

Sequel Of The Bridge

Continues in Serial Form With Prospects of Indefinite Length.

Cox vs Macdonell Interests a Large Number of the Public.

Magistrates Pearson and McKicking again took the bench last evening in the case of Cox v. Macdonell, and as at previous sittings, the proceedings were marked by lively tilts between the opposing counsel. Many bitter remarks were made and the magistrates evidently welcomed the hour of adjournment, as a hope was expressed by one of them that they could have a little better temper for the next session.

A large and interested audience gathered to hear the trial, and the great proportion of lawyers was again noticeable. Once or twice the clerk of the court had to enforce the rule of order when a particularly biting expression was heard. The most intense interest was displayed in the evidence when progress with taking it was allowed between the rounds of legal cross-examination.

When the court came to order, the magistrates announced that they had reached a decision on the matter of the letter referred to their charge, and which Mr. Duff claimed the right to use in cross-examination. They decided that the document was not a piece of evidence, and as the witness had used it for comparison, so could the defence. Mr. Duff took up the questioning of Mr. Cox again.

The document produced was written within the past two or three months by his daughter at his dictation. Mr. Mills had not seen the document. Respecting the letter which he did not identify at the former session, witness said he would bring his daughter to prove that the letter had not been written by him or by his daughter for him. He again denied emphatically any knowledge of the letter. Mr. Duff appealed to the court to caution the witness to look carefully at the letter before answering his question, as he did not wish to make any unwarranted assumptions.

The witness then said that he swore positively that his daughter Mary Ann, who usually wrote his letters, had not written the letter in question, and that he had sworn that he bore three beams in Hatherly's yard.

After the witness had been questioned repeatedly, Mr. Duff asked the witness to say if he had received a registered letter from Mr. Macdonell in May, June or July, 1897. Mr. Duff asked the witness to say if he had received a registered letter in June, 1897, which was a letter from Mr. Macdonell, and that she was going to bring his daughter to prove that she had received a registered letter in June, 1897, which was a letter from Mr. Macdonell, and that she was going to bring his daughter to prove that she had received a registered letter in June, 1897, which was a letter from Mr. Macdonell.

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Witness, Mr. Mills had told him that he had seen the receipt for \$240 when in Vancouver examining Mr. Lang's papers. Witness said he had told Mr. Mills he did not remember anything of it or of the item of \$800, and Mr. Mills could hardly credit that he had not received both sums.

Witness then said he had written to Mr. Macdonell regarding the matter. Mr. Duff asked for the copy of the letter, which Mr. Mills said he had put in court. He questioned on the contents of the letter, and made some effort to get a copy of the first letter dated 4th March. Witness said he had written to Macdonell before going to Mills. He acknowledged instructing Mr. Mills to write asking if he had received money for him. He did not consider Macdonell personally liable, but looked to him to collect any pay over the amount.

He was surprised to think of having signed the receipt for \$240 in pencil. He thought he had signed in ink. It had never occurred to him to say to Mr. Macdonell that he had not paid the \$240. The real object of these proceedings was to collect the money.

Mr. Mills objected to the question, but the court did not see it in the same light. Continuing, witness said he had placed the whole matter in Mr. Mills' hands to collect the money, by the proper procedure. Mr. Mills then asked the witness to inform him and (witness) had sworn to it. Mr. Mills had taken these proceedings to collect the debt.

Referring back to the boring of the beams on Point Ellice bridge, witness said he had in 1892 bored all the beams that he could find, and found them all thoroughly rotten. He had a thoroughly rotten bridge, and Patterson trials he had made a statement to that effect.

He had not made a fair and good memory, but could not undertake to recall statements made a year and a half ago. He discussed the evidence with Mr. Macdonell, but he did not tell him that he had bored the bridge and found it rotten. He had told Macdonell that he would tell the truth, and that he would not be interviewed, and that he would not be interviewed, and that he would not be interviewed.

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suit from Macdonell, and the letter which accompanied the \$100 was to that effect. He received \$40 to give Hatherly for the Patterson case. The \$25, and the \$50 were all paid after the Patterson trial and before the Lang trial.

Mr. Mills then wished to read a document to which Mr. Duff objected. He said the witness should read it, but the latter could not. Mr. Duff said Mr. Mills wanted to suggest a meeting held in Vancouver, the cut rate was probably the declared oil at once.

The most interesting evidence before the Oriental commission today was that of the Rev. Dr. Grant. His evidence was that the rumors of strained relations between Germany and Russia, it might be authorized to state that if the British diplomats had any reason to believe the rumors of strained relations between Germany and Russia, it would cause them no little satisfaction, and they would not take the trouble to discredit them.

Berlin, May 7.—Field Marshal von Waldersee, in a despatch from Peking, dated yesterday, reports that Lieut. Knunmer and a cavalry patrol attacked and defeated the enemy's cavalry 200 kilometers west of Kalgan, in Pechihli province.

Pekin, May 7.—China will request the powers to obtain for her a loan sufficient to purchase the Plains of Abraham. Sir Wilfrid said that the government has decided to acquire the property.

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Railway Subsidies

Sir Wilfrid Laurier Makes Important Statement to a Deputation.

A Branch of the Royal Mint Is to be Located at Ottawa.

From Our Own Correspondent. Ottawa, May 6.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier told a deputation to-day that railway subsidies would be given hereafter only to companies who give guarantees of immediate construction.

It is definitely announced that the branch of the royal mint will be located at Ottawa.

Mr. Richardson will move a resolution that the house having declared its intention to obtain judicial interpretation of the C. P. R. contract relating to exemption from taxation of the company's land grant, the house now requests the government to make a contention before the courts that the exemption period began when the contract granting subsidies in both cash and land was ratified by parliament.

The house commences morning sittings next Monday.

Col. Prior brought up an important matter today. He said that according to reliable information which reached him, the map of Canada at the Paris exposition showed the Alaska-Canadian boundary according to the United States contention. He asked explanations.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier did not reply on this point, but said the whole controversy hinged upon where Portland canal commenced. He gave indication of a settlement of the question.

The bill to incorporate the Canadian Nurses' Association was sent back to committee, many members considering its powers were too sweeping.

The house engaged all day discussing the Manitoba railway deal. Mr. Puttee's amendment to refer the whole subject to a vote of the people of Manitoba was negated without division.

Then Richardson moved to refer it back to the legislature of Manitoba. This was defeated by eighty-six, and the house adjourned.

SALMON FISHING. Resolution Against the Canniers' Memorandum—Other Opinions Favorable.

Vancouver, May 6.—(Special)—The British Columbia Grand Lodge of United Fishermen has passed a resolution condemning the canniers' memorial asking the provincial government to assume the control of the fisheries, and asking the federal government to veto the bill now before the local house if it passes.

Several salmon canniers spoken to this morning regarding the action of the government in taking possession of the administration of the industry, stated that the report that many canniers and all the fishermen were opposed to the government's action was incorrect, that the canniers approved of the proposition to a man, and all the fishermen, whose expression of opinion they had heard, said that it was better for the province to have control of the fisheries than the Dominion, as the money would be used in the province.

WANTS MORE CONDITIONS. Towns Wants Gaudaur's Deposit Placed in England.

Winnipeg, May 6.—(Special)—A London despatch says Geo. Towns, an English sculler, refuses to accept Gaudaur's deposit on the Imperial Bank at Hatfield. He will deposit £100 with the London Sportsman and states that Gaudaur must cover the same and send along two articles for approval and return.

Towns further stipulates that the entire stake and amount allowed for expenses must be in the hands of the Sportsman before he leaves England. Tom Sullivan, ex-champion, speaking for Towns, says he will allow Gaudaur to have the race if he will agree to have the race for the world's championship on the Thames.

ANOTHER COPPER PROPERTY. Located on Howe Sound and Said to Be Rich.

Vancouver, May 6.—(Special)—Another copper property, said to be very rich and extensive, has been located on Howe Sound, twelve miles nearer the Coast than the Britannia group. The property has been acquired by Mr. W. H. Armstrong and associates. Mining engineers who have examined the claim state that it is quite probable that on further development the proposition will be found to be very similar to the Britannia and Goldsmith property.

NEWFOUNDLAND SEALING. Result of Season's Operations Has Been Satisfactory.

St. John's, Nfld., May 6.—The season's seal fishery came to a close last night with the arrival of the Virginia. The total catch was 350,000 seals, valued at \$900,000. There was not a single fatality or serious accident among the 5,000 men engaged and only one vessel, the Hope, was lost.

APPLICATION REFUSED. Manitoba Liquor Act Must Be Heard at Ottawa.

Winnipeg, May 6.—(Special)—The Manitoba all court today refused the application of the Manitoba government for leave to appeal the Liquor Act direct to the Imperial Privy Council. The application for appeal will now be heard at Ottawa on Friday next.

DIVIDED OPINIONS. Coal Owners and Miners Not Sure of Best Course to Pursue.

London, May 4.—There are further indications that the coal owners and merchants are wavering in regard to the advisability of urging the miners to close the pits. The divisions among the miners, are becoming more marked. The Derbyshire Miners' Association, representing 30,000 persons, today unanimously passed a resolution against the export tax on coal, but by a small majority, decided not to stop work if the miners agreed to strike. The Durham miners agreed to abide by the decision of the National conference.

The Lancashire and Cheshire miners took up a similar attitude, while those of Yorkshire unanimously agreed to support the strike. The Durham miners agreed to abide by the decision of the National conference.

CLUB OUTING.

First of a Series Under Auspices of J. B. A. A. Held Yesterday.

Yesterday afternoon the J. B. A. A. held their first boating excursion of the season. The members took boats and canoes and journeyed as far as Curtis Point. A series of impromptu races followed, and all present spent a delightful afternoon. After partaking of a splendid tea, the expedition returned to the J. B. A. A. boat house. The committee intend a number of regular outings during the season.

RAILWAY CONSOLIDATION.

Mr. Hill Says Plan Was Not Hatched Three Years Ago.

New York, May 6.—James J. Hill, president of the Great Northern railway, denies the report that a plan was formed three years ago by J. P. Morgan, the Goulds, the Vanderbilts and himself for the consolidation of the great railway systems of the country, and that it is about to be carried out. Mr. Hill, who was asked here, said: "The story is a ridiculous and entirely unworthy of any serious consideration from anyone."

Welcomed In Australia

Duke and Duchess of York Land in State at Melbourne

Melbourne, May 6.—The Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York landed from the steamer Ophir at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

The Duke and Duchess were received by the pier head by Lord Hopwood, governor-general, and state and federal ministers. The party passed down the quarter of a mile of carpeted pier and continuous stands filled to their utmost capacity. The entire route was lined with demonstrative crowds amid elaborate decorations.

Opposite the town hall the procession passed beneath the Queen's arch, canopied with royal colors and sheltering the Duke and Duchess. Twelve thousand troops were in line. There were 50,000 visitors in Melbourne. The drive terminated at Government House.

To prove to you that Dr. Chase's Ointment is an absolute cure for each and every ailment of the skin, we have prepared a list of ailments in the daily press and ask you to read what they think of it. You can use it as well as the following list of ailments: It cures all cases of Eczema, Itch, Scabies, Ringworm, and all other skin diseases.

MINERS' MEETING.

Extension Workers Draw Up a Petition to Present to Mr. Dunsmuir.

Nanaimo, May 4.—(Special)—The Extension miners' meeting at Ladysmith today was orderly. It was attended by about 500 people. The president of the Miners' Union, Mr. Pat Malone, was in the chair and during the course of the meeting several speeches were made by miners, highly praising Mr. Dunsmuir for his just and friendly attitude toward the men.

One miner, an American, was loudly applauded when he said it is the truth and the only way to solve the problem is to have control of the mines in this island and nobody could say he ever acted other than squarely with his men. The forenoon meeting appointed a committee to draft a new agreement for a petition to Mr. Dunsmuir. This was submitted to the afternoon meeting with the following result:

- 1. Eighty cents a ton of 2,352 pounds. The miners want to dig one foot of dirt free for every 3 1/2 feet of coal dirt; beyond that to be paid \$2 a foot per lineal yard on width of 27 feet. Everything over the latter figure to be paid proportionately. Each miner to be allowed one helper. That no tendency on narrow work be allowed. That present prices for narrow work remain as they are. That any miner taken from the work for his job, the company's work be paid \$3 a day. That one ton of coal per month or more be allowed every house-holder working below ground. That in case of grievances or complaints the committee have the right at reasonable times to call upon the management and discuss such matters. That the wages of the company's men remain as at present, except top riders, who are asking 25 cents advance on wage of \$2.50, to receive 4 per cent. The same committee was chosen to wait on Mr. Dunsmuir while the men are on strike. The two miners check weighmen were chosen. They are Frank Richardson, Alexander and Henry Shepard. Extension, at \$5.50 a day, to be paid by the miners. No fewer than 18 directors were represented at the meeting.

THE POUND

WILL MAKE 48 large or 60 ordinary Cups of strong, delicious, aromatic Coffee.

W. A. Jameson 33 FORT STREET, VICTORIA, B.C.

Resignation Accepted

Recommendation of Fire Warden's to That Effect Adopted by Council.

Regret at Circumstances Causing Chief Deasy to Take the Step.

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Gentlemen—Your fire warden has herewith to submit a communication received by me from Chief Deasy, chief engineer of the fire department, in which after reciting the reasons leading thereto, he has tendered his resignation as chief of that department.

Under the circumstances your fire warden's report recommending that Chief Deasy's resignation be accepted to take effect on the 31st of May, instant, and that applications be received for the position, to be received not later than Monday, the 27th instant, at 1 p. m. We cannot refrain from expressing our regret that Mr. Deasy has felt it incumbent upon him to take this step.

Deasy's services of an honest, sober, capable and energetic man, who in addition to his ability and watchful care we are firmly convinced the city has to be grateful to him for his services in the department during the last fourteen years. The council will be fortunate if it secures as good a man as his successor.

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Up-to-Date Styles at WELER BROS.

Our first consignment of Fall Goods in the Upholstery, Drapery and Curtains line are now on sale, and we can only say that for coloring, artistic effect and value we have surpassed ourselves in these last purchases.

Latest Novelties From Paris, Berlin, London.

WELER BROS.

The purchasing agent to issue his orders for same in accordance with the terms of the specifications. We also recommend that the purchasing agent be instructed to issue his orders for 24 pairs of boots at \$3 per pair, the men to be shown to go to any store and choose their own.

The report was adopted. The finance committee reported that the report on the letter of Joshua Davies recommending the reduction of auctioneers license fee, in which they recommended that such reduction be granted, the committee were of opinion that the majority of the auctioneers were not favorable to such reduction.

The weekly appropriations for current expenditure amounting to \$3,857.75 was also reported from the finance committee. The report was adopted.

BY-LAWS INTRODUCED. The council dealt with several new by-laws. First, the by-law providing for the yearly fire estimates, which was read a first and second time. The second by-law was also advanced to the same stage.

A by-law to provide for the reclamation in James Bay, Victoria harbor, known as the Mud Flats, and for the laying out of the land so reclaimed and the construction of roads or causeways over and across the same, was also advanced to the same stage.

A by-law relating to widening of Menzies street, and the expropriation of necessary land as a work of local improvement. A by-law to enable the corporation of the city of Victoria to borrow \$200,000 to be applied to school purposes was also prepared and placed in the hands of the committee to be read at the first and second readings as the others were because the formal notice of motion had not been given.

It was, however, arranged to hold a special meeting on Thursday evening, May 10, at 7 o'clock, at which the by-laws will be considered in committee, and advanced as far as possible.

Before the council adjourned Ald. Young proposed that the council should approach the attorney general of the province and ask them to require all municipalities to be bound by the Municipal Clauses Act, to be handed in by a certain date, early enough to allow copies of them to be sent to all municipalities by the province, and that the same should be submitted by all and every municipality they would then know what to do. The motion was carried.

H. Dallas Helmeck in reply to the letter of the council asking for a grant towards the building of Pointe bridge. The gentleman promised to do what he could to forward the matter. The council adjourned.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY ON WORK ACCOMPLISHED DURING YEAR. The management committee of the Home for Aged and Infirm Women held their annual meeting at the home on Monday evening, May 6, 1901.

Reports rendered show that during the year fourteen aged women have been cared for. Of this number three have died, Mrs. Oldershaw, Mrs. Robinson and Mrs. Fairbairn, who came to the home for care while in the city. The other eleven have been discharged and returned to their homes.

At present there are nine on the lists, two of whom are between ninety and one hundred years of age. One of the nine is supported by the provincial government and one by relatives.

In four of the remaining three or four ladies assisted by Mr. Alex. Wilson, the secretary, and Mr. J. M. Bradburn, the treasurer, were present. The letter was referred to the city engineer.

John Black & Co., recently appointed agents of the Anglo-American Fire Insurance Co., were requested to submit a report on the necessary information where necessary to the city engineer.

Wesley Willard wrote to complain of the petition presented to the city street and sidewalk committee by the petitioners at Esquimalt and St. Catherine streets. He also suggested that Esquimalt and St. Catherine streets be referred to the city engineer.

It was moved that the petition be filed and a copy sent to the petitioners. The petitioners submitted his report for April, showing a total of \$18,225 collections for the month. Mr. W. W. Wray, chief engineer at Oak Bay Junction and Oxbow Bay road, petitioned for some protection against the practice of horse-drawn carts on the streets. Property being destroyed thereby.

ANOTHER POWER PLANT.

Works to Go Up on Canadian Side of Niagara Falls.

Niagara Falls, N. Y., May 6.—The Niagara Falls Power Co., of this city, through its president, Wm. Franklin, has announced that it will begin the construction of a Canadian power plant on the Canadian side of the river under the charter of the Canadian Niagara Power Co., which it controls. The first development will be twenty-five thousand electric horse-power, part of which will be transmitted to Toronto for use in that city and part to the United States side as a reserve for use in Buffalo. The plans call for one hundred thousand horse-power development eventually.

A RACE OF GIANTS.

French Court's Method of Improving the Human Species.

Paris, May 6.—Count Stom de Pierre Court, whose family dated back to William the Conqueror, and who died recently, had bequeathed to the city of Rouen, his fortune of 10,000,000 francs, on the novel condition that the city annually shall give a marriage gift of 100,000 francs to a couple of giants, in order to regenerate the human species. The plans call for one hundred thousand horse-power development eventually.

Better When Close Hauled

The Challenger Far Swifter Than Shamrock I, in Most Winds.

Southampton, May 6.—Shamrock II proved herself far superior to Shamrock I to-day in any breeze, except one full astern. There was a fresh, squally north-east wind.

The challenger set a club topsail and the Shamrock I set a much larger club topsail. They had the wind dead astern down the water. The challenger went under mainsail and topped only. The Shamrock I set a jib. At the start the challenger ran out ahead, but the Shamrock I, catching a better breeze, soon began to overhaul her. The challenger set a jib and staysail, but though the breeze here was light and the water smooth, Shamrock I held close astern, losing nothing from Netley to Calish.

There they hauled into the wind and reached along in a fresher breeze, and the challenger leading by half a minute, passing the Spit light. After clearing the Spit light, they reached off for a few minutes and the challenger drew away from the other fast and steadily. The boats bore away from Cowes, to take sailmaker's Bay on board. Both were then ranged in a line off the Squadron castle and the Erin gave signal to go.

The challenger was well placed to give the Shamrock I the advantage of the wind for the new boat was reached off across the stern of the other boat, and took up a position half a mile away on her lee quarter, with the intervening wind seemed, of trying whether she could make up this on the stretch out to Lynton. Both sailed far enough off the wind to keep their sails full, and the challenger footed much faster than Shamrock I. In the course of half an hour she had drawn ahead, and was well under the lee bow of the challenger, she then threw around and just failed to cross ahead of Shamrock I. Passing close astern of the old challenger, the Shamrock II was luffed up and pointing wonderfully high and sailing fast for a few minutes, was able to pass the old boat wide to weather and bear away across her bows, a fact which gave ample proof that she was not pushed to her full strength. Previously the Erin had gone ahead and stopped, forming a mark for the boats to round.

The challenger might easily have been first, but she bore away and waited for the Shamrock I to round the mark, following two minutes later. All was well down the Shamrocks had a good knot breeze and a strong tide, with little sea. Under these conditions Shamrock I was no match for the new challenger. Jib and topsails were set as the boats ran back to Cowes. All the way back they were in a steady wind, and the challenger fell lighter. The boats were well set and the wind well astern. Going free in this manner the new yacht was quite unable to catch Shamrock I, and for five miles there was no change in their positions. A big reaching jib was tried on the challenger, but even then Shamrock I held her distance, and at the finish the gap between them was the same as when they started.

ORIENTALS ON THE RAILWAYS

C. P. R. Believes in White Labor More Than Do United States Roads.

From Our Own Correspondent. Vancouver, May 6.—Mr. Marpole, superintendent of the C. P. R., gave important evidence before the Oriental commission today. Over the entire Pacific division 99 Chinese and 70 Japanese are employed, out of a total of 4,693 employees on the division. Wherever possible, white men are employed. The Northern Pacific railway employed 2,500 Japanese; Great Northern, 2,000; on the Oregon Short line, 1,000. The Great Northern had advertised for 5,000 more Japanese. The increase of C. P. R. traffic with Japan was enormous, and a new steamship would have to be added.

T. Wasson has returned to Vancouver from South Africa. In November, 1898, Wasson and "Hib" Jackson, not being able to get into the first contingent, went to South Africa on their own account at their own expense. Both saw a great deal of fighting under General French. Wasson received a bullet in the chest and arm in the "dash into Kimberley."

George R. Maxwell, M. P., has returned from Ottawa. He predicts that the session of the house would be concluded in two weeks.

It is expected that Vancouver's population will be between 28,000 and 28,000, as shown by the census.

AT NEWMARKET.

Aida Wins the Thousand Guinea Stakes. London, May 3.—The Thousand Guinea Stakes at Newmarket today was won by Aida. Fleur de Lys was second, and Santa Bridge third. Fifteen other horses ran. Aida was a cleverly ridden race by a neck. Two lengths separated the second and third horses.

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Mr. P. Lorrain's chestnut colt Tantalus won the Brinkley stakes of 200 sovereigns. The Betsy handicaps of 200 sovereigns was won by London.

Coal Tax Is Adopted

It Passes House of Commons by a Very Safe Majority.

Lord Cranborne Affirms Reports About Reduction of Troops in China.

London, May 7.—There was unusual animation and attendance in the house of commons today when the last installment of the coal tax resolution debated was opened by Sir Edward Grey, Liberal, who defined the measure as harsh and oppressive.

The house adopted the coal tax by a vote of 333 to 227. Lord Cranborne, the foreign secretary, informed Mr. Dillon, Nationalist, that his withdrawal of a portion of the troops in the province of Pechili was in contemplation and that as soon as China would comply with the more important demands of the powers, a larger reduction would occur.

Mr. Chamberlain, the colonial secretary, in answer to a question, said that gold had been produced in the Transvaal since January 1, but fifty stamps started today. Replying to a question of Mr. Brodrick, the war secretary, he said that the prisoners captured in South Africa were twenty-six Americans, besides thirty claimed by the Germans. There was no intention of releasing any of the prisoners until the war should be over.

UNSEEMLY QUARREL.

Americans Squabbling Over the Flag Presented to Hospital Ship.

London, May 6.—A dispute has arisen as to the ownership of a portion of the Queen Victoria presented to the hospital ship Maine. Mrs. George Cornwallis West, who is the owner of the ship, has written to Mr. Bernard Baker, owner of the vessel, declaring that it is his property. The flag of the ship a few days later sent to Lady Randolph Churchill's possession. It seems that while the Maine was in service as a hospital ship, Mr. Baker ordered that the flag should be surrendered to no one without an order from himself. The officer in charge of the ship a few days later sent it to Lady Randolph at her request. He was dismissed for disobedience and Mr. Baker refused to do. Lady Randolph turned the flag to him, which she, in spite of more important requests and demands, refused to do. Lady Randolph claims the flag is her own, but has intimated her willingness to send it to the United States government to be placed as a relic in some national museum.

THE COPPER FIGHT.

Hearing of the Rule Nisi in New Jersey.

New York, May 6.—Vice-Chancellor Pitney gave a hearing in Jersey City to-day on a rule to show cause why the Amalgamated Copper Company should not be enjoined from absorbing the Boston & Montana and Butte & Boston mining companies of Montana. Calvin Case, a former partner in the latter, is the Amalgamated company, asks the court to restrain the Amalgamated company from absorbing the other companies under the name of the Boston & Montana company, and since the death of Marcus Daly, the Amalgamated company has been in possession of the Boston & Montana company at \$75 per share would involve an expenditure of \$58,250,000. It was decided that such an expenditure would be excessive.

REPORTED PURCHASE.

Claims at Mount Sicker Said to Have Been Sold at High Prices.

Vancouver, May 6.—(Special)—W. A. Duthie, a Victoria man, according to an authentic report which has reached this city, purchased six million claims on the Sicker for a large sum. Suffice to say that the purchase of these claims to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the interested parties and several mining experts that the ledge is the same as those now being worked on the Lenora. The names of the claims are the Victoria, Canyon, Susan, Ahooka, Star and May. Development work will be commenced at once on the Victoria, Canyon and Susan and will be continued until these mines are put on a shipping basis.

COMMITS SUICIDE.

Charged With Murder of His Mother.

McLeod, Kils, Himsel. Charlottetown, P. E. I., May 6.—Arch. McLeod, a farmer who was charged with the murder of his mother to secure her share of a farm at Rose Valley, committed suicide early on Sunday morning by hanging himself with a towel.

ANOTHER RECORD.

C. P. R. Stock Touches Eleven and a Half.

Montreal, May 6.—(Special)—Before the stock market closed this afternoon the Canadian Pacific stocks touched 11 1/2. It is rumored that J. J. Hill is a purchaser.

SCANDANAVIAN ARMY.

A Large Increase in the Appropriations for Military Purposes.

Stockholm, May 6.—The Riksdag committee which has been considering the military arm propositions has reported in favor of increasing the expenditure by 22,500,000 kroner, making a total of 45,000,000 kroner. The naval estimates are increased to 14,000,000 kroner.

WAR LOSSES.

War Office Gives Out Total Deaths in South Africa.

London, May 6.—The war office today officially gives out the total number of deaths in the South African war at 714 officers, and 14,146 men. Four officers and 314 men have been invalided home and subsequently died. Two thousand four hundred and ninety-three non-commissioned officers and men have left the service unfit for duty.

Brussels, May 6.—It is reported here that the Delagoa Bay railway has again been destroyed by Boer forces under Commandant Beyers.

BRITISH BOAT SINKS ON. Tien Tsin, May 4.—Some German soldiers were guarding a German bridge across the Pei Ho river, at the mouth of the British concession here, when a British tug, the Tien Tsin, was morning, wounding two of her crew. The bridge impedes river traffic and the tug touched it.

