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THE CASE FOR THE SUGAR IMPORTERS

PRESENTED TO THE TARIFF COMMISSIONERS

Representative Claims That Refiners Enjoy Monopoly—Alleges Agreement in Restraint of Trade.

Ottawa, Feb. 9.—Robert Anderson, Montreal, representing Robert Cook & Company, sugar importers, Montreal, appeared before the tariff commission yesterday and set forth his case for the importers.

zette of Saturday will contain a notice of a special meeting of the shareholders of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, to be held at the head office of the company in Montreal on March 13th, for the purpose of considering and acting upon the recommendation of the directors that the ordinary share capital of the company be increased from the present authorized amount of \$10,000,000, of which the amount of \$10,400,000 has already been issued, to \$15,000,000.

CASTRO IS BUSY ENLISTING MEN

TROOPS ORDERED TO JOIN THE COLORS

People Do Not Support the President Revolt May Follow the French Blockade.

Willemstad, Island of Curacao, Feb. 2.—(Delayed by interrupted cable).—A traveler who arrived here today from Venezuela said:

SEEKS INJUNCTION

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 9.—Patrick Dolan, president of district No. 5, United Mine Workers of America, went into court yesterday, and filed an injunction restraining the delegates to the district convention now in session here, from interfering with his powers as president of the district organization.

E. B. EDDY DEAD

Ottawa, Feb. 10.—E. B. Eddy, of Hull, lumberman, manufacturer of paper and matches, died at 2 o'clock today.

SNOWSTORM IN EAST

New York, Feb. 9.—A heavy snowstorm followed by sleet and rain, which created fresh spring conditions, caused great discomfort and inconvenience in New York city today. This was the first snowstorm here of the present year. The fall was five inches.

THE CANADIAN PACIFIC

Capital of Company Will be Increased to \$15,000,000.

Montreal, Feb. 8.—Sir Thomas Shaughnessy made the following statement to the press: "The Official Ga-

WILL CONFER WITH RAILROAD PRESIDENTS

MINER'S LEADER TO DISCUSS SITUATION

Officials of Civic Federation Think it Will be Possible to Avoid a Strike.

New York, Feb. 9.—The Tribune says "The clerical staff in most of the offices of the anthracite coal carrying companies worked overtime yesterday in preparation for the coming conference with President Mitchell of the United Mine Workers, the result of which will decide whether or not there will be a strike. All the coal presidents have replied to Mr. Mitchell's request for a conference agreeing to meet him here February 15th.

INSURANCE PAID BUT MAN IS ALIVE

WAS ARRESTED AFTER FIGHT WITH MARSHAL

Was Alleged to Have Been Blown to Pieces by Explosion in Mine.

Victori, Col., Feb. 10.—K. J. McEachern, whose death was reported on January 22nd and life insurance policies paid, was arrested at the home of his sister last night by City Marshal Naylor, after a fight in which McEachern was wounded by a bullet. McEachern was reported to have been killed by the accidental discharge of a gun powder, but investigation throughout the state are to be made at a meeting of the Illinois Coal Operators' Association. Owners from all over the state will take up the problem that they believe is to confront them on April 1st. In Illinois there are 50,000 soft coal miners who will be involved in case of a general walk-out after a wage scale disagreement. Millions of tons of coal are on hand for the emergency, but the miners admit that the best coal in the world is being produced by the men who are on strike. The authorities were informed that McEachern was the victim of the discharge, and an old life insurance company paid a policy on his life. A deeper investigation by fraternal societies resulted in finding McEachern alive and his arrest followed.

THE WOUNDED ADMIRAL

There Presence in the Interior Prevents Stamping Out Glanders.

Woman Who Attempted His Life Believed to Be Emissary of St. Petersburg Terrorists.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 10.—The admiral has received a report from the surgeon in charge of Vice-Admiral Chouknin, who was shot by a woman in his office at Sebastopol yesterday, to the effect that his wounds are dangerous. Rear-Admiral Gregorovich has assumed command of the Black Sea fleet in succession to Chouknin. The attending surgeons are confident that Chouknin will recover. The most severe wound is in his breast, from which the bullet has not been extracted. The other wounds are in the right shoulder and both legs.

NATIVE TROUBLES

Forces Sent Out to Deal With Men Who Refuse to Pay the Poll Tax.

Pietermaritzburg, Feb. 10.—An expedition of 400 carbines with artillery left today for the scene of the troubles in the Transvaal caused by the natives refusing to pay the poll tax. Another detachment of two hundred and twenty-five men will start on Sunday.

More Men Start

Durban, Natal, Feb. 10.—Ninety mounted police have started from Durban for the centre of the native disturbances. The militia has been warned to be in readiness for active service.

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IRON AND STEEL PLANTS

Exhaustion of High Grade Ore in States Will Force Them to the Westward.

Chicago, Feb. 10.—One hundred years will probably see the exhaustion of the world's present iron ore sources, according to Dr. C. Kenneth Leith, professor of geology at the University of Wisconsin, who lectured last night on the subject before the geographical society. According to Prof. Leith the present known deposits of high grade ore in the United States will be exhausted in a comparatively short period of time and then the low grade deposits will be drawn upon with the result of changing the geographical location of the great steel and iron plants to the westward.

home, and buys her surplus requirements as far as possible from British sources. The Canadians know that a powerful tariff protected country like Germany or the United States could deal a crushing blow at their infant industries, and that if they were to strip themselves of defence and have free importation their ideal national development could not live for a day. The tariff is for them the only solution, modified by a preference which will prevent Canada from being crushed economically by the unfettered play of economic forces.

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PROMISES HELP TO CONSUMPTIVES

LORD STRATHCONA IS WILLING TO ASSIST

He Favors Establishing a National Sanatorium For Treatment of the Canadian Patients.

Lord Strathcona has promised to aid in the establishment of a national tuberculosis sanatorium for Canada. This is in consequence of the efforts of Dr. Fagan, secretary of the provincial board of health for British Columbia, who has been authorized to seek the co-operation of the various provincial boards of health in the matter.

Dr. Fagan, whose name is so prominently identified with the movement for a sanatorium in British Columbia, waited upon Lord Strathcona during his visit to Europe last summer. The object Dr. Fagan had in view was assistance for a provincial institution.

Lord Strathcona, however, took a somewhat different view of the situation and advocated the establishment of a sanatorium for the treatment of tuberculosis for the whole Dominion. He favored the west as the place of location, being strongly inclined towards the mountain climate of B. C. There can be little doubt that if the scheme can be carried out Lord Strathcona will give very liberally in aid of its establishment. He has authorized the statement of the authorities and the general public will demonstrate in a practical manner their desire to have such an institution, he will be ready and even anxious to contribute to a national movement which would have as its object the gathering of the tuberculosis patients of Canada at a place found most suitable for the purpose.

This proposal is somewhat different to what those interested in the checking of consumption had in view. The idea was to establish sanatoriums in the various provinces where the affected might be treated near their homes. The present theories regarding the disease are that this is a perfectly rational method of treatment and mountain altitudes are not necessary in combating the disease.

Dr. Fagan has sent the following letter to the various heads of the provincial boards of health in the Dominion in compliance with Lord Strathcona's offer:

Secretary, Provincial Board of Health, Toronto, Ont.:

Sir—I have just returned from England, where I saw, and had a long conversation with, Lord Strathcona regarding the building of sanatoria for consumptives in Canada. Lord Strathcona asked me to get into communication with the boards of health of the different provinces and authorized me to state that the authorities and the people generally show in a practical way their desire for such an institution, he is willing and anxious to assist in a national movement, having for its object the handling of Canadian consumptives at some point selected as being the best for tubercular patients.

I trust you will see your way towards starting such a movement in your province, and I would suggest that your province will have a report prepared to submit when the Canadian Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis meets this coming May. I would like to take it as a favor if you reply to this letter so that I may be in a position to report to Lord Strathcona whether or not action is being taken along the lines he suggests.

I have, etc. C. J. FAGAN, Secretary.

SCHOOL TRUSTEES.

Annual Convention of Provincial Association Will Be Held in This City Next Week.

The annual convention of the Provincial School Trustee Association will be held in this city, commencing on the evening of the 19th and continuing to the evening of the 21st. It is expected that a large number of delegates will be present during the various sessions, and pressing invitations have been sent to all the school boards throughout the province to send a representative from the different districts as possible.

Business of importance will be discussed, and interesting subjects debated. The present educational system and the new School Act will receive criticism, particularly by representatives from the rural districts. The meetings will be held in the assembly room of the Victoria College, and the local committees are at work to ensure success at the coming convention.

Arrangements will be made for the publication of the proceedings in the press of the city.

THE LATE E. B. EDDY.

Remains Sent to Bristol, Vermont, Where They Will Be Interred.

Ottawa, Feb. 12.—The remains of E. B. Eddy were forwarded from here to-day to Bristol, Vermont, for interment. A large crowd followed the remains to the depot. Rev. Dr. Herridge conducted the funeral service at the house.

DARING BURGLARS.

Blew Open Safe in Post Office and Stole Contents.

Spokane, Feb. 12.—The safe in the post office in an East Spokane grocery was blown open with nitro glycerine yesterday morning. The robbers secured \$70 in money and \$300 in stamps. They made their escape.

MINER KILLED.

Fairbanks, Feb. 12.—Charlie Bessey was killed yesterday by a cave-in while working in a drift on 7 below Cleary creek. His relatives are wealthy, and live at Little York, Prince Edward Island.

VICTIMS OF EXPLOSION.

Fifteen Additional Bodies Taken From the Farrell Mine.

Charleston, W. Va., Feb. 12.—Up to last night searchers in the Farrell mine found fifteen dead bodies in addition to the six removed on Friday morning. It is known that still other bodies lie in the death trap uncovered.

PUBLISHER DEAD.

West Newton, Feb. 12.—Wm. Emerson Barrett, publisher of the Boston Advertiser and Record, died to-day at his home here of pneumonia. He served five terms in the Massachusetts legislature and was its Speaker for a few seasons. From 1895 to 1899 he represented the seventh Massachusetts district in congress.

FIFTEEN BODIES HAVE BEEN WASHED ASHORE

Probably Remains of the Crew and Fishermen of the Schooner Nellie Coleman.

(Special to the Times.) Seattle, Feb. 12.—Fifteen dead bodies were washed ashore at Yakataga beach on December 1st, and they were buried there unidentified. They are thought to be members of the crew and fishermen of the long overdue schooner Nellie Coleman, now ninety-four days out from the fishing station at Unga Island.

The miners worked all day digging graves for the unfortunates, marking each one with a slab of wood. Not one of the bodies could be identified.

The location of the tiny graveyard is marked with slab wood.

Mariners are notified by the marine department of this city that the fog bell machinery at Brockton Point light station, Vancouver harbor, is at present undergoing repair and will be placed in operation again as soon as possible; also that a fixed light, visible about nine miles, has been established on Amphitrite Point, western entrance to Barkley Sound, Vancouver Island.

THE INDIANAPOLIS.

Report That This Ship Will Go on Victoria and Seattle Route Next Week.

According to the Seattle Post-Intelligencer one of the officials of the Puget Sound Navigation Company has stated that the steamship Indianapolis, which has reached Seattle after an 18,000-mile voyage from Chicago, will be placed on the run to Victoria with the next week. Before her purchase by the Alaska Steamship Company the Indianapolis was on the run between Chicago and Michigan City. The steamer has an excursion permit for 1,250 persons, and is said to be one of the best vessels ever built on the lakes.

At the time of the purchase of the Indianapolis she had been in commission only seven months. The vessel was found too small for the lake traffic and she was placed on the market for sale. When in commission the Indianapolis cost her former owners \$150,000.

The Indianapolis is a steel steamer, 1250 tons, and is said to be one of the best vessels ever built on the lakes. She has two decks and a hurricane deck. The net tonnage is given at 765 and the gross tonnage 829. On the voyage to Seattle the steamer has averaged about 318 miles a day, or 13 knots an hour. When on a regular run, it is said that she can easily make 19 knots.

She is fitted throughout with electric lights and modern equipment of every kind. The vessel carries a big electric searchlight, and has steam steering gear. There is a system of call bells over the ship and in the social halls, and mahogany is used in the finishing work. The windows are plate glass. The Indianapolis was constructed under the supervision of the American Bureau of Shipping. The vessel carries two Scotch marine boilers, with a steam pressure of 200 pounds.

Capt. John Johnson, formerly master of the steamer Dolphin, was sent East to bring the Indianapolis to Seattle.

KILLED IN COLLISION.

Three Persons Killed and Many Injured in South Chicago—Street Car Demolished.

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 12.—A train on the Pennsylvania railroad, running at the rate of 20 miles an hour, crashed into a crowded street car in South Chicago last night, instantly killing three persons and injuring twelve. The killed and injured were occupants of the street car. The engine and first coach of the passenger train left the rails and were overturned.

The passenger train was a local leaving Chicago at 11.35 p. m. for East Chicago, Indiana. It was well filled with passengers, who were thrown into a panic by the collision. The street car was hurled into the air, overturned and ground to splinters before the locomotive. The crash came almost without warning, and but few occupants of the street car had an opportunity to leap from the car before it was struck. The passengers of the railway train hurried to the assistance of the people imprisoned in the debris, and began the work of rescue. Calls for assistance were sent to the nearest police station and physicians were summoned to aid the injured.

The engineer of the passenger train and the crew of the street car were placed under arrest.

RED MOUNTAIN ROAD.

Railway Commission Orders a Reduction of Switching Charges.

Ottawa, Feb. 12.—The railway commission has issued an order directing the Red Mountain railway to reduce their switching charges with the Canadian Pacific railway from 45 per cent to 35 per cent. The Canadian Pacific railway does not run to the Le Roi mine and has to use the Red Mountain.

LIFE BOAT TO BE SENT IMMEDIATELY

Others Will Follow as Soon as Built--Telegraphic and Telephonic Facilities to Be Made as Perfect as Possible.

(Special to the Times.) Ottawa, Feb. 12.—The minister of inland revenue, Hon. W. Templeman (now no longer senator) has secured from the marine department one of the lifeboats stationed on the Great Lakes, but which is not kept in commission during the winter months, for immediate transference to and use on the west coast of Vancouver Island.

The department has given orders for several new lifeboats, at least one of which will be sent to British Columbia as soon as built. These boats will be shipped via the C. P. R. to the agent of the department, Capt. Gaudin, who will place them wherever it is deemed best, or as he may be instructed subsequently.

Col. Anderson, who has given much thought to the whole question of dangers to navigation on the west coast of Vancouver Island, is of the opinion that one of these lifeboats should be carried on the wrecking steamer which should also be equipped with a line-throwing gun and other life saving apparatus.

The second one could be placed at Bamfield creek.

These boats are of approved design, and are safe in any sea. The difficulty, as Col. Anderson sees it, is not in securing the boats, but in finding places along the coast where they can be launched in a gale. For this reason the Salvor will be required to carry one of them at all times.

Hon. W. Templeman also says that the telegraphic or telephonic service along the coast will be made as perfect as it can be made, and to this end it is desirable that the roads or trails that are to be built by the provincial government should be completed at once. The line of wire should follow the road so that it can be readily reached at any point. These are matters that can be done now. Other improvements, such as more powerful lights or more powerful sirens, or additional lighthouses, can follow as quickly as possible.

SKATING FATALITY ON ST. LAWRENCE

Two Small Boys Lost Their Lives

Destructive Fires in the East—Atlantic Liners Report Severe Weather—Ullanda Lost Helmsman.

Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 10.—In a jealous rage, Frank Populace, aged 29 years, to-day shot and instantly killed Mrs. Anna Jablonsky, aged 29 years, with whom he boarded. Running to the street he was pursued by a crowd, and after a chase of two blocks he turned the weapon upon himself. The bullet entered his right eye, and he is lying in the hospital. According to the police populace was enamored of Mrs. Jablonsky and had repeatedly tried to persuade her to leave her husband.

Philadelphia Tragedy.

Montreal, Feb. 11.—Two small boys, Edward Burton, aged 8, and Willie Gogerty, aged 10, were drowned this afternoon while skating on the St. Lawrence, above Victoria bridge. They skated out too far, where the ice was thin and broke through, being carried under the ice by the rapid current. The bodies have not yet been recovered.

Hockey Championship.

Montreal, Feb. 11.—The Ottawa hockey club defeated the Victorias, of this city, last night by ten goals to four, while at Quebec the Shamrocks, of Montreal, were beaten by a Quebec team, score 14 to 8. The result of the first of the game is to make the fight for the championship between Ottawa and Wanderers of Montreal. They are now tied.

Swept From Steamer.

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 11.—Eleven ocean liners came into Halifax between Saturday afternoon and Sunday evening. Among them was the Furness liner Ullanda, from Liverpool, which encountered severe weather. During a gale Charles Meyers, helmsman, was washed overboard and lost. In mid-ocean the Ullanda passed a number of cattle, which had been swept from the deck of some cattle steamer.

Laundry Destroyed.

Kingston, Ont., Feb. 11.—Fire to-day destroyed the laundry of the Rockwood insane asylum, causing a loss of \$10,000.

Invited to New York.

Toronto, Feb. 11.—The Queen's Own Rifles have been invited to go to New York to take part in the military tournament in Madison Square gardens at the end of April.

Eighteen Horses Burned.

Winnipeg, Feb. 12.—The stables of J. and B. Gladsen, contractors, were burned this afternoon and 18 horses, together with all other contents, consumed. No one saw the fire until it was too late to attempt even to save the animals.

Death of Mrs. McMillan.

Winnipeg, Feb. 11.—Lieutenant-Governor McMillan, of Manitoba, was bereaved by the death of his mother to-day. The old lady was 83 years of age and had resided here since early eighties.

No Trace of Teamster.

Mounted Policemen Forced to Abandon Search in North.

Dawson, Feb. 12.—After struggling through overflows of water, deep snow and with the temperature fifty degrees below zero, Constables Carter and Atkinson, of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police, returned to Dawson unable to reach the Forty-Mile country by the Swede creek route. They started in search of Ernest Demery, a missing teamster from the Twenty-Two Mile road house, on the Dawson glacier trail.

TROOPS AND BANDITS.

Fight in Old Serbia in Which Fifty-Eight Men Were Killed or Wounded.

(Associated Press.) Belgrade, Serbia, Feb. 12.—A serious fight has occurred in old Serbia between Turkish troops and two Serbian bandits near the villages of Nikujan, Dragomirski and Chelehek.

The Turks, who were the attackers, lost forty men killed or wounded. The Serbians lost eighteen killed or wounded.

Chicago, Feb. 12.—A dispatch to the Inter-Ocean from Cincinnati, Ohio, says:

"Wong Fong, former secretary of the Six Companies in San Francisco, who is visiting in this city, says he thinks the Boxer trouble in China is about to culminate in the greatest massacre of modern times. He issued the following warning to several American friends last night, telegraphing it to Seattle, Los Angeles and San Francisco:

"The blow is about to fall. Cable warnings to friends and leave China at once. Try to seek protection of Germany temporarily and get out of North Toronto, in the place of Dr. Fong is visiting Ah Loo Wai, the wealthy local Chinese, who explained the message as follows: 'I received word yesterday that the order had been sent out to the subordinate circles of the Chinese Reform Association to throw off all the foreign elements in our country, starting February 24th. The association is ostensibly patriotic.'"

"PELTED WITH BONES OF PIGS' FEET"

Toronto Tories Are Accused of Ingratitude

Speaker Says Dr. Nesbitt Spent Thousands of Dollars on Behalf of Party.

Toronto, Feb. 12.—There was a noisy meeting of the third ward Conservatives on Saturday night, held for the purpose of selecting a candidate for North Toronto, in the place of Dr. Beattie Nesbitt, who has been appointed registrar.

W. B. Newsome, a candidate for nomination, charged the third ward Conservatives with being ungrateful to Dr. Nesbitt, saying that Dr. Nesbitt had spent thousands of dollars on behalf of the Conservative party. "He has given you a moonlight excursion. He has fed you and has given you banquets. He has gorged you with beer and pigs' feet, and now with base ingratitude you pelt him with the bones of the pigs' feet."

Delicate From Birth.

In the three words—"delicate from birth"—is expressed a world of anxieties suffered by mothers whose babies have had a bad start in life. For babies who are alling, peevish, cross and unable to digest their food Baby's Own Tablets are invaluable. They act almost like magic, and change cross, peevish children into smiling, happy babies. Mrs. J. W. Munroe, Sinaluta, N. W. T., says: "I have used Baby's Own Tablets for two years and would not like to be without them. They have changed our weak, sickly baby into a fat, healthy little girl. I can warmly recommend the Tablets to other mothers." And mothers have a guarantee that the Tablets contain no poisonous "soothing" stuff, or harmful drug. They are absolutely safe and always do good. Sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box by writing the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

CRISIS IS AT HAND IN CHINA

Foreigners Warned of Impending Danger

They are Advised to Leave Country Before February 24th—Terrible Massacre is Expected.

Chicago, Feb. 12.—A dispatch to the Inter-Ocean from Cincinnati, Ohio, says:

"Wong Fong, former secretary of the Six Companies in San Francisco, who is visiting in this city, says he thinks the Boxer trouble in China is about to culminate in the greatest massacre of modern times. He issued the following warning to several American friends last night, telegraphing it to Seattle, Los Angeles and San Francisco:

"The blow is about to fall. Cable warnings to friends and leave China at once. Try to seek protection of Germany temporarily and get out of North Toronto, in the place of Dr. Fong is visiting Ah Loo Wai, the wealthy local Chinese, who explained the message as follows: 'I received word yesterday that the order had been sent out to the subordinate circles of the Chinese Reform Association to throw off all the foreign elements in our country, starting February 24th. The association is ostensibly patriotic.'"

Hours in Smelters.

Text of Resolution Passed by Union at Fernie.

Thomas Biggs, secretary of Gladstone local union, United Mine Workers of America, Fernie, sends the following resolution:

Whereas this Local has given due consideration to the conditions, including the hours of labor, of workmen employed in and about smelters; and

Whereas, having considered the nature of such work, it is, in the opinion of this Local, unquestionably the right of such workmen to have labor hours, and no, to exceed 8.

Be it therefore resolved by Gladstone Local No. 234, United Mine Workers of America, that the application of an inter-workmen for legislation, limiting the hours of work in smelters to 8 hours, is a just and proper one; and in so far as this Local may aid and assist the workmen in smelters to obtain an eight hours day at a proper day's wages, that we do support said application.

Be it further resolved, that we respectfully invite the co-operation and support in the legislature of the Honorable the Premier, the leader of the opposition, Parker Williams, M. P., J. H. Hawthornthwaite, M. P., and all other members of the legislature; and that copies of this resolution be sent to the press.

Many Injured.

Ice on Lagoon Gave Way and a Panic Followed.

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 12.—At the close of a skating tournament on the Humboldt park lagoon yesterday the ice gave way beneath 3,000 people, causing a panic in which many were injured. The ice sank slowly until covered by two feet of water, and the crowd reached the bank in safety. In the panic many were injured, mostly women and girls.

BUYING COAL LANDS.

Both Harriman and Gould Are Investing in Colorado.

San Francisco, Feb. 12.—E. H. Harriman, E. P. S. Randolph and their associates who are interested in an Arizona and Colorado railway enterprise that will eventually become a Southern Pacific branch, have bought a vast coal land area near Durango, Colorado. The Southern Pacific proposes to get into Pueblo for the benefit of Eastern traffic and for a share of the business of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company.

The Utah Coal and Fuel Company, which is owned by Gould and other stockholders of the Denver & Rio Grande road, have also been buying coal lands around Durango in competition with the Harriman people.

Chas. Haddonott Gives Evidence

Describes How Raft Got Away From Ship

Survivors Could Distinguish People on Deck of Czar—The Captain Vindicated.

(From Monday's Daily.) The Valencia inquiry was resumed this morning, two witnesses being examined, namely, C. Haddonott, of the steward's department, and C. Haddonott, one of the passengers. During the proceedings a lively exchange occurred between Commissioner Gaudin and A. E. McPhillips, counsel for the provincial government.

Chas. Haddonott, a member of the crew of the Valencia, was first called at the investigation this morning. He had been in the employ of the company as a waiter for four years. He knew to which boat he belonged by glancing at the list of instructions. Up to the time of reaching the Columbia river or thereabouts the weather was fine, and from then on it became dirty. He did not feel the shock of the vessel striking the rocks. The first he knew that anything out of the way had occurred was a friend "kicking him in the ribs" and ordering him to get up.

He hadn't come on deck until all the boats but one and two rafts had left the ship. During that time he was busy in the saloon. It was about an hour and a half later that he went above. Previous to that he was engaged transferring food and provisions from the pantry to the saloon table. This was done because it was feared that they would be spoiled by salt water.

Answering Capt. Gaudin witness said he got away on the raft. Before it left the side of the vessel the captain, chief mate and chief steward went among the women and inquired whether any of them wished to go. None, however, expressed a desire to take their chances upon that craft evidently thinking that with ships so close rescue would arrive sooner or later. He couldn't say how the raft managed to get away from the breakers. The oars were not of much assistance in accomplishing this, but they were of service in getting away, and also in keeping life in those aboard. "I know," he added, "that it was only my work at the oars which enabled me to withstand the exposure."

Questioned by C. H. Lugin, counsel for the Dominion government, witness stated that he remembered Miss Van Wyck well. The last he saw of her she was fastened to the rigging, supported on either side. He also knew Walter Jesse, who was continually busy assisting among the passengers. He mentioned one incident, some lady expressing fear of her husband leaving her mind. The latter in order to set her mind at rest had taken a scarf and tied himself to the deck. It was his opinion that one or two members of the crew had been caught below early Wednesday morning and carried overboard by the breakers.

He saw No. 5 boat get away and understood that it was manned by a picked crew—commissioners to obtain aid. She was launched on the ice side, and it hadn't been very hard to get away. Once clear and the oars out they made good progress. The waves were not as bad at that time.

In launching the raft it took some three-quarters of an hour to get clear of the breakers. There were eighteen aboard, and she handled herself very well. Of the number mentioned thirteen were members of the crew and five passengers. There was no rush to the raft, in fact it didn't look very inviting. He was positive that the captain gave the passengers an opportunity to get away when the occasion offered. His words to them were: "Now there is room for an equal number of men and women. Who wants to go?" They looked at each other hesitatingly, and then declined, stating that they expected help from shore.

At the time the Czar came in the passengers were on the deck and in the rigging. Blankets had been waved, and the gun was fired. The sea was also possible to distinguish figures upon the deck of the tug. It was when the Queen came in sight that flags had been hoisted. He could see them quite clearly. He knew it was the Queen because he was familiar with her lines. Shortly afterwards the fog fell and nothing more was seen of the steamers. When picked up by the Topeka they told them that there was another raft drifting about somewhere and that there were passengers on the Valencia. On the morning after the small boats had been launched two were seen lying against the cliffs in a very battered condition. Upon the sea there was a dead body. The rising tide had taken one out to sea, while the other remained dashed against the shore.

Questioned with reference to the ship witness expressed the opinion that it must have been very strongly built. Every wave lifted her upon its crest and, receding, allowed her to drop heavily upon the rocks. This continued until the time she struck until Wednesday.

To A. E. McPhillips, representing the provincial government, witness said

that the weather was exceedingly clear when the boatswain's crew left the shore. The Lyall gun was fired before the boat left and the line was ashore.

Commissioner Gaudin drew attention to the discrepancy between this statement and evidence already taken. Mr. Lugin did not think it made any difference the crew was quite dead, that, after all, was the important point.

Answering further questions by Mr. McPhillips, witness stated that it was nearly forty feet from the deck to the raft when the latter lay in the water beside the ship. Some got aboard by sliding down a rope and others jumped.

When the Queen came in sight three charges had been fired from the Lyall gun. He thought there was a loud enough report to carry as far as the Queen. He said he saw the raft when the latter replied. In his opinion the Czar came within a quarter of a mile. He couldn't say whether those on the raft saw the people on the wreck.

Such questions, Gaudin objected to as such questions. He didn't think it was a fair interrogation.

When the Czar came in, witness added, signals of distress were flying. Commissioner Gaudin again objected. It was generally understood that distress signals were displayed. He protested against such a waste of time.

Mr. McPhillips thought such remarks were out of place. They would never be made in a court of law, and he didn't know what right the commissioner had to make them. He hoped he wasn't in a foreign country.

Mr. Lugin did not agree that he was doing no more than his duty.

Commissioner Gaudin then announced that this instructions with reference to the provincial government's representative were not to be construed as a possible objection for such counsel to be present and participate in the proceedings, but he was not to interfere with the conduct of the inquiry. Therefore, he thought Mr. McPhillips had very good ground for objecting to the overruling of those of his questions considered irrelevant.

Mr. McPhillips contended that he wasn't interfering. He was merely asking questions. After this rather spirited debate Mr. McPhillips abandoned his cross-examination of the witness and J. H. Lugin, Jr., for the P. C. S. Co., asked a number of questions. He wanted to know whether it would have been possible to construct a raft from the wreckage. Witness replied in the negative. He said that all the implements, namers, nails, etc., were kept in the carpenter's apartments. These were completely merged or carried away.

J. McCaffery, one of the passengers, stated that when he came on deck he saw the accident and he desired to be a part of the boats were being lowered. When he saw them they were swung out from the deck. There was nobody to direct people to get away from the raft. He was acting on their own account. There was quite a rush, people apparently taking no time for consideration, "just jumping head first." He saw a boat go overboard. He saw the fall of people something carried away and under some spotlight he saw those who had jumped overboard struggling between the raft and the turned boat and the ship.

None of them gave him any instructions. On the first night he and some of them endeavoring to make people comfortable in the saloon.

Speaking of the raft, witness said that he never heard any invitation given the passengers to get aboard her. He knew no person say "this is your last chance, you'll better take it." He was in a position where he would have known of such an invitation, providing they were asked. Everybody who got upon the raft got on at their "own sweet will." He thought the upperworks of the ship had broken into pieces so small that it would have been impossible to have constructed a boat.

When the steamers Queen, Salvor and Czar came in sight he thought that it would be a matter of a short time before they were rescued. He believed that a tugboat might have come within the hundred yards of the ship at the outside and drifted a raft down to the vessel.

Asked whether he had any experience in such matters, he said he didn't know. He would like to see the possibility of such a scheme proving successful.

To Captain Newcomb witness said that the only thing that was lost was those who were thrown from the small boats was to toss lines to them. He didn't see anyone rescued.

Questioned by Mr. Lugin, witness said of a number of people whom he remembered. One gentleman, he said, had been laid up with rheumatism soon after leaving "Frisco. The last he saw of him he was sitting upon the deck smoking and waiting for his death. He weighed about 300 pounds. He did not believe that there would have been any difficulty in sending in a raft upon the morning that he left the ship. The sea was not breaking particularly heavily. While on the raft he saw the City of Topped when she was about a mile away.

Witness expressed the opinion that the launching of the boats had been deferred until it was some time after they would have got safely away.

Replying to Mr. McPhillips, witness said he did not think the shore was near the time the Queen came in sight of the ship. Neither the officers, members of the crew nor passengers were intoxicated. No liquor was used excessively. During the launching of the boats he heard no orders emanating from the bridge. When the women thrown from one of the boats into the water were seen all that was done to save them was the tossing over of some lines. No boats were lowered for their assistance, and did anyone jump overboard for that purpose.

An adjournment was then taken until 2 o'clock this afternoon.

—Steamer Cambrian HHI will arrive from Vancouver to be overhauled at the B. C. Marine Railway, Esquimalt.

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OFFICIALS KILLED

Police Precarious Position

Number of Prominent Members of Government

St. Petersburg, Feb. 12.—The Russian revolution has reached the climax. The hand of the terror has been raised against all classes, military and naval, called upon to curb the movements. Various have taken the high ground and a number of them have been killed on account of their part in subduing the uprising. The army has been ordered to suppress the disorder. When imposed on the sailors in the Odessa mutiny, the government has been forced to review formal approval of the death of the officers who would share the same fate as the terrorists were being favored. They would have reached the same fate as the terrorists.

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Police Precautions Prove Useless—Number of Prominent Men Under Sentence of Death.

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WILL BE REFUSED. Illinois Coal Operators Decide Not to Grant Demands of Men.

Chicago, Feb. 9.—At a meeting of the Illinois coal operators to-day it was decided by unanimous vote to refuse the demands made by the United Mine Workers of America...

The decision to refuse the demands of the miners was reached in a few minutes after the reading of the report of the representatives had been finished...

The question of whether the mines should be operated with non-union men in the event of a strike on April 1st was not discussed.

The Pittsburgh Convention. Pittsburgh, Feb. 10.—The court proceedings of the morning apparently had no effect on the enthusiasm of the miners' delegates when the convention met this afternoon...

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TWO SEAMEN ON WITNESS STAND WERE MEMBERS OF CREW OF BOATSWAIN'S BOAT

Capt. Townsend of Queen City Tells of Conditions on Coast on Morning of Wreck.

(From Friday's Daily.) When the inquiry into the Valencia disaster was resumed yesterday afternoon, Chas. Brown, one of the crew of the lost steamer, was recalled.

In his re-examination he told of going to Bamfield from Cape Beale. He said that if someone had shown them the trail they could have found their way to the scene of the wreck, and might have been able to render assistance.

Witness said that a boat was not used to get alongside the ship before the boatswain's party left. On Wednesday morning it was rough in the neighborhood of Cape Beale. Of course he couldn't say how the surf was near the vessel on that occasion.

Questioned by Capt. Newcomb, witness said that he saw two women struggling in the water after No. 1 boat gave way. He was the first and only one he noticed who attempted to rescue them.

To Mr. Lugin, witness pointed out the spot where the boatswain and his crew managed to penetrate the surf. He saw the purser and a number of officers at the door of the former's office with life preservers on.

At the close of the report, and without waiting for action by the convention, President Dolan declared the officers named elected for another year.

Confusion again reigned, and appeals from the decision were made by delegates from all parts of the hall, but they failed to lead to any order.

Agreement Reached. Dubois, Pa., Feb. 10.—An agreement which it is expected will be satisfactory to both sides was reached between the representatives of the miners and General Manager Robinson of the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh coal interests...

SENSATIONAL CHARGES. Owner of Major Delmar—Accused of Knowing Lou Dillon Had Been Drugged.

New York, Feb. 10.—According to the American to-day the most sensational trial affairs of recent years was revealed last night when it became known that E. E. Smithers, the millionaire horseman, has been accused of knowing that Drugg had been administered to Lou Dillon, C. K. G. Billings' famous trotter...

Declines to Talk. Chicago, Feb. 10.—K. B. Billings, owner of Lou Dillon, is now on his way to New York, and it is understood that he is decidedly averse to participating in the controversy regarding the \$5,000 gold cup awarded to E. E. Smithers...

Shortly afterwards he went to No. 6 boat upon receiving orders, and looked after lowering her to the saloon deck rail. He placed in the plug, swung the boat out and let it down to the point mentioned.

Asked for an opinion as to the possibility of rendering assistance from the sea by means of small boats, witness said that such a thing was an impossibility. Upon the arrival of the Queen City at Bamfield and learning of the wreck he had telephoned to Cape Beale in order to ascertain the condition of the weather.

Effort Would Have Been Made to reach her. He didn't say that the attempt would have been successful. To C. H. Lugin, counsel for the Dominion government, witness said that Cloose was a suitable point for the establishment of a life saving station.

Witness went on, by request, to describe the patented logging apparatus in detail. There was only one of these aboard the ship, and he had seen the deck department was concerned in the inspection was most thorough.

Witness, continuing, said there had been both boat and fire drill twice on the previous trip. Members of the crew got their appointments by glancing at the instruction card. His boat on the Valencia was No. 1. He did not have charge, that being the captain's boat. In case the latter was absent he assumed control.

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Simple Ceremony at the Launching of the Dreadnaught.

Portsmouth, Eng., Feb. 10.—To-day's ceremony at the launching of the Dreadnaught, the largest and most powerful battleship afloat, was the most simple possible, King Edward having vetoed all decorations and pageantry on account of the death of his father-in-law, King Christian.

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Local News.

A deputation from the Agricultural Association... the government... on Saturday in support of the usual appropriation. The members were assured that the matter would receive due consideration.

A telegram received by Supt. Hussey, of the provincial police, Friday announced the finding of two more bodies from the wrecked Valencia. The superintendent has inquired as to how the bodies interred, as they are badly decomposed.

In Chambers, on Saturday before the Chief Justice a decree absolute for foreclosure was granted against Beaven, executor, in the cause of Heimenke vs. Beaven, et al. Probate in the will of Wm. Austin, deceased, was also granted.

A dispatch from Montreal says: It has been about decided by the Canadian Pacific Management that the company's double daily train service will be resumed at the beginning of May. This decision is consequent on the heavy passenger traffic across the continent.

Chin Kai Bong, a Chinese lad about 17 years of age, charged with gambling, was again brought before the police magistrate on Saturday. Evidence in the case had been taken several weeks ago, and many remains had been granted for further evidence. This was not forthcoming, and that which had not been considered sufficient, the magistrate dismissed the case.

Josiah Lucas, of Smith's Falls, Ontario, is anxious for information as to J. E. Lucas, who was a passenger on the wrecked Valencia. The missing one is described as a man of 23 years of age, about 5 feet 6 inches and quiet in manner. If any of the survivors of the wreck can supply the information it will be gratefully received. The name Lucas does not appear on the list of those saved.

The annual ball under the auspices of the Victoria Hockey Club will be held on Friday evening, the 23rd inst., at Assembly hall. An energetic committee has charge of the arrangements, and have already commenced their preparations. Miss Thane's orchestra, it is understood, will render an appropriate musical programme. Tickets may be obtained from any of the members, and as there are only a limited number, those wishing to attend should secure them as soon as possible.

The following order is promulgated for general information: Order by L. P. Macrae, captain commanding the Victoria College cadet corps: To be lieutenants, No. 1 company, H. Rogers and C. White; to be captain, No. 2 company, D. Finch; to be lieutenants, No. 2 company, B. Robson and G. Irving; to be co-sergeant major, No. 1 company, H. Eberts; to be co-sergeant major, No. 2 company, A. Hartman; to be sergeants, No. 1 company, C. Sedger, S. Okell and D. Nixon; to be sergeants, No. 2 company, A. Walter, W. Meyers and B. Erb. All except a very small minority of the Victoria College boys belong to the corps, and it is expected that all will join soon.

The inspection of Chinatown by city officials still continues, and it is not probable that it will be concluded in several days. During their trips through the unsavory quarters, the officers have found very many objectionable features—unsanitary premises, overcrowding, and fire traps. As a result of the inspection, a general clean-up order, the inspection takes place at a very favorable time—immediately after new year celebrations, as the Chinese make it a rule to have everything in good order, from their standpoint, for the great event.

F. S. Hussey, superintendent of provincial police, has compiled a most complete record of the wreck in connection with the Valencia wreck. It gives the names of members of the crew and passengers. Following this comes a list of the survivors, then there is a record of the bodies recovered and brought to Victoria, with descriptions and an account of their disposition, the bodies taken direct to Seattle are enumerated, and the document concludes by outlining the availability of identifying the remains not yet claimed. The statement is very clear, and should prove valuable for reference.

The quarterly meeting of the Teachers' Institute was held in the Y. M. C. A. hall Friday afternoon. It was announced that the executive of the Provincial Teachers' Institute favored the holding of the annual meeting at the end of June, instead of Easter, as is usual. It is contended that by this arrangement a better attendance can be secured, as many of the primary teachers spend their vacation at the Coast. The suggestion was adopted. An address on composition was given by Miss Cann, of the High School, which was entertainingly discussed. A couple of solos by Mr. Waddington, a recitation by Mr. Sallaway, and the reading of original poetry by D. A. Fraser, added to the pleasures of the meeting.

The congregation of the First Presbyterian church will celebrate their 44th anniversary of the organization of the church next Tuesday evening by holding a social and concert under the joint auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society and choir of the church. The former will look after the wants of the inner man, while the latter will endeavor to look after the aesthetic side of man's nature with music, etc. The programme has been arranged, and the following ladies and gentlemen having kindly consented to assist: Mrs. Gregson, Mrs. Louis Hall, Miss Jennie McCoy, Miss Norah McCoy, Miss Wilson, Messrs. P. Gordon, W. D. Kinraid, A. L. Brownie, A. Longwell, A. Bremner and J. G. Brown. In addition Rev. Dr. Fraser, of Vancouver, is expected to give a short address.

The first case of breach of the liquor law since Sunday closing has been enforced was heard at the police court Friday morning. S. J. Waldron, proprietor of the Colonial hotel, was

charged with supplying drink to a sailor of H. M. S. Egeria after 11 o'clock on the night of the 3rd inst. The bluejacket was put in the witness box an admitted having been supplied with a drink at the bar of the hotel on the occasion in question, but he would not swear that it was beer, it might have been gingerbeer. He swore that he had taken a room for the night at the hotel, and that before going to bed he was asked to have a drink. Having heard the evidence, Magistrate Hall adjourned the case for a week.

Steamer Tees went around to Esquimalt on Monday to take a cargo of salmon from the Todd cannery to the outer wharf.

In the police court Monday morning a young lad was charged with the larceny of a number of pairs of scissors from a local hardware store. The widowed mother of the accused appeared and made a pathetic appeal on his behalf, with the result that the magistrate let the lad off on suspended sentence.

Steamer Otter arrived from Vancouver on Sunday with a load of machinery for the new wharve mill being constructed at Clayquot. She loaded a quantity of empty barrels at this port and left for the West Coast at a late hour last night. The steamer Queen City, which left for the West Coast on Saturday night, also carried a full cargo.

The body of one more victim of the Valencia wreck has been recovered, and is described as that of a man, wearing overalls, no shirt, front teeth all gone, three teeth good capped. Casks of liquor are being washed ashore, and as quick as located are destroyed that they may not fall into the hands of Indians.

A message from the Times correspondent at Ganges on Saturday afternoon stated that no traces had been found of Robert Kelly, the missing prospector. A party of 26 men went out on Thursday, but the search was without result. It was the intention to send out another party yesterday.

By the kind permission of the mayor and aldermen rehearsals of the Victoria Musical Society will in future be held at the city hall. The next rehearsal will be held at 8 o'clock on Wednesday evening, and a punctual attendance is requested. Many applications for associate membership have been received.

The adjourned inquest on the body of the infant child of H. Duval was resumed in the police court at 2.30 on Monday. When the jury were first called together the inquiry was adjourned, pending an analysis of the contents of the stomach, as it was claimed that death was due to the use of patent medicines sold as soothing powders. The analysis had not been made, but the evidence of Mrs. Duval is being heard.

According to the Cowichan Leader Wm. Gidley, superintendent of Cowichan Lumber company, says that the contract has been let by both the Cowichan and Victoria lumber companies to J. W. Vipond to log at Cowichan lake. The companies expect to get out about 10,000,000 feet, and the logs are to be driven down the river in the fall. Two camps are to be established, employing about 100 men.

In Chambers on Monday before Mr. Justice Irving an order was made for plaintiff to furnish security in the case of Yeaney et al vs. Voight et al. Probate was granted to the will of the late Mary Cridge, wife of Bishop Cridge, and letters of administration were granted to the estate of James Deans, deceased, who died intestate. In the February sittings of the Supreme court the case of Morton et al vs. Nichols is occupying the attention of the Chief Justice. This case has been on for nearly a week.

According to the Vancouver Province M. J. B. White, freight and passenger traffic manager of the White Pass & Yukon railway, is reported to have resigned his position, the resignation to become effective two or three months hence. No official information can be secured on the matter, but it is generally believed that an official circular announcing the resignation will be issued from the office of A. L. Berdoe, general manager of the road, within the next few days. Mr. Berdoe is at present in Seattle. Mr. White has left for the East en route to Ireland, the land of his birth and early upbringing. He will be absent from the coast for several months and upon his return expects to engage in business in Seattle.

Large congregations were in attendance at the First Presbyterian church on Sunday, the services marking the 44th anniversary of the church. Rev. Dr. Fraser, in the course of the service, delivered a sermon, and delivered impressive sermons, his remarks having been followed with the closest attention throughout. Just before either addresses were given, Dr. Fraser made a happy allusion to the pioneer Presbyterian church of the province and eulogized its good work. He also paid the choir a neat compliment. After listening to the singing of the anthem he said that if he was pastor of the church he would feel inclined to pronounce the benediction and dismiss the congregation, the music being a sermon in itself. Tuesday evening concert and social will be given by the Ladies' Aid Society and choir of the church to further celebrate the anniversary.

In these columns on Thursday the death of Thomas Chauncey Nuttall was chronicled. He passed away at the family residence, Esquimalt road. Mr. Nuttall was the eldest son of John Charles Nuttall, of Newfoundland, and the grandson of General Thomas Nuttall, of "Old Nuttall Hall," Nuttall, Lancashire, England. The deceased came to British Columbia in March, 1859, here he had resided ever since, with the exception of short journeys to England, Newfoundland and elsewhere. For thirty years, from 1855 to 1885, he was general agent for the province for the Phoenix Fire Assurance Company, of London, England, and has at different times owned some of the most important business sites in the city. In 1878 he married Elizabeth Sarah, eldest daughter of Richard

Tate-Stoute, of Clifton, Somersetshire, England. Deceased leaves besides a widow, four daughters, Mrs. C. H. Hopkins, of Kent, Washington, U. S. A., and the Misses Helen, Margaret and Gertrude Nuttall. He also leaves a brother, George Nuttall, of Boston, and two nephews, Sir James Winter and Frank Berteau, of Newfoundland.

The regular review of Victoria Hive, No. 1, Ladies of the Macabees, will be held to-morrow evening at 7.45 in A. O. U. W. hall. Business will be promptly disposed of, and a social evening is to follow. A cordial invitation is extended to all members of local and visiting hives, as well as other friends of the order.

Since the W. C. T. U. pound party the following donations have been received and are acknowledged with thanks: Mrs. Pemberton, new bedding to the value of \$10; Mrs. Ash, new bedding to the value of \$5; F. Adams, mattress; Mrs. McNaughton, matting; F. Grant, potatoes and clothes; Mrs. J. Andrews, pair sheets; Mrs. Darling, cake and huns; A. Friend, blankets and sheets; Mrs. D. Spencer, wakers; Mrs. Croft, bread; A. Friend, pair sheets; A. Friend, biscuits; Mrs. F. Hall, preserves. The home made candy sale will take place in March instead of this week.

A deputation of smelting men of the province, including Thomas Kiddie of the Britannia smelter, J. J. Campbell of the Nelson smelter, and W. W. Hodges of the Granby smelter, is in the city to interview the government respecting the smelter bill before the House. Members of the deputation object to an eight-hour law applying to all employees at smelters. They concede an eight-hour shift for the twelve-hour class, but protest against the further concession of eight hours for a ten-hour shift.

The adjourned case against Wm. Reid, charged with forgery, was called in the provincial police court Monday, but William did not appear, and his two bondsmen, each of whom are bound in a sum of \$150, were notified that it would be necessary to have Reid in court at 10 o'clock on Monday morning next. Up to a week ago Reid had been in custody awaiting trial, but as his accuser, Richard Oddy, was not available, he was let out on bail. Oddy appeared Monday but Reid did not.

Police Magistrate Hall has handed down judgment in the case of Thomas Anderson, accused of having on the 24th of December, being a hackdriver, unlawfully charged \$1.50 for the conveyance of three persons from one place to another within the city limits, a total distance of less than two miles, in a licensed hack, being in excess of the amount authorized by the schedule of prices for hired vehicles. The evidence showed that the distance driven was less than two miles, and that there were three persons in the hack. The judgment reviews the evidence in full and concludes, as reported in the Times when the case was heard, by declaring the by-law bad for uncertainty, and the case dismissed.

THE PRINCES' TOUR.

C. P. R. Preparing For the Trip of the Duke of Connaught's Son Through Canada.

The C. P. R. management is making very elaborate preparations for the tour of Prince Arthur of Connaught through Canada. The principal part of the royal train that was provided for the Prince and Princess of Wales on their visit four years ago will be incorporated in the special that will take the Prince and his suite East to the Pacific coast. These are the Canada, the York and Cornwall. The latter is Sir Thomas Shaughnessy's private car, which will be placed in commission in the company's service on this occasion. The train will be very well decorated and will present as before a splendid example of railway architecture.

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PETERSON REPHRASES HIS CRITICISMS

M'GILL'S PRINCIPAL ON UNIVERSITY QUESTION

Says That Institution is Merely Co-Operating in Higher Education—No Rival of Others.

Montreal, Feb. 9.—Principal Peterson, of McGill University, speaking in regard to the criticism of Ontario educationists on McGill's action in getting connection in British Columbia, said McGill's connection with British Columbia was established several years ago and has been attended with the greatest possible success. In seeking to develop that connection McGill has not been actuated by any motive of rivalry with other universities. Its sole object has been to do what it can to promote the unification of higher education in Canada. It is important that growing communication between the West should be prevented from repeating the mistakes of the East, where there are so many small colleges, especially in the maritime provinces, out of all relation to each other and very often hampered by some denominational connection.

McGill University is the only university in Canada which was reported recently to the trustees of the new Carnegie foundation as being neither denominational nor under state control. For these, among other reasons, it cannot be wondered that the movement for federation in education which had during recent years been championed by McGill, should have been heartily taken up by friends of education in the West.

Arrangements have now been made to still further develop this connection with British Columbia by giving a definite status to the college at Vancouver as an incorporated college of McGill University. The view which has been expressed by the trustees of education in the West is that the time is not ripe for the establishment of a provincial university, and that the college at Vancouver now to be established will probably long be content to remain a component part of one of the leading Canadian universities, deriving prestige from its connection with McGill, while retaining in all essentials its own autonomy. "From this it will be seen that the university work and we hope that the friends of education will agree with us in regarding it as none less McGill work because it happens to be done in the city of Vancouver. The university will continue the curriculum, assist in providing the staff and confer the degrees. The whole project is the best possible illustration of higher education and we regret very much that it should appear to be criticized from the point of view of rival commercial concerns."

THE MAY'S IMPROVEMENTS.

Changes Made in the Well-Known Victoria-Skagway Liner at Esquimalt.

The new boilers for the steamer Princess May have been shipped from the Old Country, and are now en route around the world. For this reason, it is impossible to state when the Victoria-Skagway liner will be ready for service. When the steamer leaves the shipyard of the B. C. Marine Railway Company the interior of the ship in many respects will resemble that of the Princess Victoria. She will be luxuriously furnished, and will accommodate the passenger accommodation she formerly had, there being seventy-eight large staterooms, where formerly she had only forty-one. Every one of these rooms is comfortable and roomy and all have large double lower and single upper berths.

The upper deck is well laid out, there being a wide promenade around the decks. There are on the upper deck thirty-five staterooms, all of which open into the promenade. There is also an observation room forward under the plan of the one on the Princess Victoria, in which passengers can sit inside during cold or disagreeable weather and still be in full view of all the scenic points and places of interest they are passing. From the observation room a stair runs down to the main deck. At the afterpart of the ship on the upper deck is a smoking-room, which is also on the same plan as that on the Princess Victoria. About amidships a wide space has been left for promenade purposes, where one can go from one side of the ship to the other without walking the entire length of the vessel.

On the after part of the upper deck is a small saloon and social hall as formerly. The purser's office and room is on the upper deck forward. On the main deck great changes have been wrought. From the speaking room, running aft, the whole interior of the ship is one large social hall, the rooms on either side opening into it. On this deck there are forty-three first-class staterooms, all large and comfortable, as well as two single upper berths. There are also two bathrooms and several toilet rooms. A number of the officers' quarters are situated on the main deck, the staterooms opening into the social hall. On the upper deck there are also two large toilet rooms.

The dining saloon has been moved from amidships to the after part of the ship on the main deck, and will be one of the features of the boat. There will be ten tables, and the seating capacity of the tables varies. One great advantage the Princess May will have over her previous arrangement will be that a passenger can get to and from any part of the vessel without going outside on deck. From the upper deck there are two flights of stairs, either of which can be used as a means of communication with the main deck.

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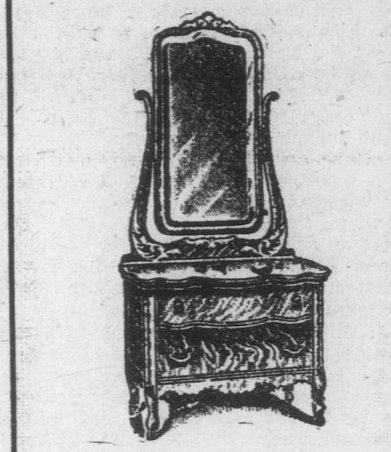
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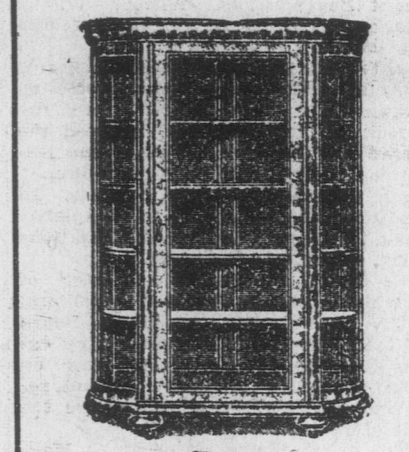
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The bath and toilet rooms will be fitted up in the most modern style; and taken all in all the Princess May will be the finest vessel running up and down this coast.

In second-class accommodation the Princess May will be second to none. Great pains have also been taken in this quarter of the ship. The second-class quarters have been moved farther forward than formerly. Though a little of the Princess May's freight space has been sacrificed for the bettering of her passenger accommodation, she will still be able to handle a lot of cargo.

The manager of the Seamen's Institute acknowledges with thanks the receipt of reading matter, etc., during the month of January from the following: Miss Lyall, Miss Violet Patton, Mrs. R. E. McMicking, Mrs. R. Maynard, Mrs. Wm. Atkins, Mrs. J. D. Pemberton, Mrs. Blaiklock, Mrs. H. D. Helmecke, Mrs. Blankenbach, Dr. R. B. Holden, J. C. Mackay, S. G. Russell, Jos. Pierson, Isaac Walsh, N. Shakespeare, H. Burnett, the Lord Bishop of Columbia, the Navy League (Victoria-Esquimalt branch, B. C.), the Victoria, B. C. Board of Trade (annual report), the Times and Colonist (daily papers).

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Report of the Manager For the Month of January—Contributions Thankfully Acknowledged.

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POLAR EXPEDITION.

Dr. Varicle Declares That He is Determined to Carry Out His Plans.

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Dr. Antony Varicle, managing director of the Alaska-Yukon polar institute, who contemplates making a trip to the north pole, has submitted a report to the institute at Dawson in which he said: "I wish to say, once for all, that nothing will turn me from this object; I shall pursue this aim with that perseverance and that confidence which are in themselves the elements of success. If I do not find the financial aid necessary for such an expedition as planned, I shall recall to mind the experience of Dr. Hall, who left New York to seek the pole in 1860 with only \$500, subscribed for the purpose by Mr. Henry Grinnell. This was known as the Grinnell expedition, and you will find Grinnell land on the map here, for that expedition was of real scientific value in many regards. "So that, even if the necessary financial aid should not be forthcoming, I shall not renounce my idea; I shall still work to that end without a single moment giving it up, and I shall start on my expedition if I have to bear the cost myself. If I have only enough for the dogs and the necessary provisions for the trip, I shall find no difficulty in finding courageous and willing men who have confidence in me to accompany me on the trip.

George Skelgu, a Japanese, was sentenced to three months' imprisonment with hard labor in the police court on Saturday. He was charged with having obtained money under false pretences, and practically admitted the offence. As stated in yesterday's Times Skelgu represented himself as a theatrical manager having charge of the Hawaiian troupe now performing at the Grand, and also announced that he was agent in advance for a party of Japanese jugglers who were to arrive from Seattle. He had two express wagons to meet the Seattle boat to convey the imaginary jugglers and their effects to the Queen's hotel, and played his part so well that he had no difficulty in raising \$20 from the proprietor of that hostelry and running a \$20 board bill. The Japanese of Victoria profess not to know the man.

J. S. McCallum, son of Dr. McCallum, of Smith's Falls, Ont., is spending a few days in Victoria. Mr. McCallum is a graduate of McGill University.

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The Crimson Bird

By FRED M. WHITE

CHAPTER XXIV.—(Continued.)

Meanwhile Frank Littler had joined Enid in the drawing-room. The house was perfectly quiet and still by this time; the dust cloud hung on the air and caused the lamps to burn with a spitting blue flame. Enid's face looked deadly pale against her black dress.

"You have been seeing Reginald," she said. "Why—why did you do it?"

"I didn't mean to," Frank muttered. "I never intended him to know that I had been in the house at all. But I was passing his room and he heard me. He seemed to know my footsteps. I believe if two mice ran by him twice in the darkness he could tell the difference between them."

"You had an interesting conversation," he said. "What did he want to use the telephone for?"

"I don't know. I tried to manipulate it for him, but the instrument was out of order."

"I know. I had a pretty shrewd idea what our cousin was going to do. You see, I was listening at the door. Not a very ladylike thing to do, but one must fight Henson with his own tools. I had heard him ask for the telephone directory I ran out and nipped one of the wires by the bathroom. Frank, it would have been far wiser if you hadn't come."

Littler nodded gloomily. There was something like tears in his eyes. "I know it," he said. "I hate the place and its dreadful associations. But I wanted to see Christ first. Did he say anything about me before?"

"My dear boy, she loved you always. She knew and understood, and was sorry. And she never, never forgot the last time that you were in the house."

Frank Littler glanced across the room with a shudder. His eyes dwelt with fascination on the overturned table with its broken china and glass, and the flowers in the corner.

"It is not the kind of thing to boast of," he said hoarsely. "I can see my father now."

"Don't," Enid shuddered. "Don't recall it. And your mother has never been the same since. I doubt if she will ever be the same again. From that day to this nothing has ever been touched in the house. And Henson comes here when he can and makes these hideous uses of it."

"I fancy I shook him up to-night," Littler said, with subdued triumph. "He seemed to shudder when I told him I had found Van Sneek."

Enid started from her chair. Her eyes were shining with the sudden brilliancy of unveiled stars.

"You have found Van Sneek?" she whispered. "Where?"

"Why, in the Brighton hospital. Do you mean to say that you don't know where he is?"

"I don't know," she said mysteriously. "I found Steel's house and Van Sneek there one and the same person?"

"Enid resumed her seat again. She was calm enough now. "I can see myself," she said. "I had not occurred to me."

"Indeed, I don't know why it should have done. Sooner or later, of course, I should have suggested to Mr. Steel to try and identify the man."

"My dear Enid, what on earth are you talking about?"

"Nonsense," Enid said, "to some confusion. 'Things you don't understand are the right things to be going to understand just yet.' I read in the papers that the man was quite a stranger to Mr. Steel. But are you certain that it is Van Sneek?"

"I am absolutely certain. I went to the hospital and identified him."

"Then there is no more to be said on that point. But you were foolish to tell Reginald."

"Not a bit of it. Why, Henson has known it all along. You needn't get excited. He is a deep fellow, and nobody knows better than he how to disguise his feelings. All the same, he was just mad to know what I had discovered, you could see it in his face. Reginald Henson."

Littler paused, open-mouthed, for Henson, dressed and wrapped ready for the journey, had come quietly into the drawing-room. The deadly pallor of his face, the white bandages about his throat, only served to render his appearance more emphatic and imposing. He stood there with the halo of dust about him, looking like the evil genius of the place.

"I fear I startled you," he said, with a sardonic smile. "And I fear that in the stillness of the place I have overheard a great deal of your conversation. Frank, I must congratulate you on your discretion, so far. But seeing that you are young and impressionable, I am going to move temptation out of your way. Enid, I am going on a journey."

"I trust that it is a long one, and that it will detain you for a considerable period," Enid said, coldly.

"It is neither far, nor is it likely to keep me," Henson smiled. "Williams was just come in with the information that the cab waits me at the gate, now, then?"

The last words were flung at Littler with contemptuous command. The hot blood flared into the young man's face. Enid's eyes flashed.

"My cousin likes to stay here," she said. "Why—why?"

"He is coming with me," Henson said, hoarsely. "Do you understand? With me! And if I like to drag him into the world of the gates of perdition, you will have to come. Now, get along before I compel you."

Enid stood with fury in her eyes and clenched hands as Littler slunk up between his victim and Williams. "I said no words till the lodge gates were past and the growl of the dogs had died in the distance."

"We are going to Littler Castle," she said.

"Not there," Littler groaned. "Not there, Henson! I couldn't—Henson pointed towards the cab.

"Littler or perdition!" he said.

"You don't want to go to the latter just yet? Jump in, then!"

CHAPTER XXV. Littler Castle.

If you had asked the first five people on the Littler estate why they thought of the lord of the soil you would have had a different answer from every one. One woman would have said that a kinder and better man never lived; her neighbor would have declared Lord Littler to be as hard as the nether millstone. Farmer George would rate him a jolly good fellow, and tell how he would sit in the kitchen over a mug of ale; whilst Farmer John swore at his landlord as a hard-fisted, grasping miser devoid of the bowels of compassion.

At the end of an hour you would be utterly bewildered, not knowing what to believe, and prepared to set the whole village down as a lot of gossips who seemed to mind everything but their own business. And, perhaps, Lord Littler might come riding through on his big black horse, small, lithe, and with a mane as black as an eagle's piercing as a diamond drill. One day he looked almost boyishly young, there would be a smile on his tanned face. And then another day he would be bent in the saddle, huddled up, weighed, an old, old man, crushed with the weight of years and sorrow.

In sooth he was a man of moods and contradictions, changeable as an April sky, and none the less quick-tempered and hot-headed because he knew that everybody was terribly afraid of him. And he had a tongue, too, a lashing, cutting tongue that burnt and blistered. Sometimes he would be quite the reverse, and because he knew that everybody was terribly afraid of him. And he had a tongue, too, a lashing, cutting tongue that burnt and blistered. Sometimes he would be quite the reverse, and because he knew that everybody was terribly afraid of him. And he had a tongue, too, a lashing, cutting tongue that burnt and blistered.

Miss Christabel Lee looked up, smilingly.

"I am getting on very well indeed," she said. "You see, I have made a study of this kind of think all my lifetime, and most of my pictures are like old friends to me. Do you know, I fancy that you and I are going to manage very well together?"

"Oh, do you? Well, say I am pretty formidable at times."

"I shan't mind that a bit. You see, my father was a man with a villainous temper. But a woman can always get the better of a bad-tempered man unless he happens to be one of the lower classes who uses his boots. If he is a gentleman you have him utterly at your mercy. Have you a sharp tongue?"

"I flatter myself I can be pretty blistering on occasions," Littler said, grimly.

"How delightful! So can I. You and I will have some famous battles later on. Only I warn you that I never lose my temper, which gives me a tremendous advantage. I haven't been very well lately, so you must be nice to me for a week or two."

Littler smiled and nodded. The grim lord of the castle was accustomed to this kind of thing, and he was telling himself that he rather liked it.

"And now show me the Rembrandt," Miss Lee said, impatiently.

Littler led the way to a distant alcove lighted from the side by a picture in the excellent light there, and that was the famous Rembrandt in the gallery. Littler's eyes lighted up quite lovingly as they rested upon it. The Florentine frame was hung so low that Miss Lee could bring her face on a level with it.

"This is the picture that was stolen from you?" she asked.

"Yes, that's the thing that was all the fuss about. It made a great stir at the time. But I don't expect that it will happen again here."

"Why not?" Miss Lee asked. "When an attempt of that sort is made it is usually followed by another, sometimes after the lapse of years. Anybody getting through that window could easily get the frame from its two nails and take out the paper."

"Do you think so?" Littler asked, uneasily.

"I am certain of it. Take my advice and make it secure. The panels behind are hard wood—thick black oak. Lord Littler, I am going to get four brass-headed stays and drive them through some of the open ornamental work into the panel so as to make the picture quite secure. It is an iron frame, I suppose."

"Wrought-iron, gilt," said Littler. "Yes, one could easily drive four brass-headed stays through the open work and make the thing safe. I'll have it seen to."

But Miss Lee insisted that there was no time like the present. She had discovered that Littler had an excellent carpenter's shop on the premises; indeed, she admitted to being no mean performer with the lathe herself. She fitted down the stairs light as a thistle-down.

"A charming girl!" Littler said, cynically. "I wonder why she came to this dull hole? A quarrel with her young man, perhaps. If I were a young man myself I might be tempted. But women are all the same. I should be a happier man if I had never trusted one."

The face darkened; a heavy scowl lined his brows as he paced up and down. Christabel came back presently with hammer and some brass-headed stays in her hand.

"Don't utterly destroy the frame," Littler said, resignedly. "It is reputed to be Quentin Matsy's work, and I had it cut to its present fashion. I'll go to the end of the gallery till the execution's over."

"On the contrary," Miss Lee said, firmly, "you will stay where you are told."

A little to his own surprise Littler remained. He saw the nails driven firmly in and finished off with a punch so that there might be no danger of hammering the exquisitely wrought frame. Miss Lee stood regarding her work with a suggestion of pride.

"There," she said, "I flatter myself a carpenter could have done no better."

"You don't know our typical carpenter," Littler said. "Here is Tredwell with a telegram. For Miss Lee, I hope it isn't an intimation that some relative has died and left you a fortune. At least, if it is, you mustn't go until we've had one of those quarrels you promised me."

Christabel glanced at the telegram and slipped it into her pocket. There were just a few words in the telegram that would have been unintelligible to the ordinary understanding. The girl did not even comprehend, but Littler's eyes were upon her, and the cipher had to keep for a time. Littler walked away at an intimation that his relative had decided to stay.

Instantly the girl's manner changed. She glanced at the Rembrandt with a shrewd smile that meant something beyond a mere act of prudence well done. Then she went down to the library and began an eager search for a certain book. She found it at length, the "David Copperfield" in the "Charles Dickens" edition of the great novelist's works. For the next hour or so she was flipping over the pages with the cipher telegraph spread out before her. A little later and the few jumbled, meaningless words were coded out into a lengthy message. Christabel read them over a few times, then with the aid of a vesta she reduced the whole thing, telegram and all, to tinder, which she carefully crushed and flung out of the window. She looked up down the terrace, she glanced at the dappled deer knees, deep in the bracken, she caught a glimpse of the smiling sea, and her face saddened for a moment.

"How lovely it all is," she murmured. "How exquisitely beautiful and how utterly sad! And to think that if I possessed the magician's wand for a moment I could make everything smile again. He is a good man—a better man than anybody takes him to be. Under his placid, cynical surface he conceals a deal of suffering. Well, we shall see."

She replaced the "Copperfield" on the shelves and turned to go again. In the hall she met Lord Littler dressed for riding. He smiled as she passed.

"A revolting dinner time," he said. "I've got to go and see a tenant. Oh, yes, I shall certainly expect the pleasure of your company to dinner. And now that the Rembrandt—"

"It is safe for the afternoon."

Lord Littler returned, as he declared, with the spirits and appetite of a schoolboy. All the same, he did not for one moment abandon his usual critical analysis. He rattled on gaily, but he was studying his guest all the same. The night had been the typical American lady student; but he was not blind to the fact that the plain muslin and lace frock she wore was made by a tailor who had been in the best society. She sat there under the shaded lights and behind the bank of flowers like as to the manner born, and her accent was only sufficiently American to render her conversation piquant.

"You have always been used to this class of life?" Littler asked.

"There you are quite mistaken," Christabel said, coolly. "For the last few years my existence has been anything but a bed of roses. And your remark, my lord, savors slightly of impertinent curiosity. I might as well have said that I had been in the best society. We agree to differ," Littler responded. "I recollect it caused me a great deal of annoyance at the time. And my son chose to take his mother's side. You really do not hear."

"Yes," said Christabel, without looking up from the peach she was peeling. "I have met him."

"Indeed, and what opinion did you form of him?" Littler asked.

"Well, I rather liked him. He seemed to me to be suffering from some great trouble, and trouble I am sure that was not of his own creating."

"Which means that you feel rather sorry for Frank. But when you say the trouble was not of his own creating you are entirely mistaken. It is not a nice thing to say, Miss Lee, but my son was an utter and unmitigated young scoundrel. If he came here he would be ordered out of the house. So far as I am concerned, I have no son at all. He sides with his mother and his mother has a considerable private fortune of her own. Where she is at the present moment I have no idea. Nor do I care. Seems odd, does it not, that I should have been so long in coming to this time, just as it seems odd to me that I should have once been fond of treacle tart?"

(To be continued.)

JEWEL ROBBERY.

"The most sensationally daring diamond robbery in the history of the city was perpetrated Saturday night, at about 6:40 o'clock, when a quantity of diamonds set in rings and of an estimated value of slightly over \$7,000, was stolen from the window of McMillan's jewelry store, on the corner of Hastings and Homer streets," says the Vancouver News-Advertiser. "It appears that the thief, evidently in pursuance of a preconceived and skillfully matured plan, passed down Homer street, crossed Hastings street to the north corner, and, standing at the window smashed the glass with a railway freight wagon coupling, grabbed a diamond tray in the window and started down Homer towards Cordova street."

"The only people in the store at the time were Mrs. McMillan and a clerk named Cyril Hill. Hill ran out when he heard the crash, and, along with the Thomas Dourmour, a constable who has a stand at the corner, darted off in pursuit. The man, who wore a brown overcoat, was hard pressed. He had a revolver in one hand, and near the centre of the block he halted, turned and fired a shot and then dived into the alleyway between Hastings and Cordova streets.

"The clerk and the peanut vendor abandoned the pursuit, but it was taken up by others, who followed at a discreet distance. When the fugitive emerged from the alleyway at Cambie street, a policeman was at the corner of Hastings and Cambie streets. The man, according to the constable, turned sharp round the corner at the Metropole hotel, at which point he drops out of the story.

"Mrs. McMillan is back East on business.

"Cyril Hill describes the thief as a man of short stature, dark complexioned, moustached, and wearing brown clothes. The peanut vendor says white hair were mixed with the black in the thief's moustache. Constable Allen says the thief was a man about 25 years of age, and wore a brown overcoat, under which he carried his revolver in the other."

FATAL FIRE.

Man and His Wife Burned to Death at Glenboro.

Glenboro, Man., Feb. 9.—Mr. and Mrs. Schwerdfefer, living on ten miles north of the town of Glenboro, were killed last night, and a young Englishman, about eighteen years of age, escaped in his shirt.

Mrs. Schwerdfefer, with great presence of mind, threw their only child, about two years of age, out of a window, and was in the act of getting out herself when the floor gave way and she and her husband went down to their awful death.

Seeing that nothing could be done, the young Englishman took the baby and placed it in the horse manger while he side nearly a mile without any clothing to Mr. Wiggitt's, the nearest neighbor. The young fellow is badly frozen, although his hands are burnt. Mr. Wiggitt drove into town and took out the coroner, rever and a provincial constable, who removed the remains from the cellar.

VENEZUELAN DIFFICULTY.

France Not Likely to Take Action Until Conclusion of Moroccan Conference.

Paris, Feb. 9.—The solution of the Venezuelan difficulty, according to authoritative information, goes over until the conclusion of the Moroccan conference. The French government is now awaiting Ambassador Jausserand's communication to the foreign office on the subject of M. Talguy, who was chargé d'affaires of France. No further developments are expected until M. Talguy's arrival in Paris.

ANNUAL GRANT FOR TOURIST WORK DEPUTATION WAITED UPON CITY COUNCIL

Asked That Association be Extended Same Support as it Received Last Year.

A deputation from the Victoria Tourist Association, composed of J. E. Wilson, B. S. Helsterman, Anton Henderson, Geo. Caldwell, B. S. Oddy and Secretary Cuthbert, waited upon the city council last Thursday, and before the regular proceedings of the semi-weekly meeting, the representatives from that organization were given a hearing. Anton Henderson said that they had secured an annual grant equal to that given by the council last year. The association's work had been generally received with commendation, and he thought that the council would be acting wisely in extending to it the same support as was given last year.

Supplementing the remarks of Mr. Henderson, Secretary Cuthbert said that there was little to say in addition to what had been set forth in the annual report of the association which had been printed. If the association received the \$5,000 grant it might, he thought, enable that body to get as many subscriptions this year as last, and to devote \$1,000 instead of \$500 for music. He pointed out that the posters issued by the association devoted much space to advertising the fruit farms and other resources of the island. This had borne good results. It was proposed to have published this year 2,000 of these posters. Mr. Cuthbert produced copies of the posters. Reading a clipping from a Nelson paper, he said that the posters had been well received, and that they had been sold as a result of the advertising it had received at the hands of a tourist association movement. Mr. Cuthbert said that he was going to the city of Victoria to say if the big work already begun was to cease because of lack of funds. It was too much to ask gentlemen of the association to go about begging for three dollar subscriptions, and the secretary should not be asked to do so either. Speaking of the "See America First" movement, he described it as surpassing in magnitude anything seen in connection with the Lewis and Clarke exposition. Unless Victoria did something travel would go along beaten paths. Seattle has given \$50,000; Portland voted this sum for five years, and is going to give \$100,000; Spokane was giving \$40,000 in connection with the same movement.

Mr. Cuthbert then briefly outlined the work of the "See America First" project, and urged that the good work in advertising the city should not be dropped. Fruit lands could be bought here for less than elsewhere on the coast, and this should be made known. In conclusion Mr. Cuthbert said that \$100,000 had been spent here in property transfers in recent weeks.

Geo. Caldwell also made a strong plea in behalf of the association. He said that the work was in accordance with the association work. He spoke of the climatic advantages of the city, and added that Victoria was in the finest residential cities in the world.

J. E. Wilson thought that from what had been said and what experience the council has had, they would be able to act wisely in the matter.

Questioned by Aldermen Yates, Douglas and Hall, Secretary Cuthbert said that it was proposed to expend \$5,000 this year or \$8,000 if band music was to be supplied. As for the method to be adopted in raising money, it was proposed to work in the same manner as was pursued last year. The money spent on concerts would be handled as judiciously as possible. The music was well received in the park, but more of it was needed.

Ald. Hall wanted to know if anything was included in the association's estimates for the Dallas road bathing resort.

Secretary Cuthbert said yes. \$250 would be all that was required to put the bathing house in order.

His Worship, in reply to the deputation, said that the matter would be the earnest consideration of the council. There was already sufficient information in the possession of the council to enable it to act with the proper public spirit.

The deputation then retired, and the regular proceedings of the council were taken up.

A telegram received from Hon. W. Pennington Oulawa, said with reference to Rock Bay, that the communication of the council dated the 10th, will be dealt with as per arrangement. Received and filed.

The provincial secretary reported the receipt of the council's resolution dealing with the removal of logs from the foreshore, and stated that it had been forwarded on to the proper authorities. Received and filed.

The Canadian Municipalities Association wrote asking that the question of membership should be placed before the council. Referred to the favorable consideration of the finance committee.

F. B. Kitto, secretary of the S. P. C. A. again wrote regarding the lethal chamber, communication regarding which had been overlooked. Referred to the Mayor with power to act.

W. F. Best offered his services on the park commission as he had experience in park work in St. John and Halifax. Laid on the table until the matter is dealt with.

City Clerk Dowler reported that communications had been received from Niel Macdonald and S. Rutlan, the former requesting a sidewalk on Foul Bay road and the latter a sidewalk on Pine street. Received and filed.

Mr. Kitto recommended certain improvements for the lavatory in the city market building. Received and referred to the building inspector with power to act.

Genlemen.—In accordance with the by-law relating to my duties, I have the honor to report the various improvements

and repairs which, in my opinion, should be undertaken by the corporation during the present year, as follows:

Drainage.

Carr street, from Simcoe to Toronto streets, thence to Princess street. Estimated cost, \$800.

Government street, from Fisguard to Pembroke streets. Estimated cost, \$1,027.

Blanchard street, from Fisguard to Pandora avenue. Estimated cost, \$486.

Quadra street, from Pandora to Yates streets. Estimated cost, \$821.

Pandora avenue, north side, between Quadra and Vancouver streets. Estimated cost, \$235.

Pandora avenue, north side, between Cook and Rebecca streets. Estimated cost, \$250.

Blanchard street, from Vancouver to Cook streets. Estimated cost, \$325.

Michigan street, between Princess and Young streets. Estimated cost, \$300.

Esquimalt road, from Robert street to city limits. Estimated cost, \$2,000.

Park road, from Park to main drain. Estimated cost, \$310.

Amethyst street, from Lansdowne road south. Estimated cost, \$300.

Total, \$5,588.

Rock Surfacing.

Government street, from Fisguard street to Fountain; grading and surfacing. Estimated cost, \$7,000.

Kingston street, from Menzies to Montrose streets; grading and macadamizing. Estimated cost, \$1,600.

View street, from Cook to Ormond streets; surfacing. Estimated cost, \$1,000.

Cook street, from Pandora street to Caledonia avenue; surfacing. Estimated cost, \$1,000.

Pandora avenue, north side, from Amelia to Rebecca streets; grading and macadamizing. Estimated cost, \$1,300.

Fairfield road, from Cook to St. Charles streets; grading and macadamizing and pipe culverts at the ravines. Estimated cost, \$4,450.

Esquimalt road, from Mary street to city limits; surfacing. Estimated cost, \$1,600.

Blanchard street, from Pandora street to Rae street; grading and macadamizing. Estimated cost, \$3,500.

Craigflower road, between Russell and Pine streets. Estimated cost, \$600.

Superior street, from Menzies to St. Lawrence streets; grading and macadamizing. Estimated cost, \$7,000.

Dallas road, from Moss street to Lovelers' Lane; grading and macadamizing. Estimated cost, \$1,100.

Lovelers' Lane, north from Dallas road; grading and macadamizing, with culvert. Estimated cost, \$300.

Store street, from Johnson street to Rock Bay; surfacing. Estimated cost, \$2,200.

Cadboro Bay road, from Oak Bay avenue to Richmond avenue; surfacing. Estimated cost, \$1,700.

Fisguard street, from Douglas street to Government street; surfacing. Estimated cost, \$700.

Douglas street, from Burnside road to Fountain. Estimated cost, \$850.

Menzies street, from Niagara to Dallas road. Estimated cost, \$700.

Dallas road, to renew bridge near cemetery. Estimated cost, \$750.

Total, \$32,725.

Sidewalks.

Beechy street, north side, between Rupert and Vancouver streets. Estimated cost, \$118.

Lamborne street, north side, between Vancouver and Cook streets. Estimated cost, \$108.

South Park street, south side, between Park road and McClure street. Estimated cost, \$140.

Heywood avenue, east side, between Park road and Short street. Estimated cost, \$205.

Sayward avenue, west side, between Newcomb and North road. Estimated cost, \$58.

North Pembroke street, north side, between Fernwood road and Haughton street. Estimated cost, \$174.

St. Lawrence street, west side, between Erie and Simcoe streets. Estimated cost, \$67.

Erie street, south side, between Yates and Dallas road. Estimated cost, \$49.

Questioned by Aldermen Yates, Douglas and Hall, Secretary Cuthbert said that it was proposed to expend \$5,000 this year or \$8,000 if band music was to be supplied. As for the method to be adopted in raising money, it was proposed to work in the same manner as was pursued last year. The money spent on concerts would be handled as judiciously as possible. The music was well received in the park, but more of it was needed.

Ald. Hall wanted to know if anything was included in the association's estimates for the Dallas road bathing resort.

Secretary Cuthbert said yes. \$250 would be all that was required to put the bathing house in order.

His Worship, in reply to the deputation, said that the matter would be the earnest consideration of the council. There was already sufficient information in the possession of the council to enable it to act with the proper public spirit.

The deputation then retired, and the regular proceedings of the council were taken up.

A telegram received from Hon. W. Pennington Oulawa, said with reference to Rock Bay, that the communication of the council dated the 10th, will be dealt with as per arrangement. Received and filed.

The provincial secretary reported the receipt of the council's resolution dealing with the removal of logs from the foreshore, and stated that it had been forwarded on to the proper authorities. Received and filed.

The Canadian Municipalities Association wrote asking that the question of membership should be placed before the council. Referred to the favorable consideration of the finance committee.

F. B. Kitto, secretary of the S. P. C. A. again wrote regarding the lethal chamber, communication regarding which had been overlooked. Referred to the Mayor with power to act.

W. F. Best offered his services on the park commission as he had experience in park work in St. John and Halifax. Laid on the table until the matter is dealt with.

City Clerk Dowler reported that communications had been received from Niel Macdonald and S. Rutlan, the former requesting a sidewalk on Foul Bay road and the latter a sidewalk on Pine street. Received and filed.

Mr. Kitto recommended certain improvements for the lavatory in the city market building. Received and referred to the building inspector with power to act.

Genlemen.—In accordance with the by-law relating to my duties, I have the honor to report the various improvements

Douglas and McClure streets. Estimated cost, \$125.

Henry street, south side, between Bridge and Rock Bay avenue. Estimated cost, \$145.

King's road, north side, between Second and Third streets. Estimated cost, \$2.

King's road, north side, between Third and Fourth streets. Estimated cost, \$2.

King's road, south side, between Third and Fourth streets. Estimated cost, \$47.

King's road, south side, from Third street westerly. Estimated cost, \$28.

Market street, south side, from First street westerly. Estimated cost, \$54.

Montreal street, west side, between Kingston and Belleville streets. Estimated cost, \$149.

Centre road, south side, between Fernwood road and Ridge road. Estimated cost, \$33.

Pioneer street, south side, between Blanchard and Quadra streets. Estimated cost, \$117.

Park road, east side, between Humboldt and Heywood avenue. Estimated cost, \$55.

Rae street, south side, between Douglas and Blanchard streets. Estimated cost, \$107.

Store street, east side, between Chatham and Herald streets. Estimated cost, \$81.

Store street, east side, between Discovery and Pembroke streets. Estimated cost, \$50.

The Victoria Industrial and agricultural lands to be devoted to school purposes. cost, \$50.

Sanich road, west side, between Burnside road and Toimie road. Estimated cost, \$385.

San Juan avenue, east side, between Dallas road and Niagara street. Estimated cost, \$84.

Simcoe street, south side, between St. Lawrence and Montreal streets. Estimated cost, \$95.

Third street, west side, between King's road and Hillside avenue. Estimated cost, \$115.

Toronto street, south side, from Carr street easterly. Estimated cost, \$66.

Toronto street, north side, between Carr and Menzies streets. Estimated cost, \$108.

View street, both sides, between Douglas and Blanchard streets. Estimated cost, \$118.

View street, both sides, between Quadra and Vancouver streets. Estimated cost, \$108.

John street, north side, between Bridge and Turner streets. Estimated cost, \$55.

Gorge road, south side, between David and Government streets. Estimated cost, \$48.

Hereward street, east side, between Esquimalt road and Pine street. Estimated cost, \$115.

Moss street, south side, between Quadra street and Vancouver street. Estimated cost, \$105.

Broughton street, south side, between Douglas and Gordon streets. Estimated cost, \$80.

Broad street, both sides, between Broughton and Fort streets. Estimated cost, \$39.

Broughton street, south side, between Chatham and Wharf streets. Estimated cost, \$59.

Fort street, south side, between Wharf and Langley streets. Estimated cost, \$46.

Langley street, west side, between Fort and Broughton streets. Estimated cost, \$46.

Wharf street, east side, from Yates north. Estimated cost, \$27.

Johnson street, north side, between Douglas and Blanchard streets. Estimated cost, \$118.

Johnson street, south side, between Douglas and Blanchard streets. Estimated cost, \$118.

Johnson street, south side, between Blanchard and Quadra streets. Estimated cost, \$122.

Total, \$67,520.

In concluding this report, I would respectfully recommend the following streets, or any number thereof as is deemed advisable, be block paved, viz: Broad, Douglas, Douglas and Johnson streets; Wharf, from Johnson to Government streets; Government, from Johnson to Fisguard streets; Fisguard, from Government to Store streets; Outer Wharf to Government street, to Dallas road; Store, from Johnson to Pembroke streets.

N. B.—The last mentioned is in the list of macadam roads, though I am of the opinion that same should be paved as above suggested.

Considerable discussion on the report followed.

Ald. Douglas at this juncture drew attention to the disgraceful condition of Fairfield road, which he described as a quagmire.

Ald. Vincent said that there was fifty or sixty thousand dollars required for street work, and asked where it was to come from?

Ald. Vincent said that such reports from the streets, bridges and sewers committee should be typewritten, and that copies should be placed in the hands of aldermen three days before the council meets with the report.

This motion was ruled out of order. On motion of Ald. Vincent a necessary drain on St. Lawrence street referred to in the report was ordered to cost \$105. The Finance Committee of the report was laid on the table.

With regard to the proposed cancellation of the "secret" agreement between the city and British Columbia Electric Railway Company, His Worship said that he had seen Mr. Spurling and he thought that by Monday next a reply of some kind to the council's communication would be on hand from London, England. He, therefore, asked to leave the matter over till Monday's meeting. This was approved.

The Mayor in answer to Ald. Yates said that he had arranged for the Victoria Musical Association to have the use of the council chamber subject to any other arrangement made by the council.

Ald. Fullerton next drew attention to the matter of street sprinkling and urged that something in this line be done.

Ald. Vincent said that he had had an interview with Mr. Spurling, and that gentleman was going to furnish a letter giving all particulars of how the sprinkling apparatus in Vancouver worked. This only cost something like \$3,000. Compressed air was used, and the watering outfit would be such as to sprinkle all Douglas street at once.

Ald. Hall for the electric light committee reported the arrival of the new machinery, which would be installed as soon as possible.

On suggestion of His Worship it was decided that the council meet on Tuesday evening to discuss the estimates. The meeting then adjourned.

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