair of 1914 in a very enthusiastic manner at a luncheon at noon in Manitoba hall yesterday. Some three hundred men attended, and when F. W. Heubach, who was elected chairman of the meeting, asked "if they were in favor of holding the world's fair in 1914," the affirmative reply could have been heard a couple of blocks away. The meeting was called by a subcommittee that was appointed to go into the matter, and in explaining what the committee wanted, Mr. Heubach said the real estate dealers should contribute \$150,000, Wilford Beaton, who acted as publicity agent at the Seattle exposition, followed Mr. Heubach, explaining how the Seattle exposition was kept before the people of the United States.

FOUND DROWNED.

Winnipeg, April 20.—After lying for months in the water of the river St. Charles, the body of Jas. McAtamney, of Strathcona, was found yesterday. The man had been working on the construction camp in the West. He had not been heard of since until his body was found in the river this morning. He came from Toronto, and was a native of Ireland. He was unmarried and about 35 years of age. The body, although badly decomposed, was still recognizable. A workman at Walter's lumber mill discovered his identity.

BACHELOR'S DOUBLE WINS

CITY AND SUBURBAN

Mustapha Finishes Second and Dean Swift Third—Fourteen Starters

(Times Leased Wire.) London, April 20.—Lowry's entry, Bachelor's Double, won the City and Suburban stake race to-day and the ten-thousand-dollar purse which went with it. The horse was a 25 to 1 shot. Lord Carnarvon's Mustapha came in second with the odds 4 to 1 to win. Dean Swift, entered by Joel, a 100 to 8 shot, took third.

SPANISH WARSHIPS

ESTABLISH BLOCKADE

Endeavor to Stop the Landing of Arms for the Riffs

(Times Leased Wire.) Gibraltar, April 20.—What the Spanish government calls a "watch," but which really amounts to a blockade of the Rif coast, has been established in an effort to stop the landing of arms for the natives. Several Spanish fighting craft, varying from battleships to torpedo boats, are engaged in the service.

It is well known here that the Riffs have never ceased their guerrilla warfare against Spain, and of late it has been noticed that the natives have been much better armed than earlier during the struggle. Germans are suspected of supplying the weapons and ammunition.

EASTERN MAYORS.

St. John, N. B., April 20.—Alderman J. H. Fink was elected mayor yesterday by a majority of 2,382. His opponent only polled 997 votes.

POPULATION OF CALGARY.

Calgary, April 20.—There is an agitation on foot to take a police census of Calgary this summer. It is thought by a number of well informed men that Calgary's population now is close to 40,000. Mayor Jamieson stated yesterday that he is of the opinion that the population now is nearer forty thousand than thirty-five thousand.

RUBBER PRICES STILL SOARING

MAD RUSH FOR SHARES IN NEW COMPANIES

Men, Women and Children Take Part in Scramble for Stock

(Special to the Times.) London, April 20.—Rubber yesterday rose to the record figure of 12 1/2 per cent. Two years ago the price was 25 3/4 per cent. There are now in existence nearly 100 rubber plantations, many of them of European origin and the number increases daily. The rubber trade is now believed to have reached its climax.

On Monday eight new companies asked for subscriptions, the total capital asked for being \$4,750,000. Thrashed by mobs of men, women and even children. Brokers, clerks and missionaries, messenger boys and street porters fought their way to the counters where they applied for shares. In a few minutes the chief companies were over-subscribed and a little later in the day there were dealings in these lottery tickets at 20 and 500 per cent. premium. Two million shares were run after at 15 and 15s, while for 11 shares as much as 17 was cheerfully paid or rather promised, for all these transactions are done for special settlement, in other words on long credit. No money may have been put up for several months and in the interval prices are expected to double or triple themselves.

An equally mad outbreak in rubber gambling occurred on the stock exchange yesterday. It is quite evident that the rubber boom has reached its South Sea stage.

W. R. Lawson, in the course of an article in the Daily Mail, says that all bounds of reason and safety have been passed and the only reason why collapse holds off is that a large proportion of the dealings has been done on the deferred payment plan. It is estimated that continent liabilities on new rubber companies last week were no less than £2,000,000. Since then at least £2,000,000 more have been added, by the new issues of the past few days. When special settlements are coming along rapidly and fancy premiums have to be paid in order to cash the trouble will begin. Lawson asks how the rubber boom is most likely to come. The rubber boomers flatter themselves that they are quite safe, as rubber commands a present abnormal price, but that is only one of the risks they have to consider. From a purely financial view of this situation this must be suicidal no matter how profitable the subject may be on which it is based.

IDLERS NOT WANTED.

Ellensburg, Wash., April 20.—Hereafter it will be dangerous for any able bodied man to venture within the limits of this city unless he be prepared to accept a job on short notice or produce proof that he is financially beyond the necessity of laboring. Under the direction of Chief Galvin, police officers are watching the railroad yards day and night for idling travelers and as fast as these are rounded up, officers offered the alternative of going to work on nearby ranches or filling an engagement on the chain gang. The reason for the unusual activity of the police is that the entire Kittitas valley is suffering from a scarcity of labor. Three hundred farm hands are needed.

LUMSDEN INVESTIGATION.

Ottawa, April 20.—R. Poulin, the engineer in charge of district "E" of the National Transcontinental Railway in succession to Major Hodgins, gave evidence before the Lumsden committee yesterday. He said he had received his orders from Mr. Lumsden himself. His orders were to push forward the work. In reply to Mr. Christie he mentioned that one method of hastening the work he adopted was to erect in some cases temporary trestles over parts which could be filled in as the work proceeded. As to the investigation, his opinion was that \$100,000 would cover the difference due to mismanagement and orders issued.

DONATION TO CHURCH FUND.

London, April 20.—The Prince of Wales has contributed £2,500 to the fund for the relief of the unemployed in Western Canada. After expressing his deep interest in the fund, having himself visited Western Canada, the Prince of Wales said he realized the difficulties which were being met by the extraordinary immigration, and trusts that the appeal in connection with such work will receive generous aid. The fund has now raised \$71,000. It is estimated that \$125,000 will be needed.

INCREASING STOCK.

Halifax, April 20.—The Nova Scotia Steel & Coal Company's directors, without a meeting of the shareholders, power to issue stock, bringing the capital to \$1,000,000, passed its second reading in the House yesterday. The bill was introduced in the legislative council by the directors' most ardent supporter, but that body eliminated the clause.

MAY BUILD PLANT.

Calgary, April 20.—Officials of the Quaker Oats Co. of Chicago, have been looking over the ground with a view to establishing a \$500,000 plant here to employ 300 hands all the year round. The same company has another plant in the branch at Peterborough. Arrangements will be completed in 10 days.

SLIGHT SHOCK.

Helena, Mont., April 19.—Helena, Butte and Anaconda were shaken by a slight earthquake at 1.30 this morning. The shake lasted only a few seconds, and was scarcely felt. No damage was reported.

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By employing one inch of waterproof cement mortar, the whole work to cost in the neighborhood of \$7,000, Angus Smith, city engineer, believes the Smith's Hill reservoir can be repaired and made thoroughly satisfactory. This was the recommendation made in a special report submitted at Monday's meeting of the City Council and which was adopted with but brief discussion. The work of effecting the repairs will be undertaken immediately under the day labor system, and it is believed that the same will be completed in a month's time. The city engineer's report, after citing some well known facts respecting the method of construction, contained the following: "I have seen photographs of the work in progress and would judge that the material used conformed to the specifications, especially the sand and broken stone. The core of the wall before receiving the cement plaster appears in one of the photographs to be quite open or porous, and this condition was confirmed by an inspection of the reservoir and the concrete laid on its ingredients, probably due to the sand being too coarse or an insufficient amount of cement or faulty mixing of the material. It is quite evident that the sand too coarse to make the plaster impervious.

"Daily records have been kept of the reservoir since October 30th, 1909. The leakage was not over 20,000 gallons daily until the water in the reservoir reached seven feet in depth, the leakage increased rapidly so that at a depth of 13 feet the leakage on February 22nd was 300,000 gallons. For the last four days the water has been shut off from the reservoir and the leakage in these four days mentioned in the report amounted to 1/3 of an inch, which is little more than evaporation, intimating that the concrete walls and floor of the reservoir are porous and the concrete laid on top with its increase of wetted area and the increase of pressure.

"There are a number of recognized methods of lining concrete reservoirs to prevent leakage, such as the application of asphaltic bitumen or the relining of the reservoir with a cement mortar plaster; this latter, when properly put on, is considered the most durable and effective method. Atum, when applied to the cement in the form of powder and soap when dissolved in the water used for mixing the cement even when used in a fairly porous concrete and used in the proportion of 1 1/2 per cent, of the cement having stopped from 64 per cent, to 78 per cent, of the percolation through concrete. The strength somewhat, instead of using alum sulphate is substituted; the best proportion of this is 1 part of sulphuric acid to 3 parts of hard soap; aluminum sulphate equal to 1 per cent, of the water and hard soap equal to 3 per cent, of the water, but an excess of these ingredients does not do any good. It is the present engineering practice to waterproof concrete designed to retain water by one of the two above methods; the former is known as membrane or bituminous sheet method and is used where the structure is liable to settle. Burlap and felts (coal tar) have been extensively used for this purpose. For these reasons concrete is preferably more attention has been given to the nature of the water proofing felts and as a result there are now on the market specially manufactured felts which are both saturated and coated with bitumen, and possess greater pliability and strength. By means of these felts more perfect membranes can be constructed as the strength and toughness of the felts permits greater distortion and twisting to accommodate it to the design of the work. The bitumens most generally used for cement-

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ACCEPTED BRIEF.
Pittsburg, Pa., April 19.—Former Councilman M. L. Swift, Jr., charged with accepting a bribe, was found guilty by a jury to-day. The jury deliberated only a few minutes after the case had been completed. Swift was indicted at the time 67 members and former members of the city council took advantage of a blanket immunity contract which was passed to the effect that they had been engaged in grafting.

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Nice, France, April 19.—Efforts were made to-day to recover the aeroplane piloted by M. Rougier, which dived into the sea yesterday while Rougier was performing some aerial manoeuvres. Rougier narrowly escaped drowning. When the plane twisted and fell, the pilot became entangled in a stay, and was pulled beneath the waves when the machine sank. Before it reached the bottom, Rougier managed to break the stay and rose to the surface. He was rescued by boatmen. The aeroplane said that the accident was caused by the failure of the rudder to respond at a critical moment.

MARK TWAIN.
Redding, Conn., April 19.—Mark Twain passed a fairly comfortable night. He appeared to be considerably fresher this morning but is still

IS PRESSING
CIVIC PROBLEM

SAND AND GRAVEL
QUESTION UP AGAIN

Ald. Bannerman Expresses His Disgust at Methods Followed This Year

"This is one of the most serious questions that the city has to deal with, and yet it is dragging on from day to day with no sign of an early settlement in sight. I confess I cannot understand it. We pass a resolution to call for tenders. The streets committee brings in a recommendation that only twenty per cent. of the sand and gravel be awarded to the Scott & Lineham Company, and the council turns it down and yet later awards all the contract for all the sand to that company. Then a resolution is passed instructing the purchasing agent to call for tenders for gravel and the resolution is overlooked or lost or something of that kind. I repeat, I cannot understand it."

In the above words Ald. Bannerman, chairman of the streets committee, concluded an interesting debate at Monday's meeting of the City Council on the sand and gravel problem confronting the city. The question came up on the following letter being read from the manager of the B. C. Sand & Gravel Co., Ltd.:

Victoria, B. C., April 18th, 1910.
To the Mayor and City Council of the City of Victoria, B. C.:

Gentlemen:—We wish to confirm our verbal offer to Mr. Bannerman, the chairman of the board of works, to supply the city with 15,000 cubic yards or more gravel and sand at a price of \$1.40 per cubic yard for gravel and \$1.20 per cubic yard for sand, both delivered to any point within the city limits.

In view of the admitted great demand for material of this class and the likelihood of a shortage in consequence of the growth and expansion of the city, we wish to draw your attention to the fact that we can start at once giving you a delivery of all the material you may require up to say 200 cubic yards per day.

The gravel and sand to be taken in proportion of five cubic yards of gravel to three cubic yards of sand, which we believe are the proportions used by you in your mixture of concrete.

An early reply will be appreciated. We beg to remain, yours respectfully,
B. C. SAND & GRAVEL CO., LTD.

Ald. Fullerton, on the question being opened for discussion, asked why tenders for gravel had not been called for. He said that he had been instructed, some three weeks ago. A resolution had been passed authorizing the calling for tenders, and he insisted on knowing why this had not been done.

Mayor Morley in reply said the city clerk had duly notified the purchasing agent to do so.

Replying to a query from his words, Ald. Fullerton said he had been taken for call for tenders. He did not know why.

Ald. Fullerton—Well, that being the case, I move that that letter lay on the table for a week, until we see about those tenders which we asked for.

Ald. Ross was indignant at the advertisement calling for tenders had not been issued.

At this point the mayor remarked that the city clerk informed him that he had notified the purchasing agent.

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Ald. Raymond moved that the offer of the B. C. Sand & Gravel Company be accepted, it being about time that they should get down to business and arranged for a full supply of material for construction work. Work was being hampered in the most serious fashion by the delay in getting the material.

Ald. Bannerman said he would be very pleased indeed to second that motion were it not for the fact that the council by its action had tied the city for the present year, in the matter of the supply of sand, to the Scott & Lineham Company. The contract which had been signed with this company set out that the city was to take all the sand for this year from them.

The situation was a very difficult one. Mayor Morley—Did you not inform the council that there was lots of gravel at the Spring Ridge pits?

Ald. Bannerman denied that he had done so. He had been informed by the acting city engineer that in the opinion of the latter there was plenty of material there, but he had no personal knowledge of the situation himself.

Ald. Mable asked if the contract with the Scott & Lineham Company specified that the sand and gravel must be washed.

Mayor Morley answered in the negative, but added that the material be washed.

Ald. Fullerton returned to the question of the tenders which had been asked for. The board had passed a resolution instructing that these tenders be called for.

Ald. Bannerman explained that he had seen Mr. Mitchell, of the B. C. Company, and he had informed him that the company would not tender for gravel alone, except at a figure of \$1.55 per square yard.



THE NEW DOCTOR.

\$40,000 FOR
ISLAND TRAILS

DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE
IS DOING GOOD WORK

Largely as Result of Its Recommendations Government is Spending Money

Forty thousand dollars expenditure on roads and trails on the island, as the outcome of representations of the Vancouver Island Development League, is a pretty good record of tangible results for that live organization.

A statement was put before the executive of the league at its meeting on Tuesday by Secretary McGaffey, in the form of a letter just received from Hon. Thomas Taylor, minister of public works.

The statement contained a summary of the expenditure on island trails in the fiscal year just closed and the proposed outlay during the current year, as follows:

Beaver Creek-Cornox Lake	1910-11	\$ 1,073.85	500
New Alberni-Cornox Lake		310.50	50
Cherry Creek - Horn Lake		247.75	200
Ucluelet - Kennedy Lake		500	100
Cowichan Lake - Alberni		1,116.20	500
Ucluelet-Clayoquot		5,003.96	5,000
Monkey Creek - Buck Creek		402.00	500
West Arm Quatsino Sound-San Jose Bay		6,251.65	4,000
Nanaimo Lake-Cowichan Lake		271.10	500
Road to sea at Metchohn		1,333.69	500
Trail to the mountains and Upper Campbell Lakes		3,594.50	500
Buttles Lake trail (under consideration)		4,800	4,800
Shushartie Bay-Nawith River		1,239.01	500
Hardy Bay-Quatsino Sound		782.25	5,000
Total		\$21,829.46	\$20,450

As may be seen these trails and roads will open up valuable portions of the island and will render available the great riches of several sections of the island. All the works have been undertaken largely as the result of recommendations from the Development League.

TWO BOYS DROWNED
WHILE FISHING

Fall From Boom of Logs Which Closes Over Their Heads

Olympia, Wash., April 19.—News of the drowning of Charles McCarty, aged 16, and Roy Whidden, aged 14, and the narrow escape of John Savage, aged 14, from a like fate at Long Lake, this county, on Sunday afternoon, has just reached here. The boys were in the "pulling" ability of their horses. Both men are teamsters.

The argument according to witnesses of the "pulling" became serious after the men had indulged in good natured banter.

JUSTICE OSLER'S FAREWELL.
Toronto, April 19.—Mr. Justice Osler, of the Court of Appeals, after 21 years' service, said farewell yesterday morning at Osgoode Hall. Mr. Osler is to become president of the Toronto General Trusts Co.

LOCATION OF
UNIVERSITY

COMMISSION TO
SELECT A SITE

The Government Appoints Five Leading Eastern Educationists

The five eastern educationists who will select a site for the future great University of British Columbia are the following:

Prof. R. C. Weldon, D.C.L., Ph. D., K.C., Dean of the Faculty of Law, Dalhousie University, Nova Scotia.

Canon Dauth, vice-rector of Laval University, Montreal.

Dr. H. S. Pritchett, president of the Carnegie Foundation, New York.

Dr. O. Skelton, professor of political and economic science, Queen's University, Kingston, Ont.

Principal Murray, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Sask.

Hon. Dr. Young, Minister of Education, has received an acceptance of the government's invitation from all these gentlemen but Dr. Pritchett, who has been away from Nova Scotia.

Dr. Young expects a reply from him any day.

These gentlemen are all educationists of high repute. Dr. Weldon is one of the most brilliant of Nova Scotia's college professors and was for several years a member of the House of Commons.

Dr. Pritchett will be remembered as a speaker at the Dominion Educational Association convention here last summer, and as a man of wide culture and of experience on the business as well as the scholastic side of higher education.

Dr. Skelton is the head of the Montreal branch of Laval, the Quebec university which is second only to McGill. Dr. Skelton and Principal Murray are well-known educationists.

As was foreshadowed by the Times some months ago neither McGill University nor the University of Toronto are represented in the membership of the commission. The reason is, of course, that both those institutions of learning are closely and directly interested in higher educational matters in British Columbia, and therefore was not thought well that anyone from either should be asked to act.

While the time of meeting is left to the commissioners and will have to be arranged to suit their convenience, all being busy men, it is expected that they will assemble here at any early date.

It is understood that the commissioners will be left a free hand by the government in every way. They will appoint their own secretary and decide on their own plans for arriving at a final decision on the membership of the several cities which are aspiring to the honor of being the university city of British Columbia. It is quite likely that the commissioners will make a tour of the province.

MAD MULLAH IS
ON THE WARPATH

SLAUGHTERS TRIBESMEN
IN SOMALILAND

Starts Campaign Against the "Friendlies" Who Favored European Rule

Aden, April 19.—Now that the British troops have evacuated the interior of British Somaliland, the Mad Mullah is making as rapid a clean up as possible of all the tribesmen who were friendly, during the British occupation of the Hinterland, to European rule.

His massacre early in April of 800 "friendlies" of the Del Bahanta tribe was only the beginning of the Mullah's campaign. He formally has announced that he is on the warpath to exterminate the tribes who formerly protected themselves under British protection number about 100,000.

The Mullah has not been enough to dispose of them all at once, but ever since the initial attack on the Del Bahantas he and his dervishes have been slaughtering and plundering the other tribesmen in installments.

Reports from the interior indicate that the tribes far removed from the coast are trying to make terms with the Mullah by accepting his rule and joining his forces. Those nearer the sea are gathering about the ports of Berbera and Zeila, which the British retain, though the garrisons are insufficient to protect the "friendlies."

It is beginning to be a question, indeed, whether it will be possible to hold even Berbera and Zeila, when the Mullah gets the interior again fully under his control.

Though a few arms were distributed by the British among the "friendlies" when it was decided to abandon the latter to their fate, the tribesmen are leaderless, disarmed and also practically without ammunition, so that they are unable to put up an effective defence.

Having disposed of the "friendlies" it is believed the Mullah will turn his attention to the attempted expulsion of the British from Berbera and Zeila, of King Victor Emmanuel's forces from Italian Somaliland and to the extension of his borders across the Abyssinian frontier.

The general opinion here is that admitted worthless as the Somaliland interior is, its abandonment by the British is bound to result in disorders which will ultimately be necessary to suppress at a heavy cost.

LINER MINNEHAHA
STILL FAST ON ROCK

Little Hope of Saving Vessel—Passengers Have Returned to London

London, April 19.—The liner Minnehaha, which struck on Bishop's rock, 35 miles east of Land's End, probably will be a total loss, according to wreckers who returned to-day from the stranded vessel. They declared there is little hope of saving the vessel.

The passengers of the wrecked liner were brought here to-day. They lost the greater portion of their personal effects.

OVER THOUSAND PASSENGERS.
Montreal, April 19.—The Allan liner Sicilian sailed from Mobile yesterday morning with over one thousand passengers. This is the first Allan liner for the St. Lawrence this season.

SEEKING CEDAR
FROM PROVINCE

MILLMEN MAKE MOVE
TO EVADE RULES

Government of British Columbia Will Probably Take Hand

(Times Leased Wire.)
Blaine, Wash., April 19.—Announcing that they have solved the problem of exporting their provincial granted timber, the Northwest Lumber Company of Seattle states to-day that the company will begin work on a sawmill on the tide flats to work into lumber the rough cants which will be sawed from logs in a small sawmill to be erected just across the boundary line.

To utilize the waste cedar which is unfit for lumber, the company has purchased the technical duties and here, and announces the intention of doubling the capacity.

The logs will be towed on the British Columbia side and there sawed into rough squared timbers. These timbers will then be exported into the United States and sawed into the finished product, the clear material being subjected to a small import duty and the waste timber which is suitable for shingles coming in free of duty.

Premier McBride was interviewed Tuesday relative to the reported move on the part of a United States firm to import B. C. grown timber. The premier had no knowledge of the move.

He said that there was an application before the government asking for the privilege of erecting a mill on Loughborough Inlet for the manufacture of cedar deals for export. Another application had been received by some coast loggers to export third class cedar. These applications had not yet been acted upon, but would be carefully considered by the government before any action was taken.

The companies named in the despatch above given were not known to the premier, but the added "the government will do all in its power to conserve to the millmen of B. C. all the provincial grown timber possible." He was very emphatic in his announcement that nothing would be allowed to be done indirectly in the matter of exporting timber from the province that could not be done directly. The government would take the utmost care to see that the technical branch of the law was allowed to be made.

WOLTER MURDER TRIAL.
New York April 19.—The trial of Albert Wolter, charged with having murdered Miss Ruth Wheeler, a stenographer, moved today. The jury was completed this afternoon, accepted and sworn.

Detectors carried a new trunk into the court room. The sensational rumor that it contained part of the body of the murdered girl drew great crowds to the court room. The prosecuting officers refused to discuss the trunk or its supposed contents.

Wolter became nervous when he saw the trunk and turned pale when the rumor reached him of what it was supposed to contain.

Later the trunk was opened, and from it was taken strands of reddish brown hair, bits of charred clothing and a piece of jewelry found on the girl's naked body, which were identified by her mother, Mrs. Emily Wheeler.

The mother was called as a witness. She identified an umbrella found in Wolter's room as having belonged to her daughter, and she also took from home on the day of the murder.

SENATOR HALE WILL RETIRE.
Lodge May Succeed Aldrich as Leader in Upper House.

Washington, D. C., April 19.—It was authentically announced here to-day that Senator Eugene Hale of Maine will retire at the end of his present term, March 3, 1911.

Hale's retirement removes one of the possibilities for a successor to Aldrich's leadership. Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, it is believed, is most likely to take up Aldrich's place, should he be returned to the senate.

VISIT OF CHINESE PRINCE.
San Francisco, Cal., April 19.—The extensive preparations to welcome Prince Tai Tao of China, on his arrival here Friday, were stopped to-day when it was learned that the prince will remain in San Francisco only a few hours before proceeding eastward. Arrangements had been made to receive him with all honors due his rank. Troops of cavalry and infantry stationed at the presidio had been ordered to meet him at the dock and escort him to his hotel. In the local Chinese quarter, comprehensive arrangements for his welcome had been made.

FIRE ENGINE FOR MERRITT.
Merritt, April 19.—At a public meeting called to further discuss the matter of fire protection for Merritt, it was decided to purchase a chemical fire engine. The financial consideration will be \$235. The engine will throw a stream of water sixty feet high and eighty feet long, which was considered adequate for local purposes.

EARNINGS OF RAILWAYS.
Montreal, April 19.—C. P. R. earnings for the week ended April 14th increased \$27,000 over the same week a year ago. G. T. R. earnings for the week were \$234,000, compared with \$744,253 for the same week last year.

THE TRANS-SIBERIAN RAILWAY IS 3,871 MILES LONG.
Montreal, April 19.—The shareholders of the Canadian Colored Cotton Company yesterday approved the action of the directors in the purchase of the Gibson cotton mill at Marysville, N. B., and the Mount Royal spinning mill in this city. The price paid for the Gibson mill is \$300,000, and that for the Mount Royal mill, when entirely paid for, \$2,537,000.

NO BARGAIN WITH
NATIONALISTS

PREMIER ASQUITH
REPLIES TO A. J. BALFOUR

Leader of Opposition and Free Importation of Empire Wheat

London, April 19.—In the Commons last night replying to a statement by Mr. Balfour, who had referred at some length to a "bargain" with the Nationalists for support of the budget, Premier Asquith declared that he took the opportunity to give that statement the most unqualified and absolute contradiction. There had not been, and was not now, he said, anything in the nature of an agreement between followers of John Redmond and the government.

Timothy Healy, Independent Nationalist, said the premier had no bargain with Redmond, whom he had sided up at his true political value as a man without an ounce of political backbone. (Laughter.) The least they could have expected of the master of 70 Irish votes on the question of the budget negotiations had been that he should have been a man of political backbone. (Laughter.) The premier, if unable to get the guarantees, would go to the country, not only against the Lords, but against the most popular man in Great Britain.

O'Brien's Statement.
Wm. O'Brien, leader of the Independent Irish Nationalists, said he had read every word of the letter he had drafted for presentation to Lloyd George, but the chancellor, of the exchequer, knowing there was no witness at the interview, denied that he (O'Brien) ever read the letter to him. The letter contained pledges of support to the government provided the latter granted certain concessions to the Irish Nationalists.

Guillotine Motion.
After a stormy sitting the Commons adopted, by a vote of 246 to 252, Premier Asquith's guillotine motion, under which the finance bill must be passed by April 27th.

Free Empire Wheat.
It is announced that the statement made by Mr. Balfour in reply to correspondence that wheat grown in the British Empire should be imported free of duty was made after careful consultation with Austen Chamberlain, Bonar Law and other leaders in the tariff reform movement.

F. E. Smith, Unionist member of parliament for the Walton division of Liverpool, states that at a private dinner of tariff reformers held a month ago in the Commons, a vote was taken on the question of free wheat, which showed an overwhelming majority in favor of free Empire wheat.

J. A. Pease, junior lord of the treasury, speaking at Rotherham, said that Mr. Balfour's climb-down was a mere electioneering device. The party managers realized that food tax was unpopular, so they were going to waive for a little time the idea of taking a Canadian wheat tax, which Mr. Chamberlain said was essential to unification of empire.

The Westminster Gazette, referring to Mr. Balfour's plan that overseas dominions' wheat shall enter free, says: "We need hardly say that this is a reversion to Mr. Chamberlain's plan. It cannot get rid of the objection which was taken to that plan for fear that dearer bread will not arise from the taxation of colonial wheat."

The Standard says that in announcing that Empire wheat shall be free, Mr. Balfour only endorsed the promises of many unionist M. P.'s and gave official sanction to a widely expressed feeling.

The Globe says it is satisfactory to have Mr. Balfour's definite assurance that colonial wheat is to be admitted to the tribute to Redmond.

The Saturday Review says: "Mr. Redmond settled the terms of Mr. Asquith's guarantee to the Irish party. Mr. Asquith is allowed to keep his budget on condition that he ask the King to make over 500 peers from the street in the event of any party being imposed on him by the British constitution to a gang of professional politicians who have always insisted upon their total alienation from the empire."

The Spectator praises Mr. Redmond's political sagacity, and says he at any rate has shown firmness and determination. He has compelled obedience to his will.

ACAPULCO SHAKEN
BY EARTH SHOCKS
Panic Stricken People Camp in Open Country—Buildings Wrecked

Mexico City, April 19.—Heavy damage was done in the city of Acapulco by a series of earthquakes on April 19th according to advices that reached here to-day. The shocks were reported to have been more severe than those which raged the city several years ago.

The people were panic stricken, many leaving the city and camping in the open country.

No loss of life was reported, although it is believed that many persons may have been buried beneath fallen buildings.

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PRESIDENT OF THE C. P. R. AS A POLITICAL LEADER.

The latest and most interesting, but most improbable, rumor in connection with the leadership of the Conservative party is that Sir Thomas Shaughnessy is to resign the presidency of the Canadian Pacific Railway and don the mantle of Mr. R. L. Borden.

THE COMET KNOWN AS HALLEY'S.

The Times does not profess to have scientific knowledge of the stars or to astronomically follow their heavenly bodies in their courses, but it ventures to state that those amateur observers in Victoria who have seen Halley's comet with the natural or naked eye have deceived themselves.

In the meantime it may be interesting to consider briefly the career of Mr. Halley, the observer who had the honor, not perhaps of first discovering the celestial wanderer, but at least of measuring its movements and of giving it, not to employ a precise figure of speech, a "habitation and a name."

While journeying in France in 1680, he observed the great comet of that year. In 1682 he observed the comet which now bears his name, and his computations led him to regard it as identical with the comet noted in 1450, 1531 and 1697, and he anticipated the period of its return. "I dare venture," he said, "to foretell that it will return again in 1758." He called upon posterity to notice that it was an Englishman who hazarded the statement.

It may be mentioned that Halley's original announcement was reprinted in the journal of the Astronomical Society last month. Halley's great work in completing the orbits of these celestial visitors—because he computed several of them—robbed cometary bodies of the terror which they had inspired in the superstitious, and brought them to the level of the better-known stars and planets.

A BENEFICENT COMBINE.

In these days of combines and trusts formed for primarily selfish purposes, it is, possibly, gratifying to be informed, on qualified authority that there is one combination in the Dominion which works for the attainment of higher ends.

The Minister of Labor received, as a reporter on the Toronto Globe, that training which enables him to get at the marrow of things. A. F. Acland, the deputy minister of labor, went through the English newspaper mill for many years as news editor of the Toronto Globe, and has done considerable research of a literary nature.

This combine of newspapermen, has done and is doing a splendid work. They have gone into the subject of labor and its allied interests with a thoroughness that is exceptional.

"Curious enough their work is made effective by another newspaper combine. The cabinet council which has to pass on all legislation proposed by the labor department is something of an editorial trust itself.

The shadows of approaching night are falling at the bedside of Samuel L. Clemens, "Mark Twain." The aged humorist is stricken beyond hope of recovery. In a few days, it may be but a few hours, and "finis" will be written at the end of the volume of his earthly career.

The kingdom of letters has produced more subtle humorists and greater novelists than Samuel L. Clemens, but it has given the world few more heroic or courageous figures than the picturesque American.

Like Sir Walter Scott, the "Great Unknown" who set the reading world aflame with his mysterious historical romances, Mr. Clemens became heavily involved financially as a result of embarking in the business of a publisher, for which he was constitutionally or temperamentally unfitted.

from royalties on his books, which insured him competence till the end of his days. In this respect Mark Twain was more fortunate than Sir Walter Scott. The author of "Waverley" was not physically equal to the task to which he set himself. Spurred on by a sense of honor to the ancient family whose name he bore and of duty to his creditors, he produced books at a rate which has ever since been a matter of astonishment to authors who knew something about the strain involved in mental labor, wearing himself down mentally and physically until finally exhausted nature gave way, and he died peacefully of a broken heart.

Samuel L. Clemens learned early the lesson that there is no royal road to fame and affluence in the world of letters. The book which is probably his masterpiece, "Tom Sawyer," had been written and published a considerable time before even his own people realized that his author was entitled to recognition as one of the leading literary lights of the United States and of the world.

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Will Be Up-to-Date in Matter and Illustrations—Distributed Widely.

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WITNESS SLEPT IN OPEN COURT.

PROCEEDINGS FAILED TO KEEP HIM AWAKE.

City's Case in Oliphant Damage Suit is Now Being Heard.

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Men Employed in Mine in Alabama Had No Chance to Escape.

(Times Leased Wire.) Birmingham, Ala., April 21.—This afternoon it became practically certain that none of the victims of the Mulga mine explosion survived.

According to an official statement issued by the mine authorities, 12 white miners and 20 negroes were in the shaft when the gas exploded and wrecked the mouth of the tunnel and brought death to the trapped men within.

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In other parts of China, particularly Yi Chiang, rioting similar to that at Chang Sha is taking place. The mission school at Yi Chiang is reported to have been burned. The rioting there is said to be more serious than at Chang Sha.

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AINS WORTH MAY BE SHIPMENTS FROM B. C. MINES FORTS.

Nelson, April 20.—Apparently has good property at Ainsworth. In that part closed down after being off under the month. The concentrates was sold to a solidated smelter and is an old property. The mill was closed. The mine was extensively worked. The mill was carried on in good lead of ore level. Extensive in shape of pumps and pressed air pipe line just before the down. On January 1st, took a three the property, and credits him with interesting capital. He has availed himself and is swinging a is expected in Nelson. The Highland street silver-lead United ore has a high. If the exportment of zinc ore, to this summer, proposed of the proposition of an enhancement in. The ore produced Kootenay last week mark in tonnage, and duction of the into 000 mark. A new American solidated company, the insurgent mill shipment this week. The figures of the being estimated. Bourn Granby Mother Lode Snowshoe On Other mines Total Ros Centre Star Le Roi No. 2 Le Roi No. 2, mill Other mines Total Siccan St. Eugene, milled Van Ral, milled Whitewater, milled Granite, milled Granite-Poorman Nugget, milled Ontario Bellefleur Richmond-Eureka Rambler-Cariboo Yankee Girl Mollie Hughes Sullivan Other mines Total The total value, including the amount of \$55 tons, and for \$58 tons. Smelter receipts year follow: B.C. Copper Co., G. Granby, Grand Falls Consolidated Co., The total receipts, including concentrates, 41,519 tons, and 668,774.

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It is Believed He Will Confer With Roosevelt on United States Political Affairs.

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OFFER TO PURCHASE

SITE OF HOSPITAL

Directors of New Westminster Institution Consider Proposal

New Westminster, April 20.—An offer of \$75,000 has been made to the board of directors of the Royal Columbian hospital for the ground now occupied by the hospital building at Sapperton. The offer is being considered by a committee appointed for that purpose, but the acceptance of the offer is a matter of some doubt, as the expense which would be incurred in the change of location is considerable.

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SEVERE STORM

AT PRINCE RUPERT

Number of Buildings Unroofed—Fish Curing Plant to Be Erected

(Special Correspondence.) Prince Rupert, April 20.—The provincial police received a large number of convictions in the police court recently. Fines of illicit sales of liquor amounted to \$6,000.

A miniature hurricane struck Prince Rupert on the 14th inst., continuing for 48 hours. Buildings were unroofed and boat-houses torn from their moorings. Fortunately no serious accidents occurred.

A stamp mill has been installed on Moresby Island, on the McLennan property. The ledge of free-milling ore will be worked and is expected to give favorable results.

The new townsite of Graham City is being cleared and streets laid out. Stewart City is growing rapidly and has been erected at a cost of \$45,000. A petition is in circulation in Prince Rupert asking the government to continue the construction of sewers until the \$25,000 appropriation has been expended.

The first license to dispense intoxicants has been granted the Prince Rupert Club by the provincial government. The club will erect a \$10,000 building on Second avenue.

The rail-laden steamer Germanicus, with 5,400 tons of rails, reached Prince Rupert on the 13th inst. The vessel was brought from the south by the captained and was the ocean-going boat to arrive without a pilot.

Tenders have been called for the erection of a general hospital. Thomas Deasy, formerly of Victoria, has been recommended by the Prince Rupert Liberal committee to fill the position of Indian agent at Masset. The Optimist says: "Thomas Deasy has been recommended by the Liberal executive for the position of Indian agent at Masset. Mr. Deasy is well qualified for the position. He knows the country and he understands the natives. It is now some thirty odd years since he settled in British Columbia, having come over from Portsmouth. For several years he was chief of the fire department at Victoria, and later organized and commanded the Nelson fire department, which he held for three years. Afterwards he was chief constable in the Indian department of the province. A better choice could not have been made."

Blake Wilson, manager for E. Burns & Co., is in Prince Rupert to select a site for a refrigerating plant. The building will be three stories in height and modern in every detail. The new building will erect a five-story hotel in section 1. The building will be of concrete.

A fish-curing and refrigerating plant, to cost \$220,000, is being erected at Seal Cove, a waterfront location in the north end of the city. J. M. McPhee left Prince Rupert for Stewart to superintend the construction of bridges, wagon roads, and trails. Persons intending to vote at the coming municipal elections must register at the provincial government buildings. Six months' residence is necessary to qualify.

The first shipment from Prince Rupert to New York will consist of a sixty-foot totem pole consigned to the Natural History Society. RESCUE APPARATUS. Nanaimo, April 20.—H. M. Wolf, of the United States geological survey, gave instructions to a class of about 25 in the use of the Dreager oxygen rescue apparatus at the Western Fuel Company's store yesterday. This is the first apparatus of this kind ever seen on the island. Mr. Wolf is superintendent in charge of the oxygen mine rescue station at Seattle.

Paris, April 21.—Owing to the constantly growing danger of aeroplane collisions the Aero Club of France has asked the minister of public works to hurry up with his decision on the "aerial code" or the "rules of the air," submitted to him recently. There were certain rules laid down at the last Rheims meet, but the "aerial code" of the world, regulating aerial traffic, will be the one now under discussion. Here are some of the regulations: Aeroplanes must pass each other to the right, must not fly lower than 150 feet when over gardens or buildings; beginners should not be allowed flight without certificate "outside specified bounds; when passing one over another signals should be exchanged by stents, horns, bells or otherwise; must not fly over towns or cities; must give dirigibles right-of-way and a wide berth to them; acrobatics must be registered in home districts and numbers must be painted on their sides in big letters, etc.

Owners of buildings more than 150 feet high may be compelled to place lights on the tops of them as warnings to aviators. Dirigibles must not let out gas near residences, nor drop ballast over habitations. STRIKE AVERTED. Pittsburg, Pa., April 21.—All differences between the local street car company and its employees were adjusted at a conference last night. There will be no strike.

In Italy no ancient monument can be restored or old building altered without special permission from the government. Admiral Sir William May recently stated that when he entered the navy the biggest gun was a 28-pounder of 28 cwt, while now it is an 800-pounder of 56 tons.

LOSERS THREE OF CREW.

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ANOTHER SENSATION

IN HYDE TRIAL

Attorney for Defence Ordered to Return Papers Alleged to Have Been Stolen

Kansas City, Mo., April 21.—The biggest sensation of the trial of Dr. Hyde developed yesterday afternoon when the officers of the prosecution notified Judge Latshaw that the grand jury's notes of its investigation into the poisoning of Col. Swope had been stolen and were in the possession of the defence.

Judge Latshaw asked Attorney Walsh, counsel for the defence, if he had possession of vital evidence belonging to the prosecution. Walsh at first refused to answer, but finally said: "I have the grand jury's notes. An advertisement appeared in a local paper saying that a woman had found certain papers in the Swope case. I called at the address given and was handed the notes of the grand jury."

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PROPOSED COURT OF ARBITRAL JUSTICE

U. S. Secretary of State Confident of Success of the Movement

Washington, D.C., April 21.—Ultimate disarmament of the nations of the world is practicable, in the opinion of United States Secretary of State Knox. He believes the establishment of a court of arbitral justice, to which the nations of the world may appeal for the settlement of their controversies, will have the effect, as its own natural consequence, of not merely reducing the armament, but ultimately rendering large armaments unnecessary.

His plan for the establishment of an international court of arbitral justice, which was outlined in an identical note sent last fall to various nations, is said to be meeting with general favor, and Mr. Knox believes that such a court will be constituted at The Hague in the near future.

Secretary Knox yesterday said that the existence of a permanent tribunal of arbitral justice would make a resort to it very easy, and that the permanent session, it would not have to be constituted anew for each case as it arises, that the expenses of the court would be borne by the nations themselves, and that the judgments of such a court would bind all parties interested in the particular case. The court would be composed of judges representing various nations or systems of law, and it is expected would develop international law just as the common law was developed by judicial decisions.

The secretary also said that while the court would be primarily intended for the powers participating in its constitution, it would be open to any nation that might wish to submit a controversy to it, thus making it in the fullest sense international.

It is not proposed, in signing a convention for the establishment of such a court, that the nations shall oblige themselves to disarm or make any movement toward disarmament. The success of the operation of such a court, however, would have its consequence, a reduction of armament, if not complete disarmament.

The secretary gave as a familiar illustration of the successful operation of an international court following the discovery of gold. In the absence of courts to protect the citizens, every man carried a pistol, and himself redressed his real or fancied wrongs. Ultimately the establishment of courts rendered the carrying of arms unnecessary, and they were discarded. The secretary foresees a like result to the nations from the establishment and successful operation of a great international law tribunal.

Secretary Knox is unwilling to go into details as to the progress made, but it is known that reports so far received justify the expectation that a court of arbitral justice will be established before the meeting of the next conference at The Hague in 1915.

INDIAN CANOE FOUND

Picked Up by Steamer Leebro Floating Ten Miles Off Kyquoot. When the steamer Leebro was off Kyquoot on her trip from which she has just returned an Indian canoe was picked up. The frail craft was floating about ten miles from shore, and the paddles were lying in the bottom. Nothing else was to be seen. On lifting the canoe it was found all over the bottom, showing that it must have been floating for many months. The oddity about the matter was that there was no water in the canoe, in spite of the fact that it must have been out in a great many fierce gales.

Nothing could be heard of the loss of the canoe. Speculation was rife, however, on the Leebro as to how it got adrift. There were theories that the owner had fallen overboard without upsetting the boat, and had been drowned, but the consensus of opinion was that it was washed off shore by the rising tide.

FUNERAL OF HILTON KEITH.

Remains of Well Known Victorian Were Laid to Rest in Ross Bay Cemetery Yesterday. (From Thursday's Daily.) The remains of the late Hilton Keith, who died on Saturday from a fall received in the Coliseum hotel, were interred in Ross Bay cemetery yesterday afternoon. The funeral took place from the parlors of the B. C. Funeral Company at 3 o'clock, and proceeded to St. John's church, where services of an impressive nature were conducted by Rev. A. J. Stanley. He made touching reference to the sad circumstances which caused Mr. Keith's death and gave words of comfort to the bereaved relatives and friends. At the church the following hymns were sung: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" and "Abide With Me." From the cemetery the cortege proceeded to the cemetery, where further services were solemnized by the officiating minister. There was a large attendance of

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sympathizing friends which testified to the popularity of the deceased in this city. The Masonic lodge, of which order the late Mr. Keith was a valued member, attended in a body. The floral tributes presented were numerous and beautiful.

The following gentlemen acted as pallbearers: A. F. Forbes, W. H. F. Richdale and J. W. Robinson, representing the Masonic order, and G. Booth, G. D. Henwood and R. F. Green, friends of the deceased.

C. P. EDWARDS LEAVING FOR OTTAWA SOON Dominion Superintendent of Wireless Returning to Take Up Departmental Work

C. P. Edwards, who has been on this coast for some time past looking after the Dominion wireless stations at Prince Rupert, Triangle Island and Ikeda Head, and also arranging for general improvements to the service, will leave for Ottawa within the next few days to take up his departmental work as superintendent of the Dominion wireless department for the Dominion of Canada. Since he has been here he has been very active in pushing forward the work of his department, unusual climatic difficulties having been met with at the new stations which are now practically completed.

The Dights Island station near Prince Rupert has not yet been connected with the town, but the cable has arrived and will be laid within the next couple of weeks. E. Haughton, the B. C. superintendent, will have a general oversight of the work on this coast, and the construction work will, in Mr. Edwards' absence, be attended to by Engineer Hughes.

Mr. Edwards has, since his arrival here, made himself very popular, and his departure will be generally regretted. It is hoped that he will soon return to take up the work of further extending the service.

THE LATE BISHOP DART. Impressive Ceremonies Mark Interment at New Westminster. New Westminster, April 20.—The remains of the late Bishop Dart were laid to rest Monday, after the most impressive funeral services ever held in this city. Over thirty clergymen in full clerical regalia, marched from the cathedral to the grave. All the lay delegates to the synod also marched in the procession.

The services were held in the cathedral at 2:30 p. m. Bishop Perrin, of Victoria, reading the burial service, with Bishop Keator of Olympia, Wash., assisting. Ven. Archdeacon Pentreath read the lesson. The church was filled with the most prominent citizens of New Westminster. The full choir of the cathedral was present at the church services and at the cemetery, where the short burial service was read by Bishop Perrin.

The coffin was draped in royal purple and there was a great profusion of flowers, the latter being sent in from all parts of the diocese. The pallbearers were Rev. H. F. F. Clinton of Vancouver; Rev. C. Croucher of Yale; Rev. H. S. Akehurst of Kamloops; Rev. W. Bell of Central Westminster; and Rev. H. J. Underhill of Yale. The hymns sung at the services, "Praise to the Holiest in the Height," "The King of Love My Shepherd Is," "Now the Laborer's Task is O'er" and "Jesus Lives," were all favorites of the late bishop.

It will be some time before a successor to the late Bishop Dart is chosen. According to the canon governing such contingencies, the executive council of the synod must meet in thirty days and within sixty days from that meeting the whole synod must meet. At this meeting the choice of a new bishop will be made, but two-thirds of the total membership of the synod must be present. The clergy and laity will vote separately on the bishop and within sixty days from that meeting a majority in both divisions is required to elect the bishop.

BORN. MAHER—On April 18th, at The Maples,

STRAWBERRIES HAVE APPEARED

CALIFORNIA FRUIT ON LOCAL MARKET

Flour Has Taken a Drop—Eggs and Hams Are Advanced

During the past week at the wholesale and retail markets many changes in the price of goods have been made. Principal among them is the drop in the price of Ogilvie's Royal Household flour of 10 cents per sack. The retail price is now \$1.30 for one sack. The other changes in the retail market are the advance of the price of eggs to 30 cents per dozen and also the addition of 2 cents per pound on both British Columbia and American hams.

A number of changes are to be noticed in the wholesale prices. Local potatoes have dropped four dollars a ton. Local tomatoes are also now on the market, the price of them being 20 cents per pound. The California and Florida tomatoes have dropped 75 cents on the crate. Local asparagus is selling at 10 cents a pound, while the California is 6 cents. The only advances are in bacon and ham, these having gone up 1 cent on the pound.

California strawberries are now arriving in considerable quantities. The wholesale price of the berries is \$2.50 per crate, but it is expected that before long they will drop somewhat. The local berries will not be on the market for some time yet, owing to the lateness of the spring weather.

The local quotations are as follows:

Table of market prices for various goods including coal, meat, flour, and produce.

WHOLESALE MARKETS

Advertisement for Cyrus H. Bowes, Chemist, 1223 Government Street, featuring 'Why Do You Suffer from Corns and Bunions' and 'BOWES' CORN CURE'.

Table of market prices for various goods including ham, butter, and produce.

BAD CHEQUES FLOAT DURING THE SPRING

Harry L. McWalter Gets Six Months—Carpenters Lose Tools

With the spring come the fraudulent cheque passers every year, said magistrate during the spring and that this morning when Harry L. McWalter pleaded guilty to passing a \$5 cheque drawn on the Bank of British North America to Graham & Brown, of the Victoria hotel on April 18th.

The city prosecutor was unable to account for the fact that bad cheques were frequent during this part of the year, but admitted that there were a number of bad cheque men about town and that several cheques had been passed.

McWalter had a new plan. He first forged a cheque in his own favor signing the name F. D. Benson for \$125, and showed it when he presented the same to the bank.

Andrew Eames, who was acquitted on December 17th last on a charge of chicken stealing, the chickens being ordered returned to their owner by the magistrate, was in court this morning charged with the theft of a quantity of carpenters' tools on or about August 10th last.

FIRE WARDEN FOR ALBERNI DISTRICT

J. B. Woods is Re-Appointed—Wharf Improvements—Enjoyable Dance

Alberni, April 19.—Sam Handy is making good progress with the driving of the piles and replanking of the wharf belonging to Capt. G. A. Huff in Alberni.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Paterson returned home on Thursday from Harrison Hot Springs, via Vancouver and Victoria.

J. B. Wood has been reappointed fire warden for the Alberni district during the coming season.

Messrs. E. Moore and C. Chase returned from Vancouver on Monday with a fine team of draught horses.

The Alberni Conservative Association will hold a smoker at an early date.

The dance given under the auspices of the Alberni District Civilian Rifle Association in Waterhouse's hall, Fort Alberni, on Wednesday evening, was the most successful social function of the present season.

SKEENA INDIANS REFUSE TO WORK

WANT SIXTY DOLLARS A MONTH AND BOARD

Are Replaced by White Men—Navigation Conditions on the River

The principle of trades unionism has apparently taken hold of the Indians of the Skeena river, for they have decided that fifty dollars a month and board, and even fifty-five dollars, is too small a sum for a decent, self-respecting Indian to earn.

Among those who arrived on the steamer was Frank Henson, who came down to purchase half a dozen billiard tables for a billiard and pool room at Stewart.

The Vado failed to get away on time last night, as there was a large amount of freight to take. She got away this morning, and when she leaves Vancouver will be jammed to the hatches with cargo, and will also have a full list of passengers.

The Hudson's Bay Company and Foley, Welch & Stewart at once engaged a competent white crew to do the work which the Indians had formerly done, and these were glad to do it for \$50 a month, so the Indians will have to find other fields of labor for the present season.

NEW LIGHTHOUSE FOR NOOTKA SOUND

Leebro Returns From Run Up West Coast to Triangle Island

Steamer Leebro arrived last evening from the West Coast of Vancouver Island, where she has been taking Resident Engineer Killen to the various public works which are in progress.

Mr. Killen spent a short time at Nootka surveying the site for a new lighthouse which is proposed to build at that point. This light it is understood will be similar to the one at Quatsino, which was built a short time ago.

Gordon Hallett, who is in charge of the lighthouse department on this coast, went on the steamer on a trip of inspection to the lights along the coast. This is the first time he has been able to make since the accident which injured his eyes and from which he still suffers.

Leebro will leave at once for the North to complete the work of overhauling the buoys and beacons, while the steamer Quadra is undergoing her annual overhaul. She will also take north the cable to connect the new wireless station and marine fishery sub-station on Dibley Island with the city of Prince Rupert.

WILL TRY TO OUST PACKERS FROM STATE

Alleged to Be Violating of Missouri Anti-Trust Laws

St. Louis, April 20.—Attorney-General Major to-day announced that quo warranto proceedings would be brought against the Missouri packers, in the event they are convicted of violating the Missouri anti-trust laws.

SAVED FROM HORRIBLE DEATH

Portland, Ore., April 20.—William Meyers, 35 years of age, a concrete worker, was saved from a horrible death when John Mingler, a fellow workman, with the aid of a jack-knife, amputated his left arm near the elbow, when it became fast in the gear chain of a concrete mixer at the new Mount Tabor reservoir.

TENDER DAMAGED

Port Townsend, April 20.—The United States artillery tender Thomas, Capt. Madison, was rammed this morning by the steamship Whatcom while in berth at Tyler street wharf. The Thomas was damaged on the upper works, and the dock was also damaged. The damaged to the Whatcom was light, and she proceeded to Port Angeles. An investigation will probably be held.

EMPIRE DAY

London, April 20.—The bill for the official recognition of Empire Day has been killed by the Commons.

Edmonton, Alta., April 20.—A. V. Bouillon, commissioner of utilities of Seattle, has accepted the appointment as commissioner of public institutes of this city at a salary of \$10,000 per annum.

STEWART CAMP IS GROWING FAST

Vado Brings News of Rush to Mining Camp—Prospectors Leaving

(From Thursday's Daily.) That Stewart is very busy at the present time is the news brought from that port by the steamer Vado, which arrived in port last night. Three new stores have just been erected, one for Harry Smith of Duncan, and another for Finch & Hickey, of Victoria.

Seattle, Wash., April 21.—The German steamers Ella and Erna will be taken off the Seattle-Central American run, and Jebson and Ostrander will turn the ships back to their owner, Captain Jebson, of Hamburg, an uncle of the senior member of the local firm.

The Ella, which is due to arrive in a few days from Corinto, will be laid off as soon as her cargo is discharged. The Erna is now lying idle at Bremer-ton.

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UNREST AMONG NEGROES IN CUBA

Troops Have Been Dispatched to Province of Santa Clara

Havana, Cuba, April 20.—A thousand troops, outfitted for an extended stay, started for Santa Clara province, 140 miles from Havana, to-day where the negroes have started an uprising.

It is believed that the outbreak has been caused by radical politicians and is not to be considered as a revolution against the government.

For the last two months there has been evidence that an uprising was impending and the government has been fully prepared to cope with the radicals at the first hint of violence.

A week ago the governor of the province telegraphed from Santa Clara, the capital, urging the presence of troops, owing to the unrest of the negroes.

It is believed that the outbreak, which thus far has consisted of insular rioting, will be stopped without bloodshed, as the presence of the soldiers is certain to have a quieting effect on the dissatisfied citizens. The troops are being transported in a special train, and are under the command of General Rivas.

Secretary of the Interior Lopez denied to-day that the negroes have been rioting, but the fact that the troops were fully prepared for all exigencies before they left Havana, tend to disprove his official statement.

General Evaristo, a negro agitator, is held responsible for the manifest unrest of the negroes of Santa Clara. He is a bitter enemy of the present administration.

CONCILIATION BOARD SUBMITS REPORT

Recommendations Regarding Grievances of Montreal Longshoremen

Ottawa, April 20.—The board of conciliation appointed to investigate the grievances between the longshoremen and shipping companies of Montreal has filed its report with the minister of labor, requesting a five years' agreement between the men and shipping companies, dating from January 1st, 1910, the men being required when commencing work each season to sign a contract undertaking to work until the close of navigation, the men signing the same, with the given preference over all others. The day rate is to be 30 cents per hour and night rate 35 cents. The board also requests the creation of a permanent board of conciliation to deal with all matters in dispute between companies and employees. The report is unanimous.

CANADIAN BANKS

Report for March Shows Healthy Business Conditions.

Ottawa, April 21.—The bank report for March issued by the department of finance, indicates healthy business conditions. Demand deposits total \$247,662,171, as compared with \$238,697,987 in February. Notice deposits stand at \$315,273,117, an increase of about \$3,000,000. The total note circulation was \$78,265,822, as compared with \$74,521,946 in the previous month. Call loans in Canada were to the value of \$32,445,375, a decrease of approximately \$2,000,000. Call loans elsewhere stood at \$130,194,540, an increase of \$10,000,000.

Current loans in Canada stood at \$624,445,375, compared with \$622,454,538. Current loans elsewhere totalled \$40,719,679, as against \$42,403,754 in the previous month.

About 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon the fire brigade had a run to the residence of W. Bryce, 1408 Elford street, where the roof of the dwelling had become ignited. The blaze was extinguished before any damage was done to the premises.

The Bureau of Information forwarded several thousand copies of the new issue of the game bulletin Tuesday to the Sportsmen's Show at Vancouver. A large collection of provincial bulletins has also been sent to the exhibition at Brussels.

POLICE UNABLE TO FIND ACID THROWER

San Francisco Girl Who Was Burned by Acid Will Retain Her Sight

San Francisco, Cal., April 21.—Ruth Wilson, the 18-year-old victim of an acid thrower, will retain her sight, according to a bulletin issued to-day by the physicians who have been attending her.

The girl was removed from Mt. Zion hospital to her home late yesterday. The bandages were taken from her eyes, and a thorough examination of the left eye, which was burned by the acid, convinced the specialists that the eye ball was not permanently injured.

The search for Van Camp Redfern, the young man who is wanted in connection with the affair, is being continued. Thus far no trace of him has been found.

ELLA AND ERNA GOING OFF RUN

PLACES TO BE TAKEN BY BIG FREIGHTERS

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TAIL OF HALLE COMET

Sky Wanderer Visible to Eye

Chicago, April 19.—has a tail at least length. What is in comet's tail is a rate of 3,000,000 miles we shall be able to see within ten days of the comet for almost a fortnight. It is a dignitary, are made by the astronomer, William Brewster, who has made a most favorable prediction. B. Frost and E. E. Phipps, with telescope photographs, effectively predict that the comet will be visible in its full splendor in its hind the sun.

Prof. Barnard secured a photograph of the comet for the purpose of revealing the fact that at present comes in the rear as at the last comet's gases were more abundant.

NEW PREDICTION

New York, April 21.—"Wheat King" Jim Patten to-day predicted that the cotton mills throughout the world would close during August and September because they would have nothing to work on. He reiterated his denial that he has attempted to corner the cotton supply. He said if the law prohibiting the purchase of cotton futures was passed he would quit speculating in it.

"If the government does away with speculation," he said, "it will merely put cotton in the hands of a few strong men. The producers have a means of knowing what cotton is actually worth."

The pound-by-law in respect of cattle, horses, sheep, chickens, etc., will be strictly enforced after April 23rd.

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FORTY KILLED BY LANDSLIDE WORK TRAIN SWEPT FROM LINE INTO CREEK

Bodies of Eight of the Victims Have Been Recovered

(Times Leased Wire.) Quebec, April 19.—Forty men were killed in the landslide which caught a work train in the National Transcontinental yesterday, according to reports which have just reached here. Eight bodies have been recovered, and those working in the mass of earth and boulders expect soon to unearth more corpses. The men killed were working on a ballast train. A mountain of sand and rocks swept down upon them and buried them in the bottom of a creek 75 feet below a bridge, over which the train was running at the time of the slide.

EARLY CLOSING OF BARS AT ARMSTRONG

Amendment to License By-Law Prohibits Sale of Liquor After 7 p.m.

Armstrong, April 19.—A petition from A. Slater, T. Halliday and 200 others, asking that bars be closed at 7 p. m. on various holidays, was received at the last meeting of the municipal council. T. Halliday, Mr. Moore, Councillor Brett and Rev. C. Russell spoke in support of the petition. Councillor Schubert moved that the matter be laid over for thirty days, having no second, it was withdrawn. It was moved by Councillor Brett, seconded by Councillor Marshall, that the liquor license by-law be amended as follows: "That no liquor be sold between 7 p. m. and 7 a. m. on week days, on any polling day and Good Friday, and not reopened on those days until the following morning, and that applications for renewals be made yearly." The motion carried. The clerk was instructed to give notice that backyards, etc., be cleaned up. Councillor Brett gave notice that he would bring in a by-law regulating the number of cubic feet of air space for each inmate of lodging houses, etc.

NELSON CANADIAN CLUB.

Nelson, April 19.—The first annual meeting of the Nelson District Canadian Club was held last night at the board of trade rooms, with the retiring president, His Honor Judge Forin, in the chair. Judge Forin reviewed the history of the year, which was marked by a visit to Nelson of His Excellency the Governor-General, Earl Grey, and predicted a year of equal achievement to follow. A number of eminent men were named, who, it is expected, would be entertained during the year. The retiring treasurer, E. Ferguson, and the retiring secretary, Casimir Dickson, presented reports. Officers were elected for the ensuing year as follows: President, G. O. Buchanan, (Kaslo); first vice-president, D. E. C. Arthur; second vice-president, J. H. Schofield, M. P. P. (Trail); secretary, G. H. Playle; literary correspondent, J. T. Ferguson; executive committee, Rev. Fred H. Graham, C. McL. Fraser, F. A. Starkey.

ALDRICH'S RETIREMENT.

Washington, D. C., April 20.—"The duties of the leadership of the senate form no light task and I have begun to feel the strain," declared Senator Aldrich in a statement to the United Press. He declared his "length of service and desire to conserve his health" were the reasons that impelled him to retire. Aldrich after many revisions, today published a letter formally notifying Governor Pothier of Rhode Island, of his intention to retire from the senate at the close of the present term. "I am going to remain in active cooperation with the national monetary commission and shall make it my life's work," Aldrich declared. "I have no personal plans as yet, and any way, that subject does not interest the public."

FATAL FALL.

Ashcroft, April 19.—The body of a young Selving was found near the Big Horn ranch on Bridge river, last Friday. Selving had just come up from Washington with the Burdette's who had bought the Big Horn ranch. His body was found at the foot of a bluff and the remains of a mountain sheep that he had shot near to him. His rifle was found at the top of the bluff. It is presumed that he was carrying or dragging the sheep when he slipped and went over. His father has been in the Bridge River country the last month or so searching for the body. An Indian named Little George, a noted hunter, found the body.

WILL REFUND DUTIES.

Washington, D. C., April 19.—Customs duties assessed on mechanically ground wood pulp, made from pulp-wood cut on private lands in the provinces of Quebec and Ontario, by customs officers along the Canadian border are to be refunded, according to an announcement made by Mr. Curtis, assistant secretary of the United States treasury. A large number of entries made at Plattsburg, Niagara Falls, Buffalo and Ogdensburg are affected by the ruling of the department.

DR. HYDE WILL GO ON WITNESS STAND

Attorney for Defence Brands as False Every Allegation of Prosecution

Kansas City, Mo., April 20.—The defence of Dr. B. C. Hyde, charged with the murder of Col. Thos. H. Swope, had its inking yesterday. Attorney Frank P. Walsh, for the defence, began his opening argument with the contention that cyanide of potassium had been injected into the body of Col. Swope while it lay in a cemetery vault. He declared that the tomb of the millionaire philanthropist had been desecrated, the casket ripped open and the body tampered with. "The body of Col. Swope was left in such a state by those who rifled the vault that it froze. We intend to show that interested persons had put poison in Col. Swope's veins either at the vault, the catacomb, or the morgue," said Walsh.

Referring to the prosecution's allegation that Hyde inoculated the Swope family with epidemic germs in order to make easier their death by poison, Walsh said: "Dr. Hyde used diphtheria and typhoid bacilli culture for legitimate experimentation."

When discussing the bleeding of Col. Hunton by Dr. Hyde who, according to the state, let two quarts of blood from the patient, thereby causing his death, Walsh said: "Dr. Hyde used his best judgment in bleeding Col. Hunton."

In the course of his opening statement Walsh said that Dr. Hyde would go upon the witness stand. Walsh explained the presence of cyanide in Hyde's office by saying that it was used to kill cockroaches. The attorney asserted that Dr. Twyman had sold charge of the bleeding of Col. Hunton. He branded every allegation of the state as false and said: "Those statements are based upon the testimony of paid detectives and springs from malice and envy."

Dr. G. T. Twyman, for long the family physician of the Swope, died on Monday.

The death of Dr. Twyman has removed the state's most important witness and is a blow to the prosecution of the defendant. He was expected by the state to testify that he had found Miss Margaret Swope near death from cyanide poisoning and that soon afterwards he found that drug in a box handled by Dr. Hyde. Dr. Twyman also had been relied upon to establish the state's accusation that Dr. Hyde's medical practice was irregular. Also he had expected to testify concerning the death of Col. Moss Hunton, one time executor of the Swope estate.

TOMMY BURNS TO MEET SAM LANGFORD

San Francisco, Cal., April 20.—The attempt to match Tommy Burns and Sam Langford by cable was attended with confusion, but now everything seems to have straightened out. It is practically settled that the Canadian and the negro will meet in the ring at Richmond near this city on September 5th. The affair will be handled by the Mission Athletic Club.

Burns, a couple of days ago, is said to have cabled he would accept the club's second offer, which provided for a purse of \$30,000, of which \$20,000 was to go to the winner and \$10,000 to the loser. In addition Burns was to receive a bonus of \$5,000.

Billy McCorney, assistant matchmaker of the Mission Club, who first conceived the idea of bringing Burns and Langford together, discussed the situation yesterday with Sid Hester and Tom O'Day, and it was decided to forward the following cablegram to Burns, who is at present in Sydney: "Gentlemen: Bonus stands immediately, \$30,000 month before fight."

Joe Woodman, manager of Sam Langford, said before leaving Los Angeles that he was going to meet the situation yesterday with Sid Hester and Tom O'Day, and it was decided to forward the following cablegram to Burns, who is at present in Sydney: "Gentlemen: Bonus stands immediately, \$30,000 month before fight."

Langford is to box Stanley Ketchel in Philadelphia towards the latter end of the present month and it may be that the bout in question will spell disaster for one of the principals. Should Langford meet with a decisive defeat, the Mission Club will undoubtedly endeavor to substitute Ketchel for Langford in the affair with P

GOVERNOR GRANTS GIRL'S REQUEST

St. Paul, Minn., April 20.—Governor Burton has granted his assent to Miss Ruth Coffey, 11 years old, daughter of Mrs. Ella Coffey, six months a convict in the state prison at Stillwater, when her little girl her mother had been freed.

The little girl first wrote to Governor Eberheart last week, asking for the pardon of her mother, and this dainty but earnest letter was the only appeal the state pardon board heard. The letter follows, in part: "Dear Gov.: I am a little girl of 11 years. I big of you to free my mamma that is in prison in Stillwater. I have two little sisters, one of 9 and one of 3, and a little brother of one year old. We are so lonesome without my mamma. We have no home. My little sisters and brother and I cry day and night for mamma to come home to us."

The governor said he entrusted the future life of her mother to her daughter, and wanted to hear when she proved successful.

DEATHS FROM ACCIDENTS HAVE MUCH INCREASED

Birth-Rate is Well in Advance of the Higher Death Rate, However

The annual report of the registrar-general, S. Y. Wootton, on vital statistics for the calendar year, 1909, shows a marked increase in the number of deaths, but this is more than counterbalanced by the increase in births.

The higher death rate is chiefly due to an abnormal increase in the number of violent deaths, 628 as compared with 422 in 1908. In deaths from accident and negligence there was an increase of 104, of which half is made up by the 34 deaths at Extension and 22 in the interurban car fatality near Vancouver. Drownings, dynamite and railway accidents all show large increases, while other causes exacted about the same toll of human life as in the year before. There were 35 suicides, as against 24 in 1908.

Exclusive of Indians the returns show the registration of 4,264 births, 2,784 deaths and 3,448 marriages in 1909 as against 3,684 births, 2,537 deaths and 3,142 marriages for 1908.

In the Victoria and Cowichan district 408 males and 374 females, making a total of 782, were born during 1909; the total in 1908 was 720, making an increase of 62. In the same district there were 369 marriages during 1909 while in 1908 there were only 531, the increase thus being 438. The total number of deaths amounted to 438, of which 207 were males and 126 females. This was a decrease of two in 1908.

Dealing with tubercular troubles the registrar-general adds this note: "Assuming that consumption, the certified cause of 13 deaths, entered under respiratory organs, was, in each case, of a tubercular nature, and adding the 91 deaths from pulmonary tuberculosis also entered under respiratory organs a grand total of 241 under 'tubercular' is made up as follows: Phthisis, 38; tuberculosis, 74; tubercular meningitis, 25; consumption, 15; pulmonary tuberculosis, 81." The number from these causes in 1908 was 257.

The report has been somewhat remodelled so as to enable anyone to make a comparison of the number of deaths from any particular cause in the two years.

SMALL BOYS PLEAD GUILTY TO THEFT

One Handed to Children's Aid Society—Others Are Warned

(From Wednesday's Daily.) Three small boys appeared in the juvenile court this morning charged with theft and one was handed over to the care of the Children's Aid Society while the other two were allowed to go on suspended sentence, and if they come before the court again will receive punishment for the offence to which they pleaded guilty this morning as well as for the next.

Mrs. Wilhelmina McKenzie charged a small boy with stealing her lucky George IV. halfpennies, a purse, a sixpence and some Canadian coins. The informant had given the boy a ride to work with his bicycle and returned to his home she found her purse had been abstracted from her luggage. The boy admitted taking the purse and had bought ice cream with the money. The English coins were to be turned over to the treasurer of the province. Waddell said he did not know whether this meant the net proceeds at 110 or at par. He did not know of details of the arrangement between Morgan and Clarke. He would not say whether Clarke got any commission from Morgan for giving him the business.

Premier Rutherford will be the next witness.

REMOVING ANOMALIES IN THE SCOTT ACT

Amendment Introduced at Ottawa Makes Statute More Clear

A bill introduced by the secretary of state the other day to amend the Canada Temperance Act, known popularly as the Scott Act, is of interest to temperance workers.

The act, of course, has always applied to the whole Dominion, but has only been taken advantage of in some portion of the eastern provinces. It was generally considered that it would be desirable to put it in force in the West, owing to the lack of county boundaries and the size of constituencies.

In its original form the act applied to counties and special provisions were made as to Manitoba, that there the federal electoral districts should govern. In 1888, when Sir Adolphe Chapleau was minister in charge of the act, the city of Winnipeg was added to the act as a "county," when applied to British Columbia, should make a federal electoral district until such time as the province should have been divided into counties.

The announced object of the present amendment is to meet the provincial definition of counties and remove anomalies in wording which are liable to cause confusion.

HALEWOOD CHARTERED TO LOAD WEIGHT

Ship Halewood has at last secured a charter after lying at Esquimalt since November 10th, 1908. She will be in a few days for Puget Sound and will then load at Tacoma or Seattle, probably at the former port. She will carry a cargo of wheat to the United Kingdom.

Captain Mackay who brought the Halewood to this port and has remained with her ever since, has through his long residence here been looked upon as a Victorian. He is well known on the waterfront where he is very popular.

BRIDGE ENGINEER BEFORE COMMISSION

Dr. Waddell is Examined at the Alberta and Great Waterways Inquiry

Edmonton, April 20.—Under cross-examination by Mr. Bennett, at the Great Waterways investigation, Dr. Waddell said that although he was known as an expert bridge engineer, perhaps the most asked on the continent, he had never been actively engaged in railway construction. Practically the only experience he had was years ago when the C. P. R. was being projected west, when he was with one of the survey parties. His firm in Kansas City on several occasions had been called into consultation about railways, but their work was bridge engineering. Mr. Clarke appointed him at a salary of \$25,000 a year. He was also to get \$15,000, half of which was to be paid when the road was half completed. It appears from Waddell's evidence that Clarke had engaged him chiefly because he was an old friend of the family and had known his father for years. Waddell said he knew nothing of the work done in the name of the construction company, that he was the first he heard of it. He knew now that Clarke and his brother were mainly the Canada West Construction Company, which was then working for the Clarke. However, it developed also that during the crisis in the legislature last March, when Clarke had offered to resign, Waddell had advised him not to promise to operate the road.

Waddell was asked what he meant by that, and he said that Clarke had asked him to do so many things and he thought that since they were not legally bound to operate the road it would be inadvisable to offer to do so, which were so bad, Waddell said, that the completion of the road to develop the country.

Waddell admitted that after his specifications had been turned down, and after he had refused to accept the government's specifications, Clarke had succeeded a few days afterwards in obtaining a compromise of specifications, which were so bad, Waddell said, that he did not want to build the road on them. He accepted them, but told Clarke he would not follow them. Waddell admitted that F. S. Darling, of Toronto, who is in Edmonton, to act as engineer in the interests of the Royal Bank, had made an estimate on the cost of the road at about \$18,000,000.

A copy of Morgan's prospectus advertising the bonds at 110 on the London market, was produced, containing the remark that the net proceeds of the bonds of half-lake were to be turned over to the treasurer of the province. Waddell said he did not know whether this meant the net proceeds at 110 or at par. He did not know of details of the arrangement between Morgan and Clarke. He would not say whether Clarke got any commission from Morgan for giving him the business.

Premier Rutherford will be the next witness.

IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE NORTH WARD PARK

New Band Stand to Be Erected—Sum of \$1,200 to Be Expended

Ald. Humber, chairman of the parks board, is in a jubilant frame of mind these days, this being due to the fact that he has succeeded after strenuous effort in getting the sanction of the city council to his programme for the improvement of North Ward park. An appropriation of \$1,200 has been made to cover the expense, and the scheme calls for the erection of a neat bandstand, which, on the ground floor, will have dressing rooms for boys and girls and public conveniences.

The North Ward park has already been considerably attended to at the hands of the superintendent and with the erection of the bandstand and the placing of seats at different points it will be made quite attractive. The grounds have been ploughed and seeded and in a few weeks it should be in fine shape.

Another concession which Ald. Humber has obtained from the city council is a vote of money to put in a new landing stage at the Gorge, where also some other minor improvements are to be made.

ROBINSON'S CASH STORE BEING IMPROVED

New Front is Being Put in to Give Better Facilities for Display

Owing to an increasing business and the desire to keep pace with the demands made by the rapid growth of Victoria, Robinson's Cash Store, dry goods importers, on Yates street, are making improvements in their store, which will add materially to their facilities for doing business. A new and modern store front, which will not only add to the outside appearance of the building, but will make the interior considerably lighter is now being installed. Recently the second floor has been renovated and affords a splendid space in which to display their large stock of home furnishings, including draperies, English blankets, quilts, linens, towels, etc.

This business was founded on Douglas street by the late G. W. Robinson, who transferred his business from that street to its present position about four years ago. From that time the business has steadily increased, and since Mr. Robinson's death has been carried on by Mrs. Robinson, by J. E. Andrews, who has managed the store for the last three years. The popularity of this business house is due to a great extent to the splendid values and low prices which their cash system of purchasing and selling enables them to give, and to the civility and attention which is given to all alike. Their English hostelry has made a reputation for quality at popular prices, not only in Victoria but all over Vancouver Island.

REBELLED CALL FOR TENDERS FOR GRAVEL

How a Resolution Passed by City Council Became Lost in the Shuffle

Wm. W. Northcott, purchasing agent for the corporation, is calling for tenders which will be received up till Monday, 26th inst., at 4 p. m., for the supply of 80 per cent. of the total quantity of gravel required by the city for the year 1910 and thereby hangs a tale.

A resolution instructing this action to be taken was passed by the council on April 4th, and this related appearance of the advertisement is only due to the persistent efforts of a number of aldermen at the last meeting of the council to try and discover why the instructions of April 4th had not been carried out. Ald. Fullerton and Ald. Bauman were particularly wrathful at the fact that no one was apparently able to throw any light on the cause of the delay.

In the interim the city has been using broken rock, which costs \$1.80 per yard, and is much more expensive to handle than gravel, which is available for the purposes of the corporation in any quantity.

The committee of arrangements for the L. O. T. M. convention held a meeting Monday night at the home of Mrs. W. J. Jackson at which the provincial commissioner, Mrs. J. C. Kemp, was present. It was decided to offer a first and second prize for the best decorated windows in the business part of the city on the occasion of the coming convention, 18th, 19th and 20th of May. The decorations are to be emblematic of the order, the colors being black, red and white. The order is known as the Ladies of the Macabees of the World. This should be an inducement to beautify the business portion of the city. It is expected that there will be a large delegation present from all parts of the province.

Wynn Meredith, consulting engineer to the B. C. Electric Railway Company, having refused to undertake a survey of the Sooke Lake district for the city, Mayor Morley has at his suggestion asked H. M. Burwell, C.E., of Vancouver, to undertake the task. Mr. Burwell is the engineer in charge of the municipal waterworks system at Vancouver. A reply is expected in time to be considered at Friday evening's meeting of the streets committee.

MAY INTRODUCE MORE SONG BIRDS

Committee of Natural History Society to Consider Matter

Another effort will very probably be made by the Natural History Society to introduce British song birds into British Columbia. Several years ago some skylarks, goldfinches and English robins were introduced. Most of the robins died on the road or soon after their arrival. The skylarks did well and are now very numerous in the neighborhood of Victoria, and the goldfinches have been seen from time to time, although not in very great numbers. At the regular meeting of the society Monday evening in their rooms at the Carnegie library, the matter was brought up by Arthur S. Barton and discussed. A committee was appointed, consisting of Dr. Hassel, A. S. Barton, H. F. Pullen and E. F. Robertson, to look into the question and to report at a future meeting.

A. S. Barton reported having seen a skylark in the neighborhood of the Rowlands farm, between the Burnside road and Carey road. This was a clear indication that the birds were spreading, as they are still very numerous in the neighborhood of Mount Toimie, and they have been heard at Gordon Head.

E. A. Wallace exhibited an interesting series of wild lilies, (Erythronium), or dog-tooth violets. One of these was a pink specimen from Cowichan lake which Mr. Wallace said he had not named. A committee was appointed to communicate with the authorities and to recommend a suitable name. The flower proved to be a new variety. Some of the lilies Mr. Wallace showed were from California and Oregon, and showed very marked differences in structure to those found locally.

Attention was drawn to the fact that the notices sent out in regard to the picking of the leaves of the lilies had had a good effect, for in many cases which had come to the notice of members, children as well as grown-up people had refused to pick the leaves of the plant for fear of killing the bulbs. President McCarty remarked that the local press deserved a good deal of the credit for the work done in this regard.

C. C. Pemberton exhibited flowers and bark of the arbutus, and also some photographs of oddities in trees. It was stated during a discussion which followed that the odor of the arbutus which had come to the notice of members, children as well as grown-up people had refused to pick the leaves of the plant for fear of killing the bulbs. President McCarty remarked that the local press deserved a good deal of the credit for the work done in this regard.

The return of the humming birds was reported. E. A. Anderson, assistant curator of the museum having seen one as early as March 24th. It was shown that these birds arrived as soon as the red flowering currant came in bloom.

J. R. Anderson exhibited a specimen of the blueberry which had been gathered at Pier Island. This shrub is an evergreen, but is rather uncommon in this part of the coast.

A number of very interesting mineral specimens were shown and described by W. J. Sutton. Most of these were collected on the American islands of the Gulf or near the boundary line. They included pieces of sulphide of arsenic, feldspar, and copper ore containing palladium.

There was a large attendance of members and a most interesting time was spent. Several new members were elected.

HARBOR ENGINEER RESIGNED POSITION

James H. Bacon Will Engage in Private Practice and Succeeded by Pillsbury

The resignation of James H. Bacon, harbor engineer of the Grand Trunk Pacific railway, is announced to take effect May 15th. Mr. Bacon's resignation is due to the fact that he desires to devote all his time to private business affairs. It is probable that the Prince Rupert office of harbor engineer will be discontinued, and that the work of that office will be taken over by the general superintendent. It is likely that Mr. Pillsbury will relieve Mr. Bacon in Victoria and Seattle on the work of constructing the new terminal facilities at Prince Rupert. The Grand Trunk is now carrying on in these cities. Mr. Bacon has acted as the company's harbor engineer since 1903 and was entirely due to his investigation and reports to the board of directors that the site and harbor of Prince Rupert were chosen as the best available for the Pacific terminals of the railways.

Mr. Bacon will take up his residence in Prince Rupert for some years to come, where he is constructing a residence.

ANNUAL MEETING.

Epworth League of the Metropolitan Methodist Church met Monday Evening.

The annual meeting of the Metropolitan Methodist Epworth League was held on Monday and was largely attended. The business before the meeting was the election of officers for the ensuing year and the receiving of reports from the retiring officers. The pastor, Rev. T. E. Holling, presided during the evening.

The reports of the various officers were most gratifying and showed that the league was in a flourishing state. The membership of this body, which was only recently reorganized at the present time, is very large and each evening of the meeting many new names are added to the roll.

The officers elected last night for the next 12 months are as follows: Hon. president, Rev. T. E. Holling; president, Rev. P. Pendry; first vice-president, David Akers; second vice-president, Miss May Jones; third vice-president, Gen. Robinson; fourth vice-president, Miss N. Okell; secretary, A. W. Williams; treasurer, Miss E. Bailey; pianist, Miss B. Willis; musical director, M. V. Mann; organist, W. T. Parke; reporters, W. Plumb and A. Willis.

A vote of thanks was extended to all the officers who filled positions for the preceding term.

REALTY MARKET ACTIVE AS EVER

WATERFRONT LOTS ARE IN DEMAND

Inquiry Being Made for Camping Sites in Anticipation of Hot Weather

The realty market continues as active as ever in genuine sales made, but there is a slightly less amount of speculative buying owing to the want of interest being taken in Stewart mining and in Albern lands. There is no sign of the city, however, where business is not being done. At Esquimalt there is still considerable activity, many properties, both waterfront and other, having changed hands within the last few days.

At Oak Bay there has been considerable movement, a number of lots being acquired in different parts of the peninsula. There has been a considerable amount of business done in the waterfront. A regular weekly market is being held at the waterfront, and it is becoming scarcer and increasing in value as the season advances. It is estimated that the price will again double in the near future.

Acres in demand at the end of the boundary. Many small houses have been built in this district, the owners being in the poultry and fruit raising. Acquire is still reasonable in this district, and no one can do wrong in buying a few blocks.

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PAYROLL GETTING STEADILY INCREASED

Fernie, April 19.—The payroll of the Nest Pass Coal Co. is getting steadily increased. The large influx of men has been going on for some time, and the payroll is getting steadily increased. The large influx of men has been going on for some time, and the payroll is getting steadily increased.

DIGESTION CURE BY DR. PINK PILLS

Every case of indigestion, no matter how bad, can be cured by Dr. Pink Pills. That's a fact. You don't need a doctor's advice to back it. The evidence is plenty. Why your own health is not better. Get a box of Pink Pills at once. It will cure you of indigestion, headache, stomach, sick head, neuralgia, and all the troubles that come from indigestion. They are good, and new blood, and new strength for its worth. Hatfield is an glad to have a weak in favor of Dr. Pink Pills. They can be given to the sufferer from indigestion. They are good, and new blood, and new strength for its worth. Hatfield is an glad to have a weak in favor of Dr. Pink Pills. They can be given to the sufferer from indigestion.

AMERICAN LEAGUE GAMES

Philadelphia, April 19.—New York City, April 19.—St. Louis, April 19.—Boston, April 19.—Morning game scores were as follows: Boston, 4; Philadelphia, 1; New York, 2; St. Louis, 3.

Washington, April 19.—Boston, 4; Philadelphia, 1; New York, 2; St. Louis, 3.

Batteries—Glerlin and Street; Glerlin and Street; Glerlin and Street.

All games in National League postponed on account of cold weather and rain.

BLUE FUNNEL NEW STEEL VESSELS BEING BUILT FOR

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Five new steamers are being built for the Blue Funnel line of representatives of which the Proteus was built. Three of these are laid down and are not quite the same as those which come to be designed for other purposes of the five new steamers which are at present being built for the United Kingdom. A regular weekly service is being maintained between the United Kingdom and the Orient and the East. It is thought that it is necessary to increase the service to one or two of each at present to be able to handle the increased traffic to be expected from the service of the steamers which are being built for the Blue Funnel line.

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FRUIT MARKET ACTIVE AS EVER

FRONT LOTS ARE IN DEMAND

Being Made for Camp-fires in Anticipation of Hot Weather

Market continues as in genuine sales, slightly less amount of fruit owing to the growing taken in Stewart farm lands.

Many small houses in this district, the over-poultry and fruit raisers still reasonable in this one can do wrong in the sites are now in order.

DEANERY OF NELSON

April 19.—The clergy of the diocese of Nelson met in conference to discuss the situation in Victoria is concerned.

NEW PASTOR

April 19.—After being in winter except for a visit from Mr. Gibson of Nelson, the church is again occupied by a minister who has arrived from Vancouver.

RICAN LEAGUE GAMES

Philadelphia, April 19.—New York Philadelphia game postponed; rain.

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BLUE FUNNEL NEW STEAMERS

VESSLS BEING BUILT FOR HOLT LINE

Three of the five new steamers will be built for Australia, these being the vessels which are at present on the stocks.

Steamer Titan arrived Wednesday from Seattle and left again about noon for the first leg of her return trip to Liverpool.

Four Chinese passengers took passage on the steamer Titan from this port. She also took seven Chinese who were deported by the immigration department.

PAYROLL GROWING

April 19.—The payroll of the P. & N. Company has been steadily increasing during the last few months and on the last pay day a larger amount was paid out than usual.

INDIGESTION CURED EVIDENCE IN PLENTY

Your Neighbor Can Tell You of Cures by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills

Every case of indigestion, no matter how long it has been on, can be cured by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People.

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CLAIMING COMMISSION FROM THE PURCHASER

Plaintiff Alleges That His Principals Went Over His Head in Buying

Still another court case in which a real estate commission is the cause of action is before Judge Lampman to-day.

Frederick Landsberg is suing J. M. Burnes, Limited—of which John Michael Burnes is president and G. Kirshelmer is managing director—for \$563.75.

Defendant Kirshelmer, who is in charge of one store while Burnes looks after another, told a story which was little different from plaintiff's.

CONSTRUCTION OF PERMANENT SIDEWALKS

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"We also beg to lay before you the reports of the sanitary inspector and medical health officer in regard to the condition of Chinese laundries in this city, and would recommend that the owners be notified to have them removed at once as they are a menace to the health of the city and do not comply in any particular with the wash house and laundry by-law, and that they are all in such a dilapidated condition that it is impossible to repair or make them to conform to the said by-law."

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VICTORIAN IS GIVEN COMMAND

NIOBE PLACED UNDER COMMANDER MACDONALD

Native of This City Will Have First Warship of Canadian Navy

Private letters to his family here from Senator Macdonald, received on Tuesday, convey the very interesting and welcome information that a native son of Victoria, in the person of Commander William Balfour Macdonald, R. N., has been appointed to the command of the cruiser Niobe, the first ship of the Canadian navy, which was acquired from the British admiralty a short time ago, and which is expected to take up her station at Halifax shortly.

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LAUNCH OCEANIC LEAVES FOR SKEENA

Takes Cargo of Salt for Cannery—Makes Ten Knots

The fine new gasoline fish tender Oceanic left Victoria for Skeena River, where she will be operated by her owners, Findlay, Durham & Brodie, of this city, in connection with the Oceanic Cannery on that river.

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PROPOSAL TO DOUBLE TRACK TEHUANTEPEC

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ANOTHER MIRACLE IN NOWA SCOTIA

Thought the Disease Was Cancer of the Stomach

"FRUIT-A-TIVES" Cured Him

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LOCAL NEWS

THE DEATH OCCURRED Wednesday at the Royal Jubilee hospital of John Wall. The deceased was an inmate of the Old Men's Home.

ON Friday evening, April 23rd, Victoria Post of the Native Sons will hold their annual ball at the Empress Hotel.

THE OFFICE of the S.P.C.A. Society has been removed from the Board of Trade building to No. 9 room, Bowmans block, Broad street; phone L1757.

A number of new settlers have recently located in this district. As they have brought their families with them their arrival is welcomed.

SEEDING operations have been somewhat retarded by the unusual rains, but good progress is now being made.

CEDAR HILL DRAMATIC CLUB CONCERT

Entertainment to Be Given in Temperance Hall on April 29th

Gordon Head, April 19.—On Saturday evening, the 16th inst., a business meeting was held in the Temperance hall by the Cedar Hill Dramatic Club.

THE FUNERAL of the late Mrs. Ellen Roskamp took place on Wednesday at 2:30 o'clock from the family residence, North Park street, where services were conducted by Rev. Dr. Campbell.

Vancouver papers announce that a large dwelling on Haro street has been secured as a juvenile court and detention home.

WEEKLY REVIEW OF CHARTER MARKET

Fixing of Halewood Excites Local Interest—Lumber Exports

Interest locally in the state of the charter market during the past few days has centered in the fixing of the ship Halewood for wheat to the United Kingdom.

OFFSHORE LUMBER RATES are quoted as follows: Lumber from Puget Sound or British Columbia to Sydney, 37s. 6d.

ADVERTISING CAMPAIGN

Advertising matters chiefly occupied the attention of the executive of the Vancouver Island Development League Tuesday afternoon.

IN ORDER to plan a big campaign of advertising in the St. Lawrence Valley, the publicity man of Portland, Ore., has been asked to meet the executive on Thursday, 28th inst.

OTTAWA JOURNALIST DEAD

Ottawa, April 20.—Thomas Champion, a member of the staff of the Toronto Telegram and one of the most widely known of city newspapermen, died to-day, aged 68 years.

KINCHENER NOT INVITED

Ottawa, April 20.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier informed the Commons this morning that the government had not invited Lord Kitchener to visit Canada on his way from San Francisco to New York.



Sydney Mines, N. S., January 25th, 1910.

RACES START EMPIRE DAY COUNTRY CLUB HOLDS A SIX-DAY MEETING

Pari-Mutuel Betting System to Be Tried for First Time Here

(From Tuesday's Daily.) Horse racing will commence in Victoria at the Willows track on May 23rd, and the meeting will continue for six days.

This announcement was made Tuesday by George Fraser, vice-president of the Victoria Country Club which will institute for the first time at any race meeting in British Columbia and perhaps in the Dominion the Pari Mutuel or totalizer system of betting, thus taking the Canadian lead in the betting reform, that has cleansed the turf of South Australia from many of the evils which predominate in American horse racing.

The Victoria Country Club will meet tonight to make the final arrangements regarding the allotment of purses, the appointment of officials, and other matters necessary for the six-day meeting.

For the six days it is anticipated that there will be one hundred and fifty horses here. There are several stabled at the Willows, while Minor is accommodating nearly five score. At Calgary there have been one hundred horses wintering and these will most probably make Victoria their starting post by May 23rd.

On the Pari Mutuel system of betting there are no odds posted, and the public favor of the horse is unknown until the dividend is declared at the end of the race.

The principal on which the Mutuel is worked is as follows: A clerk takes the money and hands the better a ticket with the amount he has bet and the name of the horse marked thereon.

When the race is over and the first three horses are declared, the club running the totalizer takes a percentage from the total money bet for working expenses and profit, and the balance is divided among the first three horses in fractional amounts.

Those who bet on the first horse divide according to the value of their ticket, the money allotted for the first horse and the second and third follow suit. The deciding of the proportionate percentages for the first, second and third horses is fixed by the club before the meeting starts.

If \$1,000 is bet on a race and the club takes ten per cent., that would be \$100 to the club, leaving \$900 balance. This might be divided into five, three and one. The bettors on the first horse would each get, if there were one hundred bets on that horse a return of \$5. If there were ten bets on the second horse these would each take \$30, and if there was only one bet on the third horse the holder of the ticket would draw \$100.

The feature of the Pari Mutuel system is that there is no bookmaker's intrigue to be stacked up against. Whatever takes place on the track the booking end of the business is just a pure and simple gamble as far as dividends are concerned. No man betting has the faintest idea how much he will draw if his horse wins when he hands in his money.

SPECIAL PRIZE IS OFFERED RIFLEMEN

Competition Open to South African Veterans of Canada

Major A. C. Morrison-Bell, M.P., well known to riflemen throughout the Dominion as the donor of the Transvaal cup, which is shot for annually by Canadians who served in South Africa during the Boer war, has decided to mark the tenth anniversary of the participation of Canadians in the war by offering an additional prize of a free passage to Ottawa and return for one ex-South African from each province, to enable him to compete in the D.R.A. matches at Rockcliffe in 1910. The main conditions of the competition are as follows:

- 1. Competitors will be required to produce a discharge certificate or Queen's S. A. war medal bearing the applicant's name, with regiment or corps. In the case of officers, service may be proved by war service records in the official militia list.
2. Competitor to be eligible for the free trip prize must not have been a member of a provincial team given transport to Ottawa by province or provincial association within the last three years, nor have been a previous winner of the Transvaal cup.
3. The competition will be part of the programme at the annual provincial meeting held during the month of July, and will be over the 200, 500 and 600 yards ranges, 7 shots and sighter at each distance, the aggregate of the three ranges to count, and the competitor making the highest score among those eligible will be adjudged the winner, except in the case of such winner having, in other competitions, won his place on a team sent to Ottawa by the province or provincial association, in which case the next highest eligible competitor, not on any such team, shall be considered the winner and awarded the prize.
For further particulars application should be made to Captain G. A. Bout, secretary B. C. Rifle Association, P. O. box 155, Vancouver.

The Nottingham corporation, which recently agreed to grant the police one day's rest in seven provided that their annual levy was reduced from three weeks to one, decided recently to extend the concession to all corporation employees.

JUDGE AND COUNSEL SEE FLOODED LANDS

Visit to the Locus in Quo in the Suit of Oliphant vs. City

(From Tuesday's Daily.) This morning Mr. Justice Gregory, W. J. Taylor, K. C., A. Alkman and the engineering witnesses were taken out by motor to the property owned by Mrs. William Oliphant, which has been flooded by sewage from the Cook street sewer during the last two wet seasons. The evidence has become so complicated as to matters of levels and plans, sewers and surface drains and overflows, tables and pressures, that his lordship considered a view of the place would be of assistance to the court in arriving at a decision.

The case was resumed this afternoon. Yesterday afternoon William Oliphant, agent for the owner and plaintiff, stated that two seasons ago the sewer backed up and flooded part of the property. On his complaining to City Engineer Topp he was told nothing could be done until surface drains were put in. This was not done, and last fall sewage had been forced out through the openings on the street. It had been almost impossible to go near the property for the stench, tenants moved out and it had been impossible to rent some of the houses since.

E. J. Cameron, of Cameron & Winsby, real estate agent, considered that the 45 lots in the property were worth from \$1,000 to \$1,200 each, and the whole about \$50,000. The depreciation as a result of flooding he put at 40 per cent. Personally, however, he would not buy lots on the property at this price, because of their having been flooded with sewage and given a black eye for a long time to come.

BLUE FUNNEL LINER DISCHARGING FREIGHT

Will Be at Esquimaux Tomorrow—Latest Story of Wooden Mule

(From Tuesday's Daily.) The new fast Blue Funnel liner Proteus will complete discharging at the outer dock some time to-night. By that time about 1,000 tons of freight will have been disgorged into the warehouses, most of the goods consisting of rice and other Chinese goods, hardware, crockery, glass, stationery and sundries. A fine launch was aboard the vessel, this being for use in carrying passengers and freight to Thetis Island.

On the completion of the work of discharging at the outer dock, the steamer will be taken around to Esquimaux and will anchor in the street, where about a thousand tons of freight is being taken from her hold. This will consist of boilers, heavy machinery and steel goods for the B. C. Collieries and steel plant for the Esquimaux Waterworks Company. This pipe is the big main which will bring the water from the dam at Goldstream into the city.

Very keen interest is still being taken by those aboard the big liner in the male which they captured from the steamer Ning Chow at Manila. The mule which measures about five feet in length is still aboard the steamer, but on her arrival at Esquimaux it will be left on shore and sent to the Ning Chow when she next arrives. There is a report current that the mule was presented to the Proteus by the Ning Chow crew, but this is not the case. She was made for the purpose of replacing the gilded cock which the Proteus was carrying in her stateroom, it being the intention of the rival officers to try to steal the cock and put the mule in its place. This was found impossible to do as the cock was too well guarded.

The story of the capture is rather an interesting one. It seems that some of the officers of the Ning Chow were paying a friendly visit to the new steamer. Three of the engine room staff then took their boat and crossed to the older vessel, where they were met by the crew. One went aboard and was entertained by the engineers. While he was enjoying their hospitality his two confederates were paying a round to the other side of the steamer, climbed aboard, lowered the massive mule into the boat and returned to their own ship. When the Ning Chow was ready to show their visitor the long-eared fellow, but he was not to be found. Then there was consternation aboard. It had taken more than a day for two men to make that mule, and to have it taken from beneath their noses was certainly exasperating.

It is explained by officers of the Proteus that the gilded cock which some times carry at their masthead flew aboard the steamer from the Proteus, which formerly carried the record. The bird doubtless recognized the new steamer as faster than her sister and thus honored her.

SUSPECTED MURDERER

San Francisco, Cal., April 19.—Capt. of Detectives Fitzgerald, of Tacoma, who went to Sacramento yesterday to obtain extradition papers to take back Charles J. Wezler, charged with the murder of Mrs. Frederica Schulz at Gig Harbor, says feeling against Wezler run so high in Pierce county that extreme caution will be exercised in taking the prisoner into Tacoma. While here Wezler was constantly watched by the local police who believed that the man would try to commit suicide in his cell.

DENIES REPORT

General Manager Stockett Says C.P.R. Has No Option on Nanaimo Mines. Thomas R. Stockett, general manager of the Western Fuel Company, operating the coal mines at Nanaimo, denies the report that the C.P.R. has any option on the mines. The report was circulated that the C.P.R. has an option for \$2,500,000. Mr. Stockett says there is absolutely no truth in the report.

THE STORK

London, April 19.—A dispatch from Prague to-day says that Rosa Blazek, one of the twin sisters Blazek, who are joined together as were the Siamese Twins, has given birth to a fine boy. The sisters were taken to a hospital at Prague yesterday. The baby was born during the night. Each sister received congratulatory telegrams.

WIDE STREETS AND LARGE LOTS SUBJECT DEBATED BY SAANICH COUNCILLORS

Subject of the Ker Subdivision Brought Up at Last Council Meeting

The South Saanich council met on Saturday night and disposed of the Ker subdivision business. Councillor Hobbs was the speaker. A petition from Ward 5, asking for amendment to the by-law was read, after discussion, the majority of the council believing that the by-law is satisfactory as it stands.

B. S. Heisterman and L. W. Bick were present representing the interests of the Ker estate, sub-division sec. 13-15, Victoria district. Mr. Heisterman pointed out to the council that it was the intention of the owners to widen Craigflower road from the road to the road of 33, commencing at the present road boundary and allowing the extra width inwards from the waterfront. Miss Carroll, who owns the old Lowen homestead, objects to widening the thoroughfare, and he suggested expropriation proceedings to overcome this difficulty in making the beach drive a chain wide. He said it is intended to leave the strip from the road to the waterfront unfenced, so that the public may sit there on the bank and enjoy the band concerts, etc., taking place in the Tramway. The road is on the opposite side of the Arm. It is also intended that purchasers of lots in the subdivision would have the right to build boat houses there.

The 300 feet wide strip over to the municipality? Councillor Sewell: If every purchaser of a lot in the 87 acres build a boat house it will take some room.

Councillor Grant: Why not extend the road outwards towards the beach? It would take up all the waterfront and form a fine public esplanade. Craigflower road is 100 feet wide at city end and it is only by encroachment that it is 33 feet wide further out. Mr. Heisterman: We could not agree to deed the waterfront strip to the municipality. Our title papers own the property to Ship canal.

Councillor Sewell: The government recognized the need for wide roads when they insisted that all highways be a chain wide. The road is an important one and the proposed subdivision would on account of its situation be thickly populated. If the government think it is a good idea to country roads then surely it is narrow enough for a street. Lots in a subdivision where no sewerage system exists should not be less than 60x120 feet in area. The road is not wide enough. The best subdivision in the district was planned by Dr. Helmeke with an eye to public health. These lots contained an acre each and the streets were five feet wide.

Mr. Bick thought it rather a hardship to insist upon the size of lots to being 60 feet by 120 feet or over before plans would be granted. He said he had nothing to hinder anyone subdividing his lot after purchase, as had been done elsewhere.

The Reeve asked for an expression of opinion from the council. They went unanimously in favor of 66 feet streets. The plan was then withdrawn to have it revised.

Wm. Campbell, secretary of the district school board, is writing a letter to the sanitary inspector, requesting that the school board's expense. Mr. Campbell, who was in charge of the health of the schoolers was good, but the trustees felt it their duty to a preventative of sickness to fumigate all the schools at regular intervals during the year. The matter was handed over to Mr. E. Wilkinson, land surveyor, and the road superintendent, to compel those encroaching on the highway to put their fences back on lines which will be given.

Mussons, Ltd., Vancouver, wrote offering to exchange the crusher used by the municipality for a hard rock jaw crusher, also pointing out the advantages English made road rollers have, and asking that if the purchase of any such machinery is contemplated that they get a chance to submit prices, etc. It was received and filed.

Mr. Wolfenden of the B. C. Land & Investment Agency, objected to an open ditch made by the corporation on their property on the corner of George and Tillamook roads, and suggested the use of drain tile. This was referred to the road superintendent.

F. B. Pemberton wrote relative to the petition being circulated asking that a 40-foot road be expropriated to the beach at Gordon Head, protesting against the using of any of Ward 3 road appropriation for this purpose. This was received and filed.

A petition was received from S. Mead and eight others, complaining about the flooded condition of their property, asking for a pipe to be laid that is 14-inch pipe put in under both the road and their land. The petitioners offered to pay half the cost. Councillor Borden thought this arrangement a fair proposition and it was so ordered.

C. E. Heat and ten others petitioned to have Marks cross road opened up. Superintendent Pim said that the road as it existed now was not in the right place.

Councillor Grant moved that it be referred to the road superintendent for report on the position and cost to come up with the estimates of Ward 5 for consideration. This was carried. A petition from sixty-six residents of Ward 4 asked that the pound by-law be

HEART FAILURE CAUSES DEATH

CONSTABLE LANE WAS NOT MURDERED

Mission Junction, B. C., April 19.—An inquest touching the circumstances of the death of Constable Lane, who died on the C. P. R. train before it reached Mission from the south last night, was held here to-day, Coroner Dr. Stewart being in charge.

The verdict of the jury was that the deceased came to his death as a result of heart failure, caused by fatty degeneration of the heart.

The men who are responsible for the fracas on board the train will be held to answer a charge of raising a disturbance on a public conveyance.

Inquiry into the circumstances showed there was no riot on the train, neither had there been an attack upon the officer. There were a number of drunks on the train and a disturbance followed when the conductor attempted to collect the fares. A man named Kenty, who caused all the trouble on the train, had been engaged in railway construction work near Sumas.

It is understood that the exertion incident to the arrest overtaxed the heart of Constable Lane who had had similar trouble before, and he fell into a swoon from which he did not recover.

Kenty is a young man not more than 23 or 24 years of age.

Superintendent Hussey, of the provincial police, Monday received a telegram from Chief Constable Colin Campbell, from Mission, reporting the death of Constable Lane. The telegram stated a man named Kenty got on the train at Abbotsford and shortly afterwards became quarrelsome. The train crew called on Lane, who was in another coach, and he placed the man under arrest and handcuffed him. At Mission Lane fell over, dying almost immediately. Dr. Stewart, the coroner, was called and stated that heart failure was probably the cause of death.

MOTHER IS CALLED AS WITNESS AGAINST SON

James Bates Elects Trial by Jury—Other Police Court Cases

(From Tuesday's Daily.) Rather than adjourn the case and call Constable Halhead, of Chemainus, to give evidence as to identification of the handwriting of accused, the prosecution this morning called the mother of James Bates (charged with stealing \$600 from his uncle, George Lund, an engineer of the fire department, residing at 4814 Douglas street), to give evidence. The case will be tried by jury at the assizes next month.

Bates, who elected a trial by jury, wrote a confession of the theft which was signed by James Bates, Grandson, and which fell into the possession of Constable Halhead at Chemainus when Bates was arrested. The constable brought Bates to Victoria and returned to Chemainus.

In court this morning George Lund said accused had told him he preferred to use the name of Grenful, but he thought it better to use his real name. He was unable to identify his nephew's handwriting. The case will be completed by the city prosecutor sent for the mother of the accused lad, had her sworn as a witness, and obtained the admission from her that the confession was written by her son. The mother of the prisoner was in the handwriting of her son.

When Bates was arrested \$37.45 was found in his clothing, and after he was brought to Victoria, from admission made by him Detective Carlow found \$10 in a stable on Johnson street where accused had slept after leaving the home of his uncle and stealing the money. The detective followed the directions of the prisoner, who went with him and directed the search.

George Lund, in his evidence this morning, said he drew the money from the pocket of a property North of America for the purpose of buying a business for his nephew, who subsequently was arrested with a portion of the money in his possession, after having been taken to the property of his uncle's bedroom where the money was kept.

Bates, who is twenty years of age, had nothing to say and was committed for trial in the regular way.

Nels Anderson went to jail for five months hard labor on three charges. He was charged with assaulting Constable Turner and received three months. On a charge of stealing a bicycle, the property of G. H. Maynard & Sons, he received one month, and a similar sentence for theft of a blanket from the store of J. N. Burns & Co., Johnson street.

Charles Anderson, charged with stealing \$80 from Wm. Chamberlin, was allowed to go on her own recognizances to appear on Friday. The informant, whom Mr. Moresby, appearing for the defence, told made overtures to throw up the case if the money was returned, did not appear when called on this morning. A summons will be issued to compel him to attend. The informant is using the court to compel restitution of money he claims to have lost, but of which the defence claims to know nothing.

Nels Anderson, charged with an infringement of the scavenging by-law, after an adjournment until to-morrow, after the prosecution had put in its evidence, the defence desired to call a witness to refute the charge.

Andrew Baines, charged with theft of garden hose, and defended by Mr. Lowe, was allowed an adjournment until Thursday. He pleaded not guilty.

CREW OF VESSEL FOUGHT FOR LIFE

German Ship Adolf Discharging Cargo Loaded Year Ago

Everett, Wash., April 19.—Complaining of the loss of his property in many days of terror, the German ship Adolf arrived this morning, 32 days from Bremen, by St. Vincent, Cape Verde Islands and Montevideo. Adolf sailed from Bremen with a cargo of 2,000 tons of pig and structural iron, loaded at St. Vincent from a disabled steamer, the Captain Dicks. The ship ran into a terrific gale off the Platte river, causing her cargo to shift. Richard Fobell fell from the mizen gangway into the sea and was lost.

For days the crew fought for life, and finally put into Montevideo, where it took a month to discharge the cargo and repairing the rigging. The Adolf again ran into a gale off the Cape of Good Hope instead of around the Horn, although the distance was twice as great. The ship is discharging 500 tons of her cargo here, which was loaded at Bremen a year ago yesterday for Puget Sound.

ELEVEN REPORTED KILLED BY EXPLOSION

(Times Leased Wire.) Budapest, April 19.—Ten lives are reported to have been killed and 18 injured by a boiler explosion in a match factory at Szeged. One man is said to have lost his life.

DIES SUDDENLY

(Special to the Times.) Brampton, Ont., April 19.—R. E. Hedgy, a well known local barstiver, dropped dead in his office this morning.

HEART FAILURE CAUSES DEATH

CONSTABLE LANE WAS NOT MURDERED

Mission Junction, B. C., April 19.—An inquest touching the circumstances of the death of Constable Lane, who died on the C. P. R. train before it reached Mission from the south last night, was held here to-day, Coroner Dr. Stewart being in charge.

The verdict of the jury was that the deceased came to his death as a result of heart failure, caused by fatty degeneration of the heart.

The men who are responsible for the fracas on board the train will be held to answer a charge of raising a disturbance on a public conveyance.

Inquiry into the circumstances showed there was no riot on the train, neither had there been an attack upon the officer. There were a number of drunks on the train and a disturbance followed when the conductor attempted to collect the fares. A man named Kenty, who caused all the trouble on the train, had been engaged in railway construction work near Sumas.

It is understood that the exertion incident to the arrest overtaxed the heart of Constable Lane who had had similar trouble before, and he fell into a swoon from which he did not recover.

Kenty is a young man not more than 23 or 24 years of age.

Superintendent Hussey, of the provincial police, Monday received a telegram from Chief Constable Colin Campbell, from Mission, reporting the death of Constable Lane. The telegram stated a man named Kenty got on the train at Abbotsford and shortly afterwards became quarrelsome. The train crew called on Lane, who was in another coach, and he placed the man under arrest and handcuffed him. At Mission Lane fell over, dying almost immediately. Dr. Stewart, the coroner, was called and stated that heart failure was probably the cause of death.

FATAL FIGHT IN SEATTLE SAWMILL

Sawyer's Neck Broken in a Struggle With Engineer of Plant

Seattle, Wash., April 19.—D. Reed, a sawyer at the Bryant Lumber and Shingle Company's mill, was killed in a fight in the engine room of the mill to-day, with W. J. Peiffer, the chief engineer.

Reed complained early in the morning that the lubricator was not working. He sent a negro boy to tell Peiffer, but the engineer denied it. Later in the morning the mill shut down for an hour and Reed himself went to the engine room and complained of the lubricator. Peiffer again said it was working all right and a quarrel resulted.

According to Peiffer's story, Reed then struck him, leaving a deep gash in Reed's eye. Not satisfied, according to Peiffer, the sawyer grabbed up a wrench and began beating the engineer over the head. They clinched and both fell to the floor. Reed underneath, falling on a pile of scrap iron. In a moment Peiffer yelled that he would kill if Reed would, but got no answer. The superintendent dragged the engineer off and discovered that Reed was dead. A doctor was called and said that the neck was broken. There was no other marks on the body.

Peiffer bears cuts and wounds which seem to bear out his story. The dead man leaves a widow and three children.

SOCIALIST MAYOR OF MILWAUKEE TAKES OFFICE

Several Hundred Persons Attend the Installation Ceremony

Milwaukee, Wis., April 19.—Emil Seidel, Socialist mayor-elect of Milwaukee, was inducted into office to-day and the Socialist regime here inaugurated.

The council chamber where the installation ceremonies were held, was packed to the doors with several hundred persons while thousands collected about the building and attempted to gain entrance.

The Socialist members of the council number 21, the remaining 14 are Republicans and Democrats.

Alderman E. T. Meims, who has been the only Socialist member in the council for a consecutive number of terms, covering eight years, was elected president of the council.

Rev. Carl Thompson was slated for the position of city clerk. The council was called to meet this afternoon.

FREIGHT RATES ON LUMBER SHIPMENTS

Application by Canadian Association Before Railway Commission

Ottawa, April 19.—The application of Canadian Lumbermen's Association for disallowance of the tariffs of the Canadian Pacific Railway, Grand Trunk Railway and Canadian Northern Railway with respect to rates on lumber, both for domestic and export shipments, came before the railway commission again this morning. The session is for the purpose of hearing the railways' pleas of justification of the present tariff.

A new element was introduced by G. F. Shepley, for the railways, when he produced extensive charts showing the great ratio of increases in the cost of living, operation, etc., showing how great these were as compared with the increases in transportation charges.

J. H. Ord, of the lumbermen, combated this evidence, stating that the improved quality of the cars had to do with the cost and pointed out that notwithstanding all the alleged increases the railways increased their earnings and paid their dividends as they did during the years for which the company produced the charges covering the statistics.

The case is proceeding.

The czar of Russia rules over one-sixth of the world. Members of the Russian Duma are elected for five years.

STATE ATTORNEY GIVEN WIDE SCOPE

Makes Opening Statement at Trial of Dr. Hyde, Accused of Murder

Kansas City, April 19.—Dr. B. C. Hyde, the wealthy and gifted physician accused of the murder of Colonel Thomas H. Swope, millionaire philanthropist, must not only defend himself from that charge, but must fight against the introduction of evidence which, the prosecution contends, shows that he plotted to destroy the entire Swope family.

Judge Latslaw yesterday let down the bars to the prosecution and permitted Special Prosecutor Reed to read in his opening statement all the state's allegations tending to show a motive for murder on the part of Dr. Hyde.

It was made plain that the court would permit the introduction of evidence concerning the deaths of members of the Swope family and the circumstances surrounding the serious illness of other members, which, the prosecution claims, show that crimes were committed and which would have benefited the defendant.

An instance tending to prove this was the reference of Prosecutor Reed to the death of Moss Hunter, life-long friend of Col. Swope and afterwards named as executor of his estate by Swope.

Reed declared that Col. Hunter died to death after Hyde had drawn from him two quarts of blood. Dr. Twyman said Reed had asked that only a plot be drawn to relieve Hunter.

Reed added that he would attempt to prove that Hyde asked Miss Keller to use her influence with Col. Swope to have him made executor of the Swope estate.

Reed reviewed Swope's life, declaring that his death enriched his nephews and nieces \$100,000 each as their share of the \$1,500,000 he had intended to give to charity but had failed because he did not re-make his will in time.

Reed continued his opening statement in the afternoon. He declared that at a Thanksgiving dinner given by the Swope family, Dr. Hyde and his wife drank distilled water while their guests drank the ordinary city water.

"Seven days later," he said, "after the period of incubation, the Swope and servants were stricken with typhoid and although the doctors never had diagnosed the disease as typhoid for several days after its inception, Dr. Hyde immediately diagnosed the case as typhoid.

"Before that dinner Dr. Hyde had secured several typhoid cultures," declared Reed. "The state contends that Dr. Hyde inoculated members of the family with typhoid germs so that he could poison them easier when they were ill."

LINER MILES WITH ACCIDENT AT SEA

Is on Way to San Francisco With Steering Gear Patched

San Francisco, Cal., April 19.—The Matson liner Lurline is heading for this port to-day with her steering gear patched with spars and sheers. The vessel is 350 miles from port and proceeding slowly. Unless she encounters storms she will be able to make the rest of the run from Honolulu in her usual sailing time and should arrive late to-morrow afternoon.

The Lurline was due to-day and the last time while repairing the rudder. The rudder stock was broken off completely. The vessel's steering tackle was rigged to the rudder in addition to the towing davers.

The vessel can make the heads in good shape, but will need assistance in entering the Golden Gate. She carries a heavy cargo and 70 passengers.

TO HANDLE WHEAT

Grand Trunk Calls For Tenders For Big Box Cars

Montreal, April 19.—Preparations for the time when the Grand Trunk and Grand Trunk Pacific will commence operations in the handling trade of Canada are shown by tenders now being called for by the Grand Trunk for a number of big box cars. These cars are to be used for the handling of grain from lake ports to tidewater.

A short train of twenty of these monster cars will be able to carry a thousand tons of wheat each trip with a minimum of handling.

WOOD AND PAPER

Wood and Paper

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Esquimaux Railway CLEAR

The cleared lots at Neweastle District market in tracts of acres. Plans and prices for the Esquimaux Railway. SOLLIN, Local Agent.

DEPARTMENT OF NAVAL SERVICE

SIR WILFRID LAURIER MAKES STATEMENT

Various Branches Will Be Under Control of Minister of Marine

Ottawa, April 19.—The naval minister, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, has taken up in committee in the House to-day and rapid progress was made. Opposition members contending themselves with somewhat perfunctory criticism of some of the clauses.

Sir Wilfrid announced that it was the intention of the government to create a new department of naval service, which the Minister of Marine and Fisheries shall for the time being preside over. This department shall be charged with the administration of navy, fisheries protection service, hydrographic survey, tidal observations and wireless telegraph service.

On the clause declaring that the command-in-chief of the naval force is vested in the King and shall be exercised by His Majesty or by the Governor-General, as representative, Mr. Northup thought parliament had no right under the British North America Act to direct how the King's authority shall be exercised.

Hon. A. B. Aylesworth argued that the prerogative of the crown was undoubtably transferred to Canada by the B. N. A. act and this prerogative was to be exercised through the medium of His Majesty's advisors in Canada, just as it was exercised in Great Britain. Whatever parliamentary restrictions on the royal prerogative existed in the United Kingdom at the time of confederation were by the B. N. A. act undoubtedly conferred upon Canada in respect to the administration of the government in this country.

Major Currie contended that the act of 1861, which vested the command of the navy and army solely in the King, had never been repealed. He declared that Mr. Congdon said Major Currie was endeavoring to revive the old Tory doctrine which cost one King of England his throat and another his throne. The issue was whether the King could control the Canadian navy through the Canadian ministers who were also responsible to the Canadian people. Canadians would never consent he declared to control from Downing Street.

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STRUGGLE FOR INDEPENDENCE

RENEWED ACTIVITY AMONG FINNS

Question of Forming New Government is Being Considered

Copenhagen, April 20.—Finnish leaders are in conference here concerning the advisability of seceding entirely from Russia, throwing off the authority of the Czar, as Grand Duke of their country, establishing a new government of their own and fighting for their independence.

The matter is under consideration not at a single specific meeting, but at a series of conferences between men of prominence from Helsingfors and the Finnish province. They are necessarily conducted with the utmost secrecy, the Russian government's espionage over them even here, despite complaints from the Danish authorities, being extremely close. A sort of headquarters has nevertheless been established in Copenhagen where meetings are constantly coming and going in connection with the enterprise.

Enough is known of their deliberations, however, to render it certain that they are delaying just at present pending reports from emissaries at other capitals throughout Europe and perhaps in America concerning the support the Finns are to receive from abroad in an attempt to resist the Czar. They realize, of course, that in a straight fight with Russia they must certainly be beaten. It is not considered a foregone conclusion, however, that outside physical assistance will be necessary, many believing that if they show their willingness to fight, the pressure of public opinion all over the world will be so strong that the St. Petersburg government will consider it best to yield.

Some even favor an appeal to Germany on condition that they join the Kaiser's empire which, though it would involve considerable sacrifices in the way of independence, they are sure could be managed under more satisfactory terms than those under which the "bloody Czar," as Nicholas is known all over Finland, is forcing them to become a mere province of Russia.

KILLED IN RUNNING FIGHT WITH OFFICERS

Man Suspected of Being Implicated in Smuggling Shot

Santa Ana, Cal., April 20.—Grato Rio Espinosa is dead and four Chinese are under arrest following a running fight at midnight with Federal Officers Ralph Conkling and William Chadney, of San Diego.

Conkling and Chadney came here to investigate the ramifications of a smuggling gang that is known to be operating along the California and Arizona border. They surprised Espinosa and the Chinese in his store at El Toro, 12 miles from this city. When the officers entered the building, Espinosa drew a revolver and fired several times. He dashed from the place with Chadney and Conkling in pursuit. Espinosa and the officers exchanged a score of shots and the fugitive fell dead. Chadney and Conkling placed the Chinese under arrest and brought them to this city.

CRUSHED TO DEATH.

Sherbrooke, April 20.—Wm. Amon, 22 years old, was caught in the shafting in the concentrating mill of the Eustis Mining Company last night and received injuries which caused death.

DIES SUDDENLY.

Montreal, April 20.—Charles Morton, who for many years was widely known in business circles in Montreal and was a prominent figure in local Methodist circles, died suddenly last night at his residence, Crescent street, of heart failure.

EASILY TIRED, EXHAUSTED

Does This Describe Your Case?—Then Read This Letter About

DR. CHASE'S NERVE FOOD

The accompanying letter describes so well the conditions of a person whose nerves are weak and exhausted that little need be added.

The dangers of such a state of health is sometimes overlooked by persons who do not realize that the next step is some form of paralysis which leaves one helpless in mind and body.

Mrs. Edward Schwartz, Ladysmith, Que., writes:—"It is a pleasure to let you know how I was benefited by Dr. Chase's Nerve Food. I was run down and weak, unable to do any housework, was easily tired and exhausted, lacked energy and ambition, was very nervous, easily irritated, could not concentrate the thoughts, hands and feet were cold, I could not sleep, had frequent headaches and dizzy spells and palpitation of the heart.

"Nervous prostration was my trouble, but Dr. Chase's Nerve Food cured it all and I cannot find words to express my thankfulness for this wonderful medicine."

The results achieved by Dr. Chase's Nerve Food are often more wonderful than words can tell. In cases such as this patient persistent treatment is necessary, but you are encouraged by steady and natural improvement until the cure is thorough and complete.

There is a satisfaction in knowing that each and every dose is bound to be of at least some benefit in rebuilding the wasted nervous system.

Dr. A. W. Chase's Nerve Food, 50 cts. a box, 6 for \$2.50, all dealers; or Edmondson, Bates & Co., Toronto Write for a free copy of Dr. Chase's Recipes.

COMPOUND INTEREST NOT IN IT WITH THIS

Counsel's Comment as to the Method of Figuring Out Claim Against City

The damage suit of Oliphant vs. City of Victoria had not been concluded as to the presentation of the plaintiff's case when court adjourned yesterday afternoon.

William Oliphant again went into the witness box when the case was resumed. He was taken over the purchase of the property and his dealings in it by W. J. Taylor, K. C., city barrister. He purchased it in two lots, one from J. L. Beckwith and the other from Mr. Nash, paying in all some \$22,500 for 44 lots. Some of these he had sold, but the purchasers dropped out.

"Why did you not hold the man when you had an agreement to sell with him?" Mr. Taylor asked in one case. "You could not hold any man to whom you gave a cesspool instead of land," declared the witness. "Why didn't you get your own money back when you found what you had got?" inquired the court.

Mr. Oliphant replied that he had "too many stones" (too much building) on it. The witness said he had paid more for the land near Vancouver street, the higher land, than for the lower land over toward Cook street. He maintained that in calculating the value of the lots as purchased he had a right to add in the cost of sub-division and of donating streets and lanes to the city.

"Are you willing to sell that property for what you gave for it?" Mr. Taylor asked.

"Do you want to buy?" Mr. Oliphant fired back at him.

On an appeal to the court by witness his lordship held that the question was perfectly fair, and when it was repeated Mr. Oliphant said he certainly was not willing to sell at that figure.

Counsel for the city questioned witness as to his statement of claim with the view, he announced, of showing the utter nonsense and absurdity of the whole claim. In addition to claiming for the original cost of the land plaintiff claimed additional sums for portion of the same land which he had given to the city on Vancouver, Cook and Sutie streets for street widening and straightening purposes. A further claim was for a house and lot value at \$4,500.

"Compound interest is not in it with this," exclaimed Mr. Taylor. "Part of the land you are claiming for three times," he was corrected by witness.

His lordship interrupted to say that he would pay no attention to these values. The witness simply guessed where the values were all capable of exact statement.

Edward Mohun, C. E., submitted calculations as to the head required to secure the interest on the money under different conditions. His plans for a sewer system called for the construction of about forty miles of sewers, seven of which were constructed under his immediate supervision before he retired in 1893.

CHANCELLOR INTRODUCES BRITISH BUDGET

Declares Present Deficit of \$131,240,000 Will Be Wiped Out

London, April 20.—David Lloyd George, chancellor of the exchequer, reintroduced last night's budget in the House of Commons yesterday. He declared that he realized that the present deficit of \$131,240,000 would be met this year without all arrears had been collected, and that there would be an actual surplus of \$14,800,000. If the budget had been passed as usual last year, he said, there would have been a surplus of \$21,000,000.

The chancellor commented upon the remarkable decrease of 22 per cent. in the consumption of whiskey which he attributed mainly to the extra duty imposed. The decrease in gross revenue from spirits as compared with the estimated figures was \$14,000,000.

Agricultural societies of Great Britain are likely to protest against Mr. Balfour's proposal to admit colonial wheat free.

G. N. Broomhall, the well known corn trade statistician, expressed the opinion that one effect of exemption of colonial wheat will be to disappoint British agriculturists and offend Americans. Another effect will be the production of inferior flour, as the British miller is unable to make as good flour out of colonial wheat as out of a combination of colonial and foreign.

B. C. COPPER COMPANY EMPLOYEES ON STRIKE

Demand That Only Members of Western Federation Be Engaged

Phoenix, B. C., April 20.—Four hundred employees of the British Columbia Copper Company are on a strike to-day following the company's refusal to grant their demand that only members of the Western Federation of Miners be employed. The strike is the result of a vote taken on Saturday. The company has posted a notice offering all men work if they care to take it.

FOR GREAT LAKES.

Halifax, April 20.—The government cruiser Canada will leave shortly for the Great Lakes. Captain Knowlton will take her as far as Montreal, where he will transfer to the Simcoe and bring that steamer to Halifax. Mr. Stewart, first officer of the Canada, who has been in England taking a special course of instruction, will take charge of the Canada.

THE TRAINING OF AN EMPEROR

GERMAN CROWN PRINCE'S EDUCATION

He Goes to the Rhine Valley to Get Acquainted With the Rural Population

(By Herbert A. White, Berlin Correspondent of the United Press.)
Berlin, April 20.—The training of "the complete emperor" continues to advance. The latest phase in the education of the German Crown Prince is an order from his father to go into the provinces and study agriculture.

"In order to become acquainted with the rural population"—as William I. and the Emperor Frederick did before him—are the words in which the Kaiser expressed his command. To enable the Crown Prince to do this he has already been gazzetted to a regiment in the Rhine valley, taking over the command as full army major ranking as colonel.

The future Kaiser has already acquired a thorough military training and taken a course of instruction in the various departments of civil government. The latest step will enable him to study at first hand the life and habits of the people over whom he is destined to rule. For the time being at least, he will be away from the narrow ideas and prejudices of court and army life and will be able to acquaint himself with the great German world that lies outside Berlin and Potsdam.

A Dresden writer, Herr Ungern, declares that the Crown Prince ought to have an even better opportunity than this of getting to know his people. His idea is that the prince should be sent to the provinces to farm land for at least three years. Then he would really get a chance of knowing intimately the agricultural peasant which still forms the backbone of Germany.

The Prince does not seem to relish the idea of his rustication, but the Kaiser is consoling him with the fact that Frederick the Great declared that the time he spent, when heir, in command of a provincial regiment was the happiest of his life.

Another of the Kaiser's sons, Prince Eitel Frederick, is attracting attention at the moment. The eyes of all pious Germans have just been turned to Jerusalem, where, on April 9th, the Prince was present at the consecration of the German church and hospice, to be known as the Kaiser's Augustin. Jerusalem, for a few days, was in possession of Germans. The visitors were largely Protestants, and for this reason there was a tremendous rush on the hotels and boarding houses, the Latin convents—usually the hosts of tourists—not being able to accommodate the Kaiser's entourage.

The church, which rises on the Mount of Olives, over against Jerusalem, will be devoted to services of the Lutheran creed, while the hospice will serve as a convalescent home for the sick and wounded soldiers of the sixteenth century. The Kaiser is especially interested in the foundation, both because the ground on which it is built was the gift from a sultan of Turkey to the emperor, Frederick William III., and because as King of Prussia he is hereditary head of the branch of the Order established in Prussia in 1812.

PREPARING TO WELCOME CHINESE PRINCE

Uncle of Young Emperor Will Spend Day in San Francisco

San Francisco, Cal., April 20.—Chang Ying Tsou, Imperial Chinese minister to the United States, is in San Francisco to-day awaiting the arrival of Prince Tsai Tsun, uncle of the young emperor of China, and his minister, who will reach San Francisco Friday on the Chiyu Maru.

Preparations for the welcoming of the prince were resumed by the local Chinese and Japanese. It was learned that he will remain in San Francisco for a day. Yesterday it was announced that he would pass directly through the city on his way east.

At the last moment notification was received to the effect that the meeting which had been arranged between the prince and President Taft for April 26th had been deferred to April 28th.

Prince Tsai will be banquetted by the Chinese merchants at the Palace hotel Friday night. He will leave for Washington on Saturday.

DEGREE OF DIVORCE.

New York, April 20.—A final decree of divorce for Mary Manning, the actress, from James Hackett, the actor, was signed by Justice Fitzgerald in the supreme court yesterday. The decree provides that the marriage shall have the custody of the only child. Hackett is prohibited from remarrying, and Miss Manning is permitted to retain the name of Mary E. Manning. No mention of alimony is made in the decree.

John Dorsey, of Aldermere, Bulkeley valley, who has been wintering at the British Columbia cities, has just returned from a tour of Oregon and Washington, inspecting the creameries in those states. Mr. Dorsey announces that he will shortly establish a creamery at Aldermere.

GAMBLING HOUSES RAIDED IN SEATTLE

One Thousand Men Arrested and Carload of Furniture Demolished by Police

Seattle, Wash., April 20.—One hundred men arrested, fully a carload of furniture demolished, a gunnysack of chips and cash and \$310 in cash are the results of a police raid on two Washington street gambling houses late last night.

When the patrolmen appeared in the doorways the cosmopolitan crowd of players and spectators made a dash for every exit, but the officers blocked the passages.

With the coming of the Gill administration it was generally understood that a certain amount of gambling was to be allowed. The gamblers became too flamboyant to suit the admiralty and the police. The police raid is taken in police circles to be a warning to the proprietors not to be too greedy. Last Saturday Chief Wapenstein issued an order for all gambling to stop, but little attention was paid to it.

LAURIER WILL VISIT VICTORIA

TO SPEND TWO MONTHS IN WEST

Hon. Messrs. Fielding and Graham May Accompany the Premier

(Special to the Times.)
Ottawa, April 20.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier promised a deputation of Liberal members to-day that he would spend two months in the west this summer going through to Victoria and making a series of public addresses en route.

It is probable that Hon. Messrs. Fielding and Graham will accompany the prime minister.

INVESTIGATING EXPLOSION ON U. S. CRUISER

Strictest Secrecy Marks Inquiry in Progress at Vallejo, Cal.

Vallejo, Cal., April 20.—A secret investigation into the explosion on board the cruiser Maryland recently in Monterey bay, which caused the death of William Anderson, a water tender, and the serious injury of other members of the crew, is in progress here to-day. The inquiry was ordered by Rear Admiral Harbor, commander of the Pacific cruiser fleet.

The strictest secrecy marks the session of the investigating board and only the officers of the court and witnesses are allowed to listen to the proceedings. All participants have been sworn not to divulge any part of the hearing to outsiders.

It is probable that the inquiry will last a week. The findings will be forwarded to Washington to the navy department.

FIGHTING WHITE PLAGUE, Local Society Holds Meeting to Receive Reports From Recent Rummage Sale.

From the report, furnished by the treasurer of the Anti-Tuberculosis Society at the regular monthly meeting held Monday afternoon at the city hall, the rummage sale, which was held recently by the society was a big success from the financial side. Mrs. Murray reported that the proceeds were \$480.75 and the expenses \$34, leaving a balance of \$446.75. The accounts for the expenses of the sale were ordered paid.

A report of thanks was tendered to the mayor for the use of the hall for the holding of this affair and also to the many friends who contributed articles to the sale.

The meeting was presided over by Mrs. Carmichael reported that all the furnishings for the Tranquille sanatorium had been ordered by Dr. Fagan. She also stated that it would be impossible to open the new building before the autumn.

It was regretted by many of the ladies present that there was a tendency on the part of consumptives and their friends to delay consultation with a doctor until it was too late. At present there are no cases of consumption under the care of the society in this city.

There was a large attendance of ladies at the meeting. Mrs. Stuart Robertson presided.

What proved one of the most enjoyable socials of the season was held on Monday at the First Presbyterian church when the Young People's Society from St. Andrew's paid a fraternal visit to the other club. A hearty welcome was given by J. G. Brown and responded to by A. E. Robertson. The programme was arranged by Miss M. M. Brown, convenor of the social committee of St. Andrew's. Musical selections were given by the orchestra and Mrs. D. C. Reid, and Mrs. Jesse Longfield sang solos, to which they responded with charming voices. A hearty welcome was given to the guests by Mrs. Margaret Evans who was greatly appreciated. Several competitions rounded out a well-balanced programme. After refreshments were served by the Home Club the meeting concluded with the singing of Auld Lang Syne.

Shells are used as nests of burden in some parts of India and Persia.

MORE MONEY FOR THE HARBOR

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES SUBMITTED

Government Provides for Expenditure of \$90,000 at Victoria

Ottawa, April 20.—The supplementary estimates for the current fiscal year totalling \$5,148,981 were tabled in the Commons this morning by Hon. W. S. Fielding. Of this amount \$2,672,781 is chargeable to consolidated fund and \$2,476,200 to capital account. With the main estimates totalling \$27,670,993, the total expenditure for the year provided for this amounts to \$32,819,772, of which \$27,248,715 is on capital account, including \$24,000,000 for the national transcontinental railway.

The principal items in the estimates brought down this morning for expenditure on capital account include the following: To begin construction of the Hudson Bay railway, \$500,000; further amount required for the construction of Quebec bridge, \$500,000; Victoria, B. C., harbor, additional amount for improvements, \$90,000.

On consolidated fund account the items include \$24,675 for the new department of naval service to provide for office salaries and expenses; \$40,000 for experimental farms and the establishment of additional branch stations, and \$125,000 additional for immigration.

British Columbia items include the following: Cumberland public buildings, fittings, etc., \$2,500; Kamloops drill hall, \$3,200; Nanaimo public buildings extensions, \$15,000; Revelstoke public buildings, \$10,000; Vancouver public buildings, fittings, etc., \$16,000; Vancouver old post office building, alterations, \$15,000; Victoria post office, improvements and repairs, \$10,000.

For harbors and rivers and dredging following votes are asked for: New dredging plant, additional amount, \$150,000; Burton city wharf, \$5,000; Columbia and Kootenay river wharves, \$14,000; Fraser and Thompson wharves, \$15,000; Hollyburn, North Vancouver wharf, on north side of English bay, west of First Narrows, \$5,000; Kincolth wharf, \$5,000; Skidegate, Graham Island, wharf, \$5,000; Smith's Landing, Howe Sound wharf, \$1,500; Sooke Harbor, improvements of entrance, \$5,000.

For extension of the government telegraph line in British Columbia there is a vote of \$50,850, including \$18,000 for telegraphic communication between Port Simpson and Stewart at the head of Fortuquai canal, \$11,900 for the extension of the Courtney-Campbell River telephone line, and \$11,000 for Vernon-Kamloops telephone line through Grande Prairie district.

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There is a vote of \$6,137 to provide for the settlement of the claim of the British Columbia government for a share of the revenue from fishery licenses collected by the federal government from 1901 to 1907.

TACOMA ELECTS FIRST COUNCIL

Large Vote Polled in First Contest Under the New Plan

Tacoma, Wash., April 20.—The first council under the commission plan in Tacoma will be composed of Nicolas Lawson, Ray Freeland, L. W. Roys and Owen Woods.

These four men were elected yesterday in a second poll from the eight men who received the highest vote in the election two weeks ago. Woods' plurality over Parker, the labor candidate, was only two votes, and the official count may change the result.

The total vote was 11,802, a surprising large poll considering how close the election followed on the previous one.

BLUEFIELDS IS AGAIN IN DANGER

Forces of President of Nicaragua Are Within Fifteen Miles of City

(Times Leased Wire.)
Colon, April 19.—A wireless dispatch received here from the commander of the gunboat Paducah at Bluefields, Nicaragua, declares that the army of Madrid is within fifteen miles of the city and a battle is imminent.

The revolutionists are hastily preparing for a last desperate stand, and the remnants of the Estrada army are being hurried to Bluefields. They have been in the vicinity of Acopypa. It is believed that Estrada was outfanked and that the Madrid soldiers by a ruse fled after the fighting at Acopypa a few days ago, have stolen a march on Estrada.

The adjourned annual meeting of the congregation of the Church of Our Lord was held on Thursday evening and reports were received from the various branches of the church, and all proved to be very satisfactory. A vote of thanks was tendered the retiring officers for their services during the past year. The officers elected for the ensuing year were as follows: Recorders, W. J. Jones and J. H. Jones; people's warden, left in abeyance, H. Jones; consenting to continue in office for another month; trustees (re-elected), Hon. W. J. Macdonald, H. D. Helmecker, K. C. J. C. Newbury, Chas. Hayward, T. H. Laundry, R. S. Day, Edgar Fawcett, J. Kingham, W. Wilson, and the churchwardens; advisory committee, A. F. Frampton, S. Y. Wootton, J. P. Hibben, P. F. Pennington, Langley and T. H. Martin; auditors, R. S. Day and T. H. Laundry.

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MOVES THIRD READING OF NAVAL BILL

Vote Will Probably Be Taken Before House Rises This Evening

Ottawa, April 20.—The Commons to-day had its final struggle with the naval bill, Sir Wilfrid Laurier moving the third reading without comment shortly after the House opened.

R. L. Borden paid his last respects to the measure in a brief speech, reviewing the arguments previously advanced by the opposition in the main contention that effective aid to the Empire could best be given by placing a certain sum of money at the disposal of the Imperial government unconditionally for the purpose of defence. He again asserted that before any definite naval policy was adopted the people should be consulted.

Hon. W. S. Fielding in a vigorous reply, said the government was adhering in the bill to the principle of autonomous government laid down in the resolution which unanimously passed the House last year declaring against the policy of contribution and favouring the creation of a Canadian navy. They were proceeding along lines endorsed by the British Admiralty.

It is expected the bill will be given its third reading before the House rises at 6 o'clock.

ATTEMPT TO WRECK EXPRESS TRAIN

Engine, Express and Three Baggage Cars Thrown Off Track

Red Bluffs, Cal., April 19.—An attempt was made to derail and rob the Portland express at Corning, near here, to-day. The lives of hundreds of passengers were placed in jeopardy when the engine, express and three baggage cars left the tracks.

A railroad tie had been placed across the tracks near a switch. The train was going at high speed when it struck the obstruction. Three hundred yards of track were ploughed up by the overturned engine and cars.

Engineer Gardner and a tramp on the blind baggage were injured. Railway detectives have been ordered to investigate the attempted train robbery.

The wreck occurred at the southern end of Corning switch yard. The train was composed of the engine, express and three baggage cars. The train was going at high speed when it struck the obstruction. Three hundred yards of track were ploughed up by the overturned engine and cars.

MORE STEAMERS.

Canadian Northern Reported to Have Purchased Two for Atlantic Service.

A dispatch from Montreal states that the Canadian Northern Railway Company, which is to operate the two liners Royal Edward and Royal George between Bristol and Canadian ports, have now purchased two older steamers from Rabbitt Brothers. These will be chiefly for the purpose of carrying emigrants and freight, and will ply between Vancouver and Montreal. Rabbitt Brothers are the largest ship owners in Italy, and it is said that they are preparing to enter the Canadian trade.

Telegrams in cypher to Russia are not accepted.

An application from R. Clark to store gasoline on his premises on Broad street, in the basement of the new building which has just been erected adjoining the Salvation Army, has been refused by the chief of the fire department, on the ground that such storage would constitute a grave fire risk.

Dr. W. H. B. Mead, of Mount Talmie has accepted the appointment of veterinary surgeon at the Vancouver horse show.

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LEADER OF OPIUM SMUGGLERS CONVICTED

Given Two Years for Carrying Drug From Mexico Into United States

El Paso, Tex., April 19.—Clan Pool, leader of a gang of opium smugglers who operated on the Mexican border, was sentenced to two years in the federal prison to-day by Judge T. S. Maxey of the United States District Court.

Pool will be taken to Los Angeles to face a similar charge before he is sent to prison.

Soon after the government prohibited the importation of opium into the United States, Pool and his associates began their operations. Despite the vigilance of the federal detectives the gang succeeded in slipping valuable consignments of the drug into this country from Mexico.

Other alleged members of the gang are being hunted by the officials. Several alleged members are at present under arrest.

The death occurred at Keokuk, Iowa, recently of Mrs. T. H. Gilbert, wife of Rev. T. H. Gilbert, deceased was the daughter of the late James Todd, of Cedar Hill, and was well known here.

SAVED HER FINGER.

Mrs. B. E. Bellwell, of 337 Provencher Ave., St. Boniface, Winnipeg, says:—"Some time ago my children had a bad cold, and while attending them the poison entered a small scratch on the second finger of my left hand. This became very sore and blood poisoning set in. I was unable to do any work and my finger was quite well I was suffering from a shockingly bad finger. The scratch was caused originally by a pin, and in itself, was not at all serious. The consequences, however, of neglecting this scratch, were very serious to me. When the blood-poisoning set in I tried medicine and a saline I had in the house. These, however, did not have the desired effect. Quite on the contrary, the finger became more and more swollen and had colored. It then began to fester, and had to be seen by a doctor. He lanced the finger to let out the pus, and you can imagine how painful the finger was. Despite his lancing, however, it again festered and the consequences, limps, and other troubles, absolutely unable to bring a bout any relief. The doctor then advised me to get into the St. Boniface Hospital. I feared that if I went to the hospital I would be quarantined. We were told of a woman similar to my own in that her finger was quite well I was suffering from a shockingly bad finger. The scratch was caused originally by a pin, and in itself, was not at all serious. The consequences, however, of neglecting this scratch, were very serious to me. When the blood-poisoning set in I tried medicine and a saline I had in the house. These, however, did not have the desired effect. Quite on the contrary, the finger became more and more swollen and had colored. It then began to fester, and had to be seen by a doctor. He lanced the finger to let out the pus, and you can imagine how painful the finger was. Despite his lancing, however, it again festered and the consequences, limps, and other troubles, absolutely unable to bring a bout any relief. The doctor then advised me to get into the St. Boniface Hospital. I feared that if I went to the hospital I would be quarantined. We were told of a woman similar to my own in that her finger was quite well I was suffering from a shockingly bad finger. The scratch was caused originally by a pin, and in itself, was not at all serious. The consequences, however, of neglecting this scratch, were very serious to me. When the blood-poisoning set in I tried medicine and a saline I had in the house. These, however, did not have the desired effect. Quite on the contrary, the finger became more and more swollen and had colored. It then began to fester, and had to be seen by a doctor. He lanced the finger to let out the pus, and you can imagine how painful the finger was. Despite his lancing, however, it again festered and the consequences, limps, and other troubles, absolutely unable to bring a bout any relief. The doctor then advised me to get into the St. Boniface Hospital. I feared that if I went to the hospital I would be quarantined. We were told of a woman similar to my own in that her finger was quite well I was suffering from a shockingly bad finger. The scratch was caused originally by a pin, and in itself, was not at all serious. The consequences, however, of neglecting this scratch, were very serious to me. When the blood-poisoning set in I tried medicine and a saline I had in the house. These, however, did not have the desired effect. Quite on the contrary, the finger became more and more swollen and had colored. It then began to fester, and had to be seen by a doctor. He lanced the finger to let out the pus, and you can imagine how painful the finger was. Despite his lancing, however, it again festered