

BUDGET SPEECH IN LEGISLATURE

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1904 2,597,847
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1907 4,235,632
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But the greatest increase of all is that of the year with which we are dealing over that of 1907, being about 1 1/2 millions, or nearly 50 per cent.

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This increase is the more satisfactory when we consider that it is largely derived from crown properties, such as lands, timber, minerals and other sources which point to the advancement and development of the province and not from increased taxation.

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1904—Bal. liabill. over assets \$3,764,412
1905 " " " 3,738,383
1906 " " " 1,098,182
1907 " " " 6,525,233
1908 " " " 1,825,387

Or in other words our net liabilities on the 30th June last were less than one-half what they amounted to on the 30th June 1904, being \$10,998,144 against which I hold in sinking fund 1,589,538.

Leaving the net debt of the province \$9,408,606.

In 1905 this liability amounted to \$11,332,788. Consequently since that period our indebtedness has been decreased by \$1,974,178. And if we add the 100,000 which is being surrendered to the province by bought in London 100,000.

We obtain a total reduction of \$2,074,178.

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Income Tax. Real Property Total Tax.
1903-04 \$148,725.00 \$176,435.19
1904-05 157,821.00 193,004.80
1905-06 173,721.00 194,587.86
1906-07 193,825.00 129,237.80
1907-08 207,783.00 134,738.01

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In leaving further explanation of the various amounts until the House goes into Committee, when all necessary details will be supplied, I would like before closing to make a few remarks about the general conditions of the farm of the province and more particularly of the department over which I have the honor to preside. At the present time we are endeavoring to re-organizing the Department of Agriculture. It is proposed to divide it into two or more divisions, the immediate supervision, live stock, etc., with a qualified practical official at the head of each—this is being done by the immediate superior and the Deputy Minister—by this means, it is hoped to obtain a better knowledge of the capabilities and resources of the country and in institute work and all other relations, render the department more practically in touch with the farmer and horticulturist.

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(Signed) Henry Speers, J.P. The doctors were called "Irritated Heart," Indigestion and dyspepsia completely upset the stomach. Poisonous gases were formed which swelled the walls of the stomach and pressed against the heart. "Fruit-a-lives" immediately strengthened and regulated the bowels. There were no poisons—no noxious gases remained in the system, and the heart was no longer irritated. Then the pain and fever subsided. "Fruit-a-lives" is put up in two sizes 25c and 50c. If your dealer has not both, write Fruit-a-lives, Limited, Ottawa.

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FLOATING BODY SOLVES MONTH OLD MYSTERY

The Disappearance of "Speak Easy Dave," Waterfront Character, Cleared Up

(From Tuesday's Daily) The mystery surrounding the whereabouts of Andrew Davids, for years a well-known waterfront character, better known as "Speak Easy Dave," has been solved. Yesterday afternoon shortly after 7 o'clock a body, subsequently identified as that of Davids, was discovered under the E. & N. railway bridge at the foot of Johnson street, floating out with the tide. The body was first found by two boys who called the attention of some men working at the B. C. Salvo company's bunkers. It was secured and brought ashore, while the police were notified and taken to the morgue at Smith's undertaking rooms.

The body was badly decomposed, but a key feature of the trousseau pocket was identified by Frederick Smith, proprietor of the Light House saloon, by whom Davids was known. The watchman on the launch Elwood, as the one which was given by Mr. Smith to Davids. The key fitted the lock in a locker on the launch and when tested yesterday afternoon opened the locker door. From the clothing and other marks Mr. Smith declares he is self positive that the body found was that of his former employee.

"Speak Easy Dave" was last seen when he called at the Light House saloon about 11:30 o'clock. He had had one or two drinks, but was not under the influence of liquor and after remaining a few minutes he was seen to board the launch. He left the saloon and was never seen afterwards until his body was dragged from the waters of the harbor yesterday afternoon.

Early Tuesday morning, January 12, a watchman, Robert Conn, on a boat lying near the Elwood, heard cries as if some one were calling for help. He listened but some time passed and he was not repeated he thought they proceeded from some drunken man and he paid no further attention. The watchman sailed to turn-up at the Light House saloon, on Tuesday as was his wont. Mr. Smith thought that perhaps he was ill, but it was not until the Wednesday following the man's disappearance, that an inquiry was instituted when a man was sent to the launch. Some meat which Davids had purchased in the afternoon of the day he disappeared was found in a locker, but no signs of the missing man were seen. The whistle pipe on the launch was broken and it is believed that Davids, after getting on board, tripped over the pipe and fell into the harbor. As he was an old man and the weather was very cold it is supposed that once in the chilly waters he could not make his way to the shore, but instead succumbed to the cold and sank.

Twenty years ago Davids, who was a Norwegian by birth, arrived in Victoria on the "Adela," the captain of which was Hansen, known along the whole coast as "The Flying Dutchman." Davids for years was engaged in the spooling industry, being accounted one of the best in the city. He was employed as sailmaker for June Bros, but for the past two years he had been doing nothing except odd jobs for Mr. Smith, by whom he was practically supported. His quiet demeanor and soft manner of walking many years ago earned for him the sobriquet of "Speak Easy Dave." The coroner, Dr. Hart, will hold an inquest today at 3 o'clock.

TEN DOCTORS APPEAR IN SUPPORT OF BILL

Medical Men Ask Ministers to Support Medical Act As It Stands

(From Tuesday's Daily) A delegation of doctors interviewed the government yesterday to give their views in support of the bill respecting the regulation of the medical profession introduced by Dr. King. This is not a government measure and both opposition and support may be expected from both sides of the House, and many amendments are sure to be made when the bill reaches the committee.

The delegation yesterday was headed by Dr. Procter, chairman of the medical council, and supported by about ten of his professional brethren, prominent among whom were Dr. M. Jones, Walter Fraser. The delegation asked that the bill go through practically as drawn, though they were willing to concede the point that permission to establish private hospitals be granted by the lieutenant-governor in council instead of by the medical council as at present.

One of the clauses which provoked some hostile comment was the section throwing the onus of proof on the accused man, when such an one was charged with violation of the act. It was contended that this was contrary to the entire spirit of British law, though the doctors admitted the difficulty of obtaining evidence in such cases an extreme course like that suggested was justifiable.

The ministers present told the delegation that their views would be given due weight when the bill came to be considered in the house on its merits. The doctors thanked them and withdrew.

AMENDMENT TO ACT TO BENEFIT GROWERS

Association Members' Liability Limited While Capital Can Be Increased

(From Tuesday's Daily) By reason of the amendment to the Farmers' Institute Act under which the Victoria Fruit Growers' Association was organized, that body will have its liability limited to the amount of the capital of the association as at present, but the liability of the members be increased, as at present, be unlimited and the capital of the association can be further increased. At present under the Farmers' Institute Act the capital of the association is limited to \$3,000. Under the amendments introduced, which has the support of the members of the government, the capital can be increased and as a result the operations of the association can be widely extended.

A meeting of fruit growers was held yesterday afternoon in the Board of Trade rooms, when a large number were present not only from the district of Victoria, but also from other island points. The proposition had been advanced that the association should become incorporated as a joint stock company, but after a meeting decided that to take such a step would endanger the future of the association. It was agreed that the members would be in no better position than if they had to deal with any of the companies now in existence. The idea of co-operation, which has been the foundation of the operations of the Victoria Fruit Growers' Association, would be lost. On the other hand, the present capital of the company will be increased but not yet been decided upon. The amendments to the Farmers' Institute Act will permit of the Association being known in future as the Victoria Fruit Growers' Association, Limited. Another meeting will be held in a month's time when other details will be decided upon. The statement made in a recent article that it was the intention of the association to disband and be re-organized under a different system of liability, there was no intention of disbanding. The Association's affairs have never been in a better condition and now that the needed amendment to the act has been secured the members are confident that the interests of the Association and the fruit growers of the island will be greatly increased.

WRECKED FERRY BARGE PARTLY UNDER WATER

Covered for Fifty Feet Aft—Steamer Maude Sent North to Assist

(From Tuesday's Daily) News was received yesterday from the wrecked C. P. R. barge Transfer, stating that the vessel is more seriously injured than was previously reported. She almost turned over before the tug Cesar got the leaking Prince Rupert into Plummer Bay, in Discovery passage. Word was telegraphed from Union bay yesterday by the B. C. Salvo company's tug William Jolliffe were engaged in making repairs under water and the big centrifugal pumps were to be put to work as soon as the barge was made tight. The salvors asked that the steamer Maude be sent from Vancouver and the B. C. Salvo company's tug Transfer No. 1. The injured Transfer is not the vessel built by the Victoria Machinery company, but the Transfer No. 1, a smaller barge, built at Vancouver.

Brewery Amalgamation

Montreal, Feb. 15.—An amalgamation of the breweries in the province of Quebec, which may later be extended to take in all the breweries in Canada, is reported to be an accomplished fact. A large accumulation of capital will be represented in the new association, arrangements so far, however, are rather indefinite. A meeting is being held today to discuss the conditions under which each separate firm will enter the association. The object of the combination is to regulate trade.

BUILDING FIGURES AHEAD OF LAST YEAR

Increased Activity in Building Operations Shown By the Growing Figures

(From Tuesday's Daily) Though February is little more than half gone the aggregate value of the buildings under building permits has been issued is \$9,000 more than the total aggregate for February of last year. The demand for permits indicates clearly the increased activity in building operations throughout the city. Yesterday permits for buildings of an aggregate value of \$2,150 were issued as follows: To William H. Grant, of the Windsor hotel, for a dwelling to be erected on Carrol street at a cost of \$1,850; to Mrs. Murray Brown for two dwellings on Dunsmuir street at a cost of \$4,500; to Mrs. F. G. Farrar, dwelling on Sutcliffe street at a cost of \$2,500, and to Robert A. Ogilvie, dwelling on Richmond street at a cost of \$2,500. With the exception of the dwelling to be erected by Mr. Grant, the plans for which were prepared by C. H. Merkeley, the above dwellings were planned by R. McKinnon and will be erected by McKinnon and company, contractors. The January figures this year aggregated \$7,300, compared with \$5,728 last year, and February this year to date total \$32,315, compared with \$73,315 a year ago.

MOOSE HEAD ON VIEW

The Victoria Board of Trade has presented a splendid moose head to the steamer Princess Charlotte. The head is now being displayed in the establishment of the B. C. Fur Manufacturing company on Government street.

ROYAL BLACK KNIGHTS HOLD ANNUAL SESSION

Election of Officers Concludes Successful Meeting—Today's Programme

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The principal business of the afternoon session, so far as the public is concerned, consisted of the election of officers for the ensuing year, and the following gentlemen were chosen officials of the provincial Grand Black Chapter: P. G. Master, Sir Kt. W. S. Jago, Vancouver; D. G. Registrar, Sir Kt. W. S. Jago, Vancouver; A. D. G. Master, Sir Kt. G. S. Grimson, Victoria; G. Chap. Rev. W. H. Brett, Vancouver; G. Registrar, J. J. Tulk, Vancouver; G. Treasurer, R. Fawcett, Vancouver; G. Lecturer, A. Armstrong, Cumberland; D. G. Lecturer, J. H. Armstrong, Revelstoke; R. F. Patterson, New Westminster; Second Senior, F. E. Packingham, Mission City; First St. Bearer, John Walsh, Victoria; Second St. Bearer, N. S. McDonald, New Westminster; G. Pursuivant, L. T. Smirl, Vancouver; D. G. Registrar, C. Elliott, Vancouver; D. G. Treasurer, H. Wilkinson, Kamloops; Outside Tyler, John Wallace, Victoria.

COASTING SEAMEN NOT ADMITTED IN HOSPITAL

Order Issued From Ottawa That Only Men of Foreign-Growing Ships Are Admissible.

An order has been received from Ottawa that seamen from coasting steamers are not in future to be admitted to the marine hospital. Only men from foreign going ships are in future to be taken in. It was stated that the order has provoked considerable adverse comment among shipping men. An inspection has just been held by Dr. Godin, who was sent from Ottawa for that purpose and while here he stated in answer to the complaints about the badly-found condition of the marine hospital, that it was proposed to cut down the expense of the hospital. He also stated while here that the intention was to close the hospital following the settlement of the Indian reserve question when other arrangements would be made for taking care of seamen in need of medical treatment and care.

Alberta Conservatives

Ottawa, Feb. 15.—Asked today what he thought of the progress of the Conservative leadership in Alberta, M. P. for Calgary, M. S. McCarthy, said it had been impossible as yet to enter the party. He was awaiting the arrival of the communication from the Conservative Association.

LABOR DEPUTATION ASKING FOR REFORMS

Deputation From Trades and Labor Congress Interviews Government

(From Tuesday's Daily) The government ownership of coal mines, classed as a public utility, was one of the recommendations urged upon the executive yesterday by a large deputation representing the B. C. executive of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada. Among the other points urged were objection to any assimilation of immigration, the abolition of the election deposit, no contracts in government work and the exemption from attachment of all property belonging to the government as well as other property. Canneries are also classed as public utilities in the petition.

The delegation was introduced by two of the members for Victoria, and was received by the Premier and the Hon. Richard McBride, Taylor and Carter-Cotton. The leaders of the deputation who spoke in support of the petition were: J. H. Pettipiece, Mr. F. Pettipiece, Mr. Feeney, president of the Trades Council of New Westminster; J. H. McVety, president of the Vancouver Trades Council; W. W. Sayers, vice-president of the same body, and J. C. Waters, president of the local body.

The question of immigration was brought up by Chairman Pettipiece, who was followed by the Premier, who stated that the arrangement at present existing with the Salvation Army for bringing immigrants into the country was being brought to an end, and that a similar method of assisting immigration would not be again adopted. The Premier spoke in support of the establishment of the government ownership of public utilities in which coal mines and canneries were classed in the same category as telephones. The speaker urged that these industries should be acquired by the government in the best interests of the public.

The Premier and his colleagues assured the delegates, some thirty in number, that the matter placed before them would receive the most careful consideration by the government. It is understood that the chairman delegates intend to remain in the city for a few days with a view to continuing to urge the government to take some action along the lines laid down in the petition.

DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND COMMERCE

The Hon. Richard McBride, Premier, and the members of the executive of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, and representatives of organized labor of the province, desire to submit for your favorable consideration some of the more important matters of interest to the welfare of wage-earners of British Columbia, as follows: 1. On this question we desire to reiterate and emphasize our protest against the policy of the government in relation to emigration, and respectfully ask for the discontinuance of this policy by your government. 2. In connection with the election deposit, and request the removal of all restrictions to a free franchise in the province. 3. The necessity of the appointment of a factory inspector. 4. Recommendation for an extension of the government policy of supplying free text books. 5. The desirability of the government taking steps to have the sanatorium at Tranquille taken over, and having same established and maintained as free public institutions. 6. The establishment of a provincial bureau of statistics. 7. All government work to be done by contract. 8. Asking the government to extend the scope of the Act exempting the funds of labor unions from attachment to realty, and all other property of such organizations. 9. Recommendation of government assistance to night schools. 10. Favoring the granting of licenses to hand loggers. 11. To ask the government to establish the following conditions governing employment on all works and industries in this province: (a) A legal day of not more than eight hours, of not more than six days a week. (b) Minimum wages. (c) Payment of wages at intervals not greater than two weeks. 12. We are further instructed to urge upon the government the necessity of its assuming the ownership and operation of public utilities, such as coal mines, telephones, canneries, etc.

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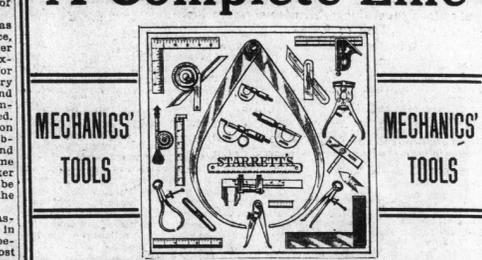
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Pheasant

(By Richard L. Poo DITOR COLONIST, I have read Mr. Poo your Sunday edition able interest, as I am interested in all game I and fish stories how

In yesterday's Colonist I nouncement of the arrival from a pheasant. This is in my pens. This bird killed it wire of the pen. The white p paratively little known and is I count them splendid game bird in places where there are snoc turn, as their plumage is suc them great protection. They prolific. I send a poor photo pheasants, taken in the snow, will just be able to distinguish birds, four in number, among golden and ring-neck.

Some weeks ago Mr. Poo on Pheasant Shooting in China red backs of the golden pheasant has no red on its breast orange with black tips, the and the back yellow or golden GEO.

Nanaimo, B. C., Feb. 19, 1909.

The above letter called for grettable inaccuracies mention which I hasten to apologize, to all sportsmen who we that white pheasants could a distinct variety. The news the white pheasant alluded to was that a white pheasant had in the neighborhood of a naturally jumped to the conclu a wild albino such as I have s try covers and taxidermists' White pheasants are not k as a distinct variety so far Tegetmeier, the recognized pheasants which have been Europe, has this to say ab purely white variety of the c occasionally occurs in the any apparent cause. A cor has been a pheasant rearer fo writes: "Four years ago a eggs was brought in by the Hogs were hatched; eleven white birds, the other two th the others were kept in the ioned. The white pheasants layers, very delicate, their and those that were hatched rear, and there never was a The extraordinary thing is, nest was taken up the keeper fore or since seen a white ph cocks turned out never (to the keeper's) were the cause

CANADA AND THE BRITISH NAVY

CANADIAN correspondent writes to the London Times as follows: The attitude of Canadians today in respect to the problem of Imperial defence may be described accurately as that of a people who are only awaiting a plan which will permit them to give evidence of their willingness to bear, not only without murmur, but, indeed, with genuine pleasure, their share of the burden. Can it be doubted for a single instant that Canadians are loyal to the interests of the Empire when they will send their sons to any part of the British dominions in defence of the Flag? The question really is superfluous. It may then be asked: How is it that they have shown such a dilatory spirit on the question of contributing to the support of the Navy when they have the example of other colonies before them? The answer is that Canadians are a very busy people and they have not been so fortunate as to have statesmen disposed to lead them along an Imperial path which they are very willing to follow.

But recently there has been an awakening of the public conscience in Canada in regard to this neglected duty which promises well for the future. The Press of both the great political parties are agreed that the time has arrived when Canada must either bear part of the burdens of Empire, or be prepared to see that arm of defence upon which they are now dependent so weakened as to imperil their national existence.

At the present moment there is a well-defined movement on foot for Canada to take the initial step in laying the foundation of a "navy" of her own, by constructing a number of fishery cruisers of semi-warship type. Every one knows that of very necessity these craft, constructed as they will be in Canadian yards and to plans not approved of by the Admiralty, will be but travesties of fighting ships, though they will, of course, serve the primary purpose for which they are to be built. The important point in this connection is that, while they may to a certain extent satisfy the desire among the Canadian people to "do something" towards

the creation of a Canadian navy, as a matter of fact they will not advance the country one step towards participation in the work of Imperial defence.

Now, if I am correctly informed, the Admiralty every year places out of commission a number of ships which would make much better craft for the present purposes of Canada than these "cruisers" which are shortly to be laid down; and the point I would make must, I am sure, have already suggested itself. That is, that the Home government might offer to supply Canada from her retired warship class with just those ships for fishery protective purposes of which she stands in need, and thus induce Canada to take up in practical fashion the matter of the creation of the nucleus of a navy which would prove an Imperial asset.

In respect to the feasibility of this proposal, it would be necessary to give consideration to the following questions:

Is there a special service which can be rendered to Canada at the present moment by maintaining in her waters certain of the smaller type of British warships which would otherwise be placed out of commission?

Would an offer from the Home government to this end be welcomed by the people of Canada?

Would the people of Canada be disposed to instruct their government to bear the cost of the maintenance of these ships on Canadian stations?

Would such ships stationed in Canadian waters form the nucleus of a Canadian navy? Would the people of Canada ultimately demand of their government that these vessels should be augmented by others built by their own contributions?

Would the people of Canada consent to these vessels being at all times under the control of the Admiralty—to the extent of their being available for Imperial needs at a moment's notice?

No one who has an intelligent grasp of Canadian public opinion can doubt for a moment that all these questions may be answered

in the affirmative. In support of that statement I beg to submit herewith extracts from editorial articles in two of the leading papers in Canada, which came under my notice in quite a casual way and were not found at all as the result of a search for evidence to support my argument. The first is from the Montreal Gazette, easily the leading Conservative newspaper in Canada. It reads as follows:

"If the comments of newspapers throughout the country are an indication, a proposition that Canada should bear a share of the cost of the naval defence of the Empire would meet with as little effective opposition as did the resolution to send Canadian soldiers to South Africa when they seemed to be needed there. The call of that which looks like duty has its legitimate influence with Canadians."

The second is from the Ottawa Journal, and is as follows:

"Canadian cash for the British navy and a voice in the Imperial naval councils. 'Who says that the Canadian people are not willing to bear their share of the Imperial naval burden?' That question should be put to the test."

Let it be conceded at once that there are a multitude of obstacles to the immediate success of the arrangement which I propose. What I feel sure of is that none of them are insuperable. One the one hand, we have people in Canada loyal to the core, ready and willing to lay down their lives, if need be, in defence of the Flag, and thoroughly conscious of their duty in the work of Imperial defence; but in a maze of doubt how to proceed; on the other hand, we have a group of far-seeing statesmen in Great Britain who feel that the psychological moment has arrived when an attempt should be made to knit closer the bonds of Empire for defence purposes, and yet undecided just what steps ought to be taken. This being the situation, then, is it not opportune to inquire whether one of the two parties may not, by a stroke of policy, take the initiative in a plan calculated to achieve the very purpose both have in mind?

A disquieting phase of the present situation on the continent of America in respect to the future of Canada is so obvious that I am sure it has not been overlooked by those British statesmen who have set their hands to the task of consolidating the Empire. This is the fact that, at a time when Canada is attaining the stature of nationhood, the United States should be engaged in building up a great navy. Now, as every one knows, all Canadians dearly love the sight of a battleship. This feeling is, no doubt, born of a realization of the fact that their possessions were won for them by Great Britain's strong right arm—the Navy—and also because they in their youth imbibed some of the tales of Britain's sea glory. It is easy to understand, then, that the spectacle of a naval force in adjacent waters possesses a glamor for them which they may easily mistake for the lustre which ought only, in the eyes of Canadians, to attach to a fleet of British warships. The means for inter-travel between Canada and the United States are so accessible to the masses that there is danger lest the younger generation of Canadians, at all events, may come to admire the fighting capacity of the United States to a degree which will lessen their admiration for the might of Britain.

But evidence that the time has arrived when statesmen should exert some effort along definite lines in the direction of Imperial unity we have in abundant quantity. Let us now dismiss as unworthy of consideration all speculation as to the genuineness of the loyalty of Canada to the Mother Country, and try to devise some modus operandi for giving practical effect to an aspiration which is the common possession of the Canadian people and the people of the United Kingdom. I have herein made a concrete suggestion to that end; and a useful purpose will be served if, as a result, there shall be full and free discussion of it.

In the course of an editorial article on "Empire Builders and Empire Destroyers," the Times said:

"We are all in our degree either Empire-

builders or Empire-destroyers. It is, therefore, good to recognize on such an occasion as the present evidence that Empire-building occupies the thoughts of our kinsmen in Canada. A Canadian correspondent bears welcome testimony to their growing desire—a desire not confined to any party—to make some efficient contribution to the naval defence of the Empire. No one remembering what the Canadians did in far-distant South Africa, in a quarrel which affected them on no selfish grounds, but solely through their Imperial sentiments, can doubt that in the Canadian people the desire is abundantly present to bear their part in maintaining the great service upon which their defence in certain circumstances would depend, and to which they mainly owe it that these circumstances have not arisen. But, as our Correspondent remarks, the Canadians are very busy, and wait for leadership upon a path which they would gladly follow. There is a movement on foot at present, probably arising out of the multifarious occupations that keep them busy, in favor of creating a local navy in the shape of fishery cruisers of semi-warship type. Our Correspondent makes the sensible suggestion that, as the Admiralty is constantly discarding vessels which would admirably discharge the duties contemplated, these vessels should be assigned to Canadian marine police work. Canada would thus save the expense of constructing new ships which could never form part of a fighting fleet, and would be encouraged to invest money to much better purpose in ships fit to take their place in the Imperial Navy. It is important that there should be as little overlapping and waste as possible, and for the avoiding of which intelligent utilization of resources from an Imperial standpoint. The idea we are discussing appears to further that aim. No doubt there will be technical and official objections, but if the idea were developed on broad lines and with a due sense of the solidarity of the Empire, the results might be found both morally and financially satisfactory."

Pheasants—White, Mongolian and Some Other Kinds

(By Richard L. Pocock.)

DITOR COLONIST, Victoria, B. C. I have read Mr. Pocock's letters in your Sunday edition with considerable interest, as I am very much interested in all game life and in game and fish stories however—well, just however.

In yesterday's Colonist I noted the announcement of the arrival from Nanaimo of an albino pheasant. This is a joke. The pheasant is a white pheasant, a variety I breed in my pens. This bird killed itself against the wire of the pen. The white pheasant is comparatively little known and is somewhat rare. I count them splendid game birds, especially in places where there are snow falls in autumn, as their plumage is such as to give them great protection. They are hardy and prolific. I send a poor photo of some young pheasants, taken in the snow, in which you will just be able to distinguish some white birds, four in number, among some silvers, golden and ring-neck.

Some weeks ago Mr. Pocock, in an article on Pheasant Shooting in China, mentioned the red backs of the golden pheasant. The golden pheasant has no red on its back. The ruff is orange with black tips, the shoulder green and the back yellow or golden.

GEO. B. BROWN.

Nanaimo, B. C., Feb. 11, 1909.

The above letter called forth by the regrettable inaccuracies mentioned in it, for which I hasten to apologize, is interesting to all sportsmen who were not aware that white pheasants could be bred as a distinct variety. The news item concerning the white pheasant alluded to as it reached me was that a white pheasant had been "captured" in the neighborhood of Nanaimo, and I naturally jumped to the conclusion that it was a wild albino such as I have seen in Old Country coverts and taxidermists' shops.

White pheasants are not known in Europe as a distinct variety so far as I am aware. Tegetmeier, the recognized authority on pheasants which have been introduced into Europe, has this to say about them: "A purely white variety of the common pheasant occasionally occurs in the coverts without any apparent cause. A correspondent, who has been a pheasant rearer for thirty years, writes: 'Four years ago a nest of thirteen eggs was brought in by the mowers. All the eggs were hatched; eleven were perfectly white birds, the other two the common color. Nine of the white birds were reared—six cocks and three hens; three cocks were turned out, the others were kept in the pheasantry, pinioned. The white pheasants proved very bad layers, very delicate, their eggs very bad; and those that were hatched very difficult to rear, and there never was a white bird bred. The extraordinary thing is, that where the nest was taken up the keepers had never before or since seen a white pheasant. The three cocks turned out never (to my knowledge or the keeper's) were the cause of white pheas-

ants or pied pheasants being bred, and the three all disappeared in the second year. On another part of my estate a white cock pheasant was bred; he was considered a sacred bird, and lived seven years, when he disappeared. In the covert he resorted to I killed one pied pheasant, and I believe that one bird was the only pied pheasant (if bred through him) that ever was seen."

"By careful breeding there is no doubt that a permanent white race might be established if such a proceeding were thought desirable, which I much doubt, as white varieties are generally very deficient in hardiness. Left to themselves the white cocks are doubtless driven away from the hens by the stronger and more vigorous dark bird, and rarely increase their kind. When mated in pheastries the natural color has a strong tendency to reproduce itself; but white, or even pied or parti-colored birds, are not always to be produced from white parents. . . . The explanation of the difficulty of breeding pied birds from a white and a colored parent, and the ease with which ring-necks are produced and perpetuated, is soon given. Ring-necks are derived more or less directly from the P. torquatus, a permanent race that has a strong tendency to reproduce its like; but white and pied birds are merely accidental variations, and not even a thoroughly established breed, and therefore are not prepotent in propagating their like, but have a strong tendency to throw back to the stock from which they were derived."

Plumage of the Golden Pheasant

The description of the golden pheasant as having a red back was, of course, an error in writing, the back being really a deep yellow. The point I was trying to emphasize was the effect on my senses of the first sight of one of those most gorgeous of the tribe in full flight, which, with its mixture of red and yellow and orange, was that of a flaming missile against the dark background of trees and undergrowth with which the hills where I came across it were covered. In thinking of the general effect I fell into the blunder.

The male in mature plumage, which he does not assume until the autumn of his second year, is one of the most gorgeous of the whole tribe of pheasants, his appearance taken altogether being so remarkable as to make him look more like one of the bizarre creations of Chinese fancy than a real bird. On the head is a long crest of silky orange-colored feathers, which extends backwards over a tip of broad flat feathers of a color which in the specimens I procured (nearly a hundred) varied from almost a pure yellow to a deep orange with dark blue bars, so dark as to be almost black, across the tips; below the tip of the lower part of the neck the feathers are deep green margined with velvet black; below this again are the scapular feathers of a dark crimson; the back and rump are golden yellow; the tail is very long for the size of the bird, the two longest central feathers are covered with small, irregular circles of light brown on a dark ground, giving them a mottled appearance; the other feathers are barred

diagonally with dark brown on a lighter ground. On each side of the base of the tail extend the long narrow upper tail coverts of a bright orange crimson. The wings, when closed, show the deep blue tertiaries covering the chestnut secondary quills. The upper part of the throat light-brown, the breast and underparts orange-scarlet.

Mongolian Pheasants, Chinese or Ring-necked Pheasants and English Pheasants

As there still seems to be considerable confusion in the minds of local sportsmen as to the identity of these three varieties of pheasant I have taken the trouble to hunt up the authorities for accurate descriptions of the three varieties.

Many sportsmen here, including some who have written to and for the daily press, seem to be under the impression that the pheasants we have here are English pheasants and that Mongolian is merely another name for Chinese pheasant just as we sometimes loosely speak of a Chinese as a Mongolian.

The common pheasant of Europe, including England is, or perhaps I should say was, Phasianus Colchicus, a bird which has been introduced from its native country, Asia Minor, for upwards of a thousand years, and was very possibly brought into England by the Romans. Pheasants are mentioned in a bill of fare preserved in a manuscript in the British museum of the date of circa 1177. Until the introduction of the ring-necked pheasant, Phasianus torquatus, from China and subsequently of other varieties (Japanese, Reeves, etc.) P. Colchicus was the one distinct species or race known in Europe and was so named from its having been brought from the banks of the river Colchis in Asia Minor. Nowadays, however, it is rare to find wild pheasants true to the old type, as the different varieties, colchicus, torquatus, and versicolor (Japanese) having bred freely with one another, the common pheasant of England nowadays has the ringed neck of the Chinese variety. Henry Seebohm, writing in 1887 said: "The fact that all true pheasants interbreed freely with each other and produce fertile offspring, may be accepted as absolute proof that they are only subspecifically distinct from each other. Like all other subspecies, they only exist upon sufferance. The local races appear to be distinct enough, but they only retain their distinctive character as long as they are isolated from each other. The moment they are brought into contact they begin to interbreed; crosses of every kind rapidly appear, and in a comparatively short time the swamping effects of interbreeding reduce the two or more local races which have been brought into contact to a single and uniform intermediate race. Such swamping effects of interbreeding have practically stamped out in the British islands the two very different looking races of pheasants which were introduced into them—Phasianus colchicus from Asia Minor, and Phasianus torquatus from China. The pheasant of the British islands is, with very rare exceptions, only a mongrel between these two races, but, it must be admitted, a very healthy and fertile one."

The most noticeable difference, of course, between the old English pheasant and the Chinese pheasant is the white ring which is absent in the former. There are also other differences in body coloring, the English pheasant being generally of a rather darker plumage than the Chinese and lacking the light blue and green coloring of the rump and wing coverts.

The Mongolian pheasant (Phasianus Mongolicus) is a distinct variety from either of these and has only very recently been introduced into Europe. Tegetmeier says this truly splendid pheasant . . . is characterized by a broad, white ring round the neck, interrupted in the front by a narrow patch of color, and by having the whole of the wing coverts white, the mantle, chest, and breast bronzy orange red, the throat purplish bronzy red, and the breast and flank feathers tipped with very dark green. The species is of large size; coming as it does from the cold parts of China, the desert of Gobi, and Mongolia, it is exceedingly hardy, and suffers more from extreme heat than from severe cold.

"An unfortunate misunderstanding has arisen in the United States respecting this bird. The state authorities in Massachusetts and Oregon have in the most extraordinary manner confounded it with the Ring-neck, P. torquatus."

As to the value of these birds to cross with the existing stock in British Columbia there can be no doubt. All the varieties of the true pheasants interbreed freely when allowed to intermingle and the introduction of fresh blood of this extremely hardy variety should have excellent results. Though comparatively recently introduced in England results have been most gratifying. A recent correspondent of the Field has this to say of them:

"On the estate where I have recently been shooting, for some years the Chinese pheasant (P. torquatus) has been reared, and splendid sporting shots they have given. But for the last three years Mongolians have been introduced, and some of them have been crossed with the Chinese; the result is that the birds this year have shown better sport than ever. They rise freely to the beaters, and fly boldly, very fast and high; in fact, if flushed on rising ground they fly almost too high to be reached. On one occasion when we were shooting, there was a very high wind, and the birds were flushed on a hill side over the guns placed in the valley; no one who saw them fly could possibly say that they were 'lazy on the wing and never gave a good sporting shot'; in fact, if anything, they were too active on the wing and took such long flights that many of them went straight away out of that day's beat."

"As regards the hardness of these birds, both pure and crossed, in a letter to the Field, June 20, 1903, the Hon. Walter Rothschild stated that for two or three years he had hatched and reared in the coverts at Tring a number of young birds both pure and half-bred, and those that were shot proved much superior in flavor and size to ordinary pheas-

ants. The keeper on the estate where I have been shooting fully bears out this opinion, stating that the chicks are very hardy and easier to rear than those of the common pheasant. This is the more easy to understand when it is remembered that the Mongolian pheasant comes from the rough climate of Northern China and Southern Siberia, while the Chinese ring-necked bird comes from the north of China; the cross between the two, therefore, should be able to withstand any changes of climate found in this country. . . . All crosses between the true pheasants will produce fertile birds, and, as Mr. C. E. Russell remarks, it is only when we go outside the pale of the true Phasianidae that we obtain infertile birds."

A LEGISLATIVE CRISIS

The House was in Committee of the Whole on the Water Clauses Bill. It was the second week of Committee on this lengthy measure, and the chairman of committee, keeping himself awake by means of liberal doses of caffeine, was droning away at Clause 4-11-44. He reached the end of the clause at last, and then, delighted at the prospect of a rest, he thundered in stentorian tones: "Does this clause pass?"

There followed a silence, punctuated only by deep snores from the Opposition benches. Again the chairman put the question, and again the answer was in language that might not be construed either as "Ayes" or "Noes." Then the Sergeant-at-Arms, who had peeped in to see whether it was not time to bring back the Speaker from his long seclusion, was called in to arouse the members with his Mace of State. He went down the lines of desks, administering a mild buffet at every head in sight. But in vain! The members only stirred, mumbled sleepily, and returned again to slumber. Some of them muttered all but inarticulate words.

Said John Oliver: "The wrongs of the people! The wrongs of the people!"

Said the member for Newcastle: "I'm to be Queen of the May, Sergeant. I'm to be Queen of the May."

Said the member for Nanaimo: "When we get in, the fair sex will vote."

Said the member for Okanagan: "Peaches and Cream."

Said the Attorney-General: "Methinks that was another from the member for Delta."

Said the Premier: "I move that the House on its rising—"

Alarmed at the comatose condition of the House, the chairman hastily relinquished the chair and sent the Sergeant-at-Arms for the Speaker. As soon as the Speaker was enthroned, the erstwhile chairman announced in loud tones:

"I move that the House do now adjourn."

Instantly the House came to life. Signs of animation were evident on every countenance, and every member began to gather up his papers preparatory to leaving. The day was saved.

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COTTON FOULARD, black and navy, with small white dots and rings, light blue and mauve, with fancy borders **25c**

POPLENE, in tan, brown, light blue, mauve and rose pink, plain, striped and checks, with and without borders, 28 in. wide **35c**

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- MEN'S LINEN COLLARS, fine imported goods, made of good linen, all the most fashionable and popular styles and heights and all sizes, far ahead of any other collars that you can buy at this price. Each **12 1/2c**
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- MEN'S SOX, imported black llama cashmere sox, full fashioned and good serviceable weight. Special, per pair **50c**
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SEVERE REBUKE FOR PRESIDENT

Senate Sub-Committee's Report on Merger of Tennessee Coal and Iron Company and the United States Steel Corporation

ABSORPTION IS ILLEGAL

Senators Fear That Reflection on President is Too Severe

Washington, Feb. 20.—By a vote of 8 to 2 the sub-committee of the committee on judiciary, which has been investigating the merger of the Tennessee Coal and Iron Company and the United States Steel Corporation today decided to report to the full committee that the President was not authorized to permit the absorption. The committee found also that the President was equally authorized to direct the attorney general not to interfere with the merger, and not to enforce federal statutes against it. It was decided also that as both companies were engaged in interstate commerce the absorption was in violation of the Sherman anti-trust law. It was found that the effect and purpose of the absorption was to monopolize the iron ore supply of the country, and generally eliminate the Tennessee company as a competitor of the United States Steel Corporation.

The fact that such a report was made created consternation in the senate. It was realized that if the full committee subscribed to the findings of the sub-committee, the effect would be to administer the severest of rebukes to President Roosevelt, and practically to direct the attorney-general to bring proceedings against the steel corporation under the Sherman law. Leaders of the senate make no secret of the fact that they are unwilling to go that far. Under these circumstances the full committee, when it meets on Monday will vote to consider very carefully the possible effect of the report before deciding to adopt it. It is considered that the deliberations of the committee must extend over many days, and it is likely that action cannot be had before the end of the month.

The report acted upon was drafted by Senator Culberson, author of a resolution providing for the inquiry. The report quotes from the President's message declaring that the absorption was necessary, according to the representative of the Tennessee Coal and Iron Company, E. H. Gary and H. C. Frick, on behalf of the steel corporation, and that certain business firms of real importance in New York circles would be doubtfully fall unless the deal was made. From the testimony of a number of witnesses, the report declares that the firm of Gary and Frick, stock brokers of New York City was the one referred to by Messrs. Gary and Frick. This firm was one of the financiers who bought a major part of the stock of the Tennessee Coal and Iron Company in 1907, and was asserted by the report that bar in New York, some of the most successful Morgan banks, pressed loans of Tennessee stock vigorously, and that these demands were met successfully until, fearful of the result on account of the business unpopularity in regard to the Tennessee stock deal, was made by the steel corporation.

Sarcastic references are made to the sub-committee's report to statements of Judge Gary and Frick, in their interview with the President, that they did not want to buy the Tennessee concern and that but little benefit would come to the steel corporation from the purchase. From the testimony it is asserted that the Tennessee property is very valuable, worth probably several hundred million dollars, and would give the steel corporation ultimate control of the iron ore supply of the country, a practical monopoly of the iron and steel trade of the south. It was found on the opinion of the President's sub-committee that the President's communication to Attorney-General Sharp was not to be construed as not to be interfere with the merger. It was pointed out that under the federal constitution the President is not one official who is expressly enjoined to "take care that the laws be faithfully executed."

Reprimed at Scaffold
Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 19.—After warden had announced that "All ready," and the guards had prepared to lead R. Moan Shumway to the scaffold, the supreme court this afternoon suspended sentence until March 1. Shumway was convicted of the murder of Mrs. Sarah Martin.

Low Water at Niagara
Niagara Falls, Ont., Feb. 19.—Notwithstanding all reports to the contrary, the Niagara river has not summed its normal level. The American fall last night was practically only two small streams flowing of the brink. The power companies securing enough water to operate their plant. The falls will not resume their usual appearance before the week, at the present rate.

Presidents Confer
Montreal, Feb. 19.—Jas. Ross, president of the Dominion Coal company and J. H. Plummer, president of Dominion Iron and Steel company had a conference today in the Windsor hotel in reference to the judgment of the judicial committee of the privy council. No definite understanding was arrived at, Mr. Plummer leaving in the evening for Halifax where he is to consult Premier Gray of Nova Scotia. It is stated that the Dominion Iron and Steel company has decided to advertise for tenders for the supply of coal required for the Dominion Steel company for next six months, a year or more.