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ALL IS QUIET IN RUSSIAN CAPITAL

WORK RESUMED AT A NUMBER OF FACTORIES

The Governor-General of St. Petersburg Says the Crisis is Over—Disturbances at Moscow.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 27.—A m.—Although the strikes in Reval, Libau, Kief, Odessa and a few smaller places are extending, the situation in Moscow is quiet. An increasing number of workmen are out in Moscow, but there is no general tie-up or disorder there. The whereabouts of Father Gopon still remains a mystery, although it is believed the priest is in Moscow. The Russian capital presents an almost normal appearance, and the authorities are confident that the backbone of the strike has been broken. Some factories and mills already have resumed and a general resumption of operations is expected on Monday. The authorities expect the failure of the strike here will have a discouraging effect upon the workmen in other cities to which the troubles have been spreading, and believe that there is no longer danger of a suspension of all industries of Russia.

Minister of the Interior Svjatopolk-Mirsky has promised a delegation of workers who called upon him that he will investigate the arrest of several prominent writers who are now confined in St. Peter and St. Paul fortress, and secure their release as soon as possible.

Another proclamation. St. Petersburg, Jan. 27.—A m.—The Governor-General Trepoff, who received the correspondent of the Associated Press this afternoon at the former headquarters in the Winter Palace, manifests complete confidence that the crisis is over and that the public and safety of the city are assured. "Further than this the government has no view of the situation in the provinces."

Governor-General Trepoff, and Minister of Finance Kokovlev, issued a proclamation last night which reveals the government's plan for breaking the strike, not only here but throughout Russia. The proclamation is conceived in a paternal tone and points out that honest workmen who have been in this condition should have brought their demands to the government instead of being misled by agitators into affiliating with a movement which is not confined to economic aspirations, but invites them to return to work, promising them, in the Emperor's name, a revision of the general law so as to restrict the hours of labor, the institution of a plan for state insurance and otherwise to meet their demands as far as the law will permit, and guarantees them protection against interference by agitators.

Sir Charles Hardinge, the British ambassador, called Foreign Minister Lamsdorff's attention this afternoon to the telegram printed at Moscow yesterday saying that the disturbances at the Russian dockyards and arsenals were due to Anglo-Japanese instigation and that both Great Britain and Japan were spending vast sums to prevent the Russian second Pacific squadron from going to the Far East. At the same time he pointed out that a similar telegram appeared here this morning in the Rusky Vestnik, and that the authorities assured Ambassador Hardinge that such publications had no official sanction, but added that he would enquire whether it had been given an official appearance at Moscow. The matter is not likely to assume the dignity of diplomatic incident.

Negotiations at Moscow. Moscow, Jan. 26.—Although the strike is steadily spreading, the movement thus far has not been accompanied by disorders of great gravity. Today's events were restricted to minor skirmishes in the northern and eastern outskirts of the city, in which the troops successfully resisted all efforts of the crowd to break through the cordon. No bloodshed is reported. In the meantime workers and masters are negotiating for a settlement of their differences. Several firms already have offered an advance in wages, which will bring up the average earnings of each workman to \$10 per month and lodgings. One firm has offered to knock off one hour from the legal working day of eleven hours, but this is a burning question on which the majority of the masters are unwilling or unable to agree to concessions.

Thirty-One Killed. Riga, Russia, Jan. 27.—Twenty-nine men and two women were killed and thirty-seven civilians and eight soldiers were wounded by reverberating shots during yesterday's rioting, according to the returns made by the hospital. At the request of the workmen of Riga, the theatres of this city have been closed.

A Quiet Night. St. Petersburg, Jan. 27.—11 a.m.—All was quiet during the night. Traffic in the streets this morning is practically normal. Here and there small groups of workmen are reading Governor-General Trepoff's proclamation.

Four papers were published this morn-

ing. Their offices were guarded by police patrols all night long. Most of the compositors will resume work to-day. The troops have disappeared from the streets.

Situation at Moscow. Moscow, Jan. 27.—10 a.m.—The night passed quietly. Work was resumed this morning in some of the factories of the Samoskvarshchje quarter. The perfect has issued a proclamation declaring that the demands of the workmen will be examined and satisfied within legal limits when work is resumed. The men are urged to resume their employments without delay, and are threatened with arrest if they attempt to incite a spread of the strike. The master printers and newspaper proprietors at a meeting just held have resolved to act unitedly, and not increase the pay of the compositors.

There is every prospect of a termination of the strike without bloodshed. Only now is the political side of the movement coming to the surface.

Troops Summoned. Mitsu, Russia, Jan. 27.—Labor agents from Riga organized a strike here this morning, bodies of strikers marching to the factories and workshops and compelling the men who were at work to leave their employment. Troops have been summoned to the scene of the disturbance.

Received Workmen. Kovno, Russia, Jan. 27.—The governor on receiving a deputation of workmen today promised assistance in improving their relations with their employers. On the governor's initiative, they met and drew up a petition for the amelioration of the workers' position.

A proclamation has been posted by the governor urging the strikers to resume work, and promising all legitimate help towards obtaining a satisfactory settlement of their demands; at the same time announcing that he would have recourse to the troops in event of street disorders.

Government Cannot Stand. London, Jan. 27.—Geo. Meredith, the author in an interview given to the Chronicle yesterday, expressed a strong conviction that the long reign of despotism which blocks Eastern Europe is slowly but surely coming to an end.

"The Emperor is a poor, weak creature," said Mr. Meredith. "We must all pity him in his fall. He has no will of his own, but for the grand dukes who are enemies of humankind. Nobody in the world will regret their disappearance. They are the real authors of the terrible events in St. Petersburg and Moscow. We know that it is the bureaucracy with the grand dukes at its head that rules Russia. By means of the Emperor's might, they have avoided bloodshed and delayed revolution for a few years; but nothing now can prevent the downfall of the government. I do not think the rising will be immediately successful. The revolutionaries are scattered and have few leaders. The poor creatures cannot hope to resist the troops. If the latter remain loyal to their superiors, the revolution will be crushed now, but not killed, think even this will take the following course: The strike will stop preparations for carrying on the war, the necessity for recruiting the people into submission will be removed, the army in Manchuria; Kouropatkin and reinforcements and supplies cut off will have no choice, and to attempt a strike which I am convinced will fail. The failure will send a wave back to St. Petersburg which will overwhelm the Emperor and the grand dukes. In that way the revolution will be effected."

In conclusion, he contended that it was impossible to long expect the spirit of liberalism that has overspread Europe, and the Emperor's message, like himself, is weak; it means nothing after the appointment of such a man as Trepoff. Sympathetic Englishmen should give their practical support in the shape of money to the Russian reformers.

Dealing With Revolutionists. St. Petersburg, Jan. 27.—1.50 p.m.—Early reports from all over Russia indicate that the strike situation is flattening out. The authorities regard the danger of a general tie-up of the Russian industries as practically over, and declare that the attempt to turn the movement into a general political revolt has failed. The government's promise of shorter hours of labor has been proclaimed in Moscow and other cities, and seems to have an effect on the workmen. The political side of the movement seems to be slinking.

On the other hand, the authorities are putting down the revolutionists with a stern hand. The latter have again been forced to cover meetings being almost impossible.

Secondly, I desire closer commercial union with the colonies. I think it might produce great growing commercial advantages both to the colonies and Mother Country by promoting freer trade between them. Such commercial union is beset with many difficulties, but the one best to be dealt with by the colonial conference. Provided its objects are permitted to be discussed unhampered by limiting instructions, I recommend that the subject shall be referred to a conference on these terms.

Strike Still Spreading. Warsaw is the capital of Russian Poland, and by its population about 550,000, including military, is the third city of the Russian empire, and only second to the two Russian capitals. It is the seat of the governor-general and lieutenant of Lapland, and the seat of the Roman Catholic and Greek archbishops.

General Strike. Lodz, Russia, Jan. 27.—A general strike has commenced here.

Lids is a town of Russian Poland with a population numbering about 150,000.

Strike Still Spreading. Washington, D. C., Jan. 28.—United

JAPANESE ASSUME THE OFFENSIVE

ATTEMPTED TO FORCE BACK RUSSIAN RIGHT

Kouropatkin's Troops Reported to Have Repulsed the Attack and Captured Several Guns.

Russian Headquarters, Huan Mountain, Manchuria, Jan. 26.—6 p. m.—(Delayed.)—After three months of quietude, the Japanese have resumed activity, attempting to force back the Russian right wing.

A stubborn fight began January 25th, and is continuing to-day, January 26th, which may be a certain riser for the spring campaign.

According to reports, the Japanese attack was repulsed and a Russian counter-attack was so energetically pressed that a village within the former Japanese line of some strategic importance was taken. It is rumored that several Japanese guns were taken. There was no fighting at the centre or on the left flank.

The Japanese advance is believed to have been inspired in part by the news of the Russian internal troubles, intelligence of which reached the Russian army at dawn, January 25th.

Predicting a sudden return of winter, however, cannon began booming far westward, and through the morning fog and mist the Japanese unexpectedly advanced. The riflemen on the Russian right flank were so vigorously employed in the fighting line that by evening they had met the Japanese attack by a brilliant counter-attack. The Japanese at once began to retreat, abandoning and setting fire to a village.

The cannon on night and all day firing was heard along the line toward the Hun river in the vicinity of the village of Heikoutai and Liutun. The Japanese fired occasional shots to get the range of the Russian positions. The troops all along the line were under arms on the night of the 25th. The skies were lit up by a conflagration, evidently caused by the burning of a village beyond the Shikhe river south of Poutloff (Lone Tree) hill.

A bitterly cold wind is blowing and heavy frosts prevail.

ATTACHES REJOIN GEN. KUROKI'S ARMY.

General Kuroki's Headquarters, Jan. 26.—The military attachés who spent a week at Port Arthur, have returned. While at Port Arthur they were permitted to inspect the forts and to take photographs freely.

Col. Macpherson, the British military attaché, remained at Port Arthur to study the scurvy, of which there are thousands of cases reported in hospitals. Prince Anton von Karl also spent several days at Port Arthur and Dalny.

General Kuroki's Headquarters, Jan. 27.—(Via Fusan.)—Regular Manchurian weather prevails to-night, intense cold with cutting winds and snow. Sounds of battle were heard at intervals along the entire front this morning. The Russian artillery were duelling with the whole Japanese front.

It is uncertain whether this will bring on a general engagement; The Japanese guns are refrained from replying to the Russians except on the left, where the fighting, which ceased at dark yesterday, was renewed this morning. The clouds and snow made it impossible to see more than a few hundred feet away. The Russian gunnery was largely guess work. This afternoon firing stopped.

If the Russians' operations were preliminary to a general attack, as appears, possibly their plans were frustrated by the storm and fog. They could not have chosen a worse time. The hardships of the soldiers camping out on the plains, where there is no shelter or fuel and but little water, are the worst encountered in this war.

WILL ACCEPT MESSAGES FOR PORT ARTHUR.

New York, Jan. 28.—Notice was received here to-day that the Japanese military administration will begin to accept messages in future for Port Arthur or Dalny.

RUINED BY FROST.

Tampa, Fla., Jan. 28.—Additional advices from throughout the orange belt show that out of 500,000 boxes of oranges and grape fruit remaining on the trees, about 75 per cent. have been frozen and made unsalable. A big portion of this loss falls upon the buyers, who bought the crops on the trees, although some growers have been hard hit. The temperature at Arcadia went down to 18 above zero.

FOUR TRAINMEN KILLED.

Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 27.—Four trainmen were killed and several persons injured in a collision to-day between a northbound freight and southbound passenger train on the Nashville Chattanooga & St. Louis railway, near Chattanooga, Tenn.

IMPORTANT PLANS FOR THIS ISLAND

FISHERIES RESEARCH STATION DECIDED ON

Biological Investigation on Extensive Scale to Be Conducted by Government.

Ottawa, Jan. 28.—A well equipped fisheries research station for biological investigation, similar to laboratories which have done such splendid services for fishery industries in the United States, Britain, France, Norway and Italy, will be established on the north end of Vancouver Island. W. Sloan has been entering in his efforts to secure for British Columbia the great advantages of a fisheries research station, provided with a special steamer with nets, dredges, tins and all apparatus for investigating the rich fishing grounds along the coast. The occurrence of valuable fish, their feeding and spawning habits, their movements during the various seasons of the year, and endless other matters of importance in the development of fisheries can be decided satisfactorily by research carried on by a biological station staff. The movement of schools of salmon in the seas would form one of the first subjects for investigation, while new fishing grounds and the determination of those now being exploited and the utilization of valuable fish now going to waste would form the main lines of work. Oyster culture and the planting of new species are also included.

The biological station of the Atlantic coast founded by the present government a few years ago has just completed some valuable investigations in the oyster beds of the Maritime Provinces.

A Dominion fisheries station will, ere long, be an accomplished fact in British Columbia. A distinguished authority has already been spoken of as a suitable British Columbian to superintend the work of the station, but the staff will also include many able specialists from various Canadian universities.

Harbor Master. Captain Rogers, New Westminster, is appointed harbor master for New Westminster.

Entertained to Dinner. Messrs. Bell-Irving and Robert Kerr, Vancouver, were entertained to dinner last night at the Russell. All the British Columbia members, Senator Templeman, Hon. W. C. Wells, Richard Hall, Mr. Paterson and some other British Columbians now in the city, were present.

Telephone Poles. A delegation representing the union of municipalities waited on the government yesterday asking that telephone companies should not use roads or streets for their poles and conduits without first obtaining the sanction of the municipalities. The principal speakers were Mayor Urquhart and Council Fullerton, Toronto. Sir Wilfrid Laurier asked them to submit a bill embodying their views, which they will do.

Chairmen of Committees. The House were appointed yesterday as follows: Public accounts, C. F. McIsaac; agriculture, Hon. T. Greenway; railways, Hon. C. Hyman; banking and commerce, A. Campbell; debentures, Mr. Gervais; expiring laws, J. A. Ethier; privileges and elections, H. J. Logan, and miscellaneous bills, L. P. Demers.

Will Attend Opening. Sir Wilfrid Laurier left for Montreal this afternoon to attend the opening to-night of the applied school of science in connection with Laval University.

Banquet To-Night. Hon. R. H. Emmerson will be banquetted to-night by the Reform Club of Montreal.

THE LARGEST DIAMOND.

Jewel Valued at More Than \$3,500,000 Found Near Pretoria.

Johannesburg, Jan. 27.—The largest diamond ever discovered has been found near Pretoria. The stone weighs 3,062 carats, and is said to be a pure white diamond of good quality. It is locally valued at \$3,500,000 to \$4,000,000. The famous Kohinoor is only valued at \$3,000,000. There is immense excitement here and at Pretoria as the result of the discovery.

PROPOSED CLOSE SALMON SEASONS

THE CONFERENCE WITH FEDERAL MINISTERS

Decision of Hon. R. Prefontaine Expected to Be in Favor of Canners' Proposal.

Ottawa, Jan. 27.—The interview between Richard Hall, representing the board of trade of Victoria and other interests, and Hon. R. Prefontaine, Senator Templeman and British Columbia members, took place late last evening at the office of the minister of marine and fisheries. There were also present Messrs. Bell-Irving and Robert Kerr, Vancouver; Deputy Minister Gougeau and Professor Prince.

Mr. Hall presented his case in a very full and elaborate way to show that the preservation of the fisheries could be attained with out closing down for two years. The Vancouver canners would not be injured by closing down because they had interests in the north, which would not be affected.

Mr. Bell-Irving made a strong plea for the adoption of the close season regulations, as recommended by Canadian and United States canners.

Incidentally the question of traps was discussed. There is no doubt that it was the trap proposition last year that made the United States come to terms now in regard to close seasons.

Members of parliament present discussed the question from all its standpoints.

It was finally decided by Hon. R. Prefontaine that he would get officers of his department to make a report upon the whole question, and he would be better able to decide the matter.

The matter is now in the hands of the minister and his officers, and will be decided in a very few days. There, however, does not seem to have been any material new evidence submitted to Hon. Mr. Prefontaine by Mr. Hall, although he made the very most of his case to make the minister change his mind. It is therefore expected that when Hon. Mr. Prefontaine announces his decision it will be in favor of close seasons, as decided upon by the canners at the Puget Sound convention. It is believed here that some action of this kind is necessary for the preservation of the fisheries, and now that Washington state agrees, advantage should be taken of it.

THE ESQUIMALT NAVAL STATION

PREMIER CORRECTLY REPORTED IN TIMES

Canadian Authorities Have No Information That Imperial Government Intend Abandoning It.

The Times yesterday published a dispatch from its Ottawa correspondent stating that in the House Sir Wilfrid Laurier, in replying to Wm. Sloan, said that the Imperial government intended abandoning Esquimalt as a naval station.

In the Colonist this morning, under the headlines "Esquimalt to be abandoned: Imperial authorities have so informed the Canadian government," the following dispatch appeared:

"Mr. Sloan (Comox-Atlin) was informed by Premier Laurier to-day that the government has information to the effect that the Imperial government intended abandoning Esquimalt as a naval station."

This is directly the reverse of the telegram which appeared in the Times last night, and to set all doubt at rest our correspondent was to-day asked to repeat his message.

In reply he writes that Sir Wilfrid said the government had no information that the Imperial government intended abandoning Esquimalt as a naval station. The Premier used the word "no," and is so reported by Hansard.

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FIFTEEN THOUSAND KILLED OR WOUNDED

The Russian and Japanese Armies Lost Heavily in the Battle on the Shakhe River.

Attempt by General Kouropatkin to Turn Field-Marshal Oyama's Left Reported to Have Resulted in a Complete Failure—Fighting Began on Wednesday.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 28.—The general staff has received the following dispatch from Gen. Sakharoff, Gen. Kouropatkin's chief of staff: "Our troops continue on the offensive..."

and Heikoutai are estimated at 5,000 on the side of the Japanese and 10,000 on the Russian side. KOUROPATKIN FAILED TO TURN JAP LEFT. General Kuroki's Headquarters, Jan. 29.—The Russian attempt to turn the Japanese left has resulted in a complete failure...

WILL ATTEMPT TO TURN JAP POSITION.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 29.—According to reports current in military circles, Gen. Kouropatkin has been ordered to attempt to turn the Japanese left wing and threaten his communications with Yinkow...

A LULL IN FIGHT ON SHAKHE RIVER.

Tokio, Jan. 30.—1.30 a. m.—Russian activity on the Shakhe river seems to have ceased after the fighting at Chenchiapao and Heikoutai, where the Japanese were victorious...

THE QUESTION OF INTEGRITY OF CHINA.

London, Jan. 28.—Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister to Great Britain, talked freely to the Associated Press on the subject of United States Secretary of State Hay's proposal for a conference of the powers on the integrity of China...

THE BATTLE WAS OPENED BY RUSSIANS.

Subfangtai, sixty versts southwest of Mukden, Jan. 28, via Pekin, Jan. 29.—A battle commenced at daylight on January 28th. The right flank, reinforced by the troops from the east, began a movement against the Japanese left...

ATTACKING JAPANESE ALL ALONG THE LINE.

Tokio, Jan. 29.—1.30 p. m.—The Russians are massing about 65,000 troops on the Japanese left, and bombarding the right and centre armies, following up the bombardment with attacks which the Japanese immediately repulsed...

THE LOSSES IN FIVE DAYS' FIGHTING.

Tokio, Jan. 30.—3 p. m.—The casualties during the fighting at Chenchiapao

Japanese detachment were victors at Chenchiapao, and occupied Lutiako and Lieh-wang on Saturday, the Russians retreating north and west.

The Japanese occupied eight infantry positions southeast of Heikoutai on Saturday, and are now assaulting the main position.

Another detachment disposed a regiment of infantry, a brigade of cavalry and twelve guns, occupying Haerphoa, five miles south of Heikoutai.

The Russian strength opposing the Japanese attack is roughly estimated at eight corps, consisting of the fourteenth and fifteenth infantry divisions, the second and fifth brigades of European Russia, and a detachment of the Tenth Corps, part of the sixty-first infantry division and the First Siberian Corps and the first and ninth brigade of rifles.

JAPS REPULSED COUNTER-ATTACKS.

Tokio, Jan. 29.—8 p. m.—Telegraphic advice received here to-day from the Japanese Manchurian headquarters say: Our counter-attacks occupied Liao-tai yesterday (Saturday), and were twice counter-attacked by a superior force of the enemy last night. We entirely repulsed the enemy.

The Russian detachment at dawn to-day (Sunday) attacked the enemy in the neighborhood of Peitsaihotou, about two miles north of Heikoutai, and occupied the position. The enemy fiercely contested the force, which assaulted Peitsaihotou last night, but was repulsed entirely. To-day our force occupied the neighborhood of Heikoutai.

WERE DRIVEN BACK BY ADVANCE GUARD.

Gen. Oku's Headquarters, Jan. 28.—Tokio, Jan. 29 (Delayed).—The Russian bombardment beginning at dawn this morning on the extreme left rapidly spread along the whole front of Oku's army. It was kept up all day, and it was the most intense artillery fire since the battle of the Shakhe river. Salvos are being fired continuously. There is also considerable musketry firing. The Japanese are firing seldom, and are saving their fire, awaiting an attack. There is possibility that the whole line may be engaged soon.

FOUND IT IMPOSSIBLE TO CARRY REDOUBT.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 30.—12.25 a. m.—Instead of confirming Saturday night's report that Gen. Kouropatkin had broken through the Japanese left, there came Lieut. General Sakharoff's official admission to-day that the Russians had been compelled to retire from Sandepas after a Redoubt which they had carried to-day. It is also significant that dispatches from Russian correspondents at the front have again suddenly ceased, which is regarded as an indication of the failure of the operation, and strengthens the first impression that it was a demonstration undertaken to distract the people at home from the present situation.

OFFICIAL REPORT ON EARLY OPERATIONS.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 29.—Lieut. Gen. Sakharoff has telegraphed the following report to the general staff under date of January 28th: "On January 26th the enemy began to concentrate in considerable force near Sandepas, intending to take the offensive."

THE GOVERNOR'S WIFE A PRISONER.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 29.—The wife of the governor of the county jail, Napanee, Ont., was a great sufferer from rheumatism. When the best doctors of the community and "specialists" failed to help her, she was buried her in a "proprietary" remedy, and purchased, both there without risk of defeat.

and the redoubt were heavily bombarded, while our extreme column engaged near Sandepas and Paotia. Details have not been received.

"On January 26th and 27th our cavalry, operating six miles south of Sandepas, attacked and defeated a Japanese company and took 100 prisoners. Altogether the Japanese must have suffered considerable losses."

A telegram from Hun mountain states that Gen. Mitchenko has been wounded in the leg.

NAVAL MANOEUVRES ON EXTENSIVE SCALE.

ADMIRALTY'S SCHEME TO BE THOROUGHLY TESTED. Work of Locating Enemy's Ships and Shadowing Them Will Fall on the Cruisers.

New York, Jan. 29.—A special cable to the New York Herald from London to-day says: "The British admiralty has issued a 'general idea' of the coming summer's naval manoeuvres, which will be a prelude to those of 1906, and are a new departure in the naval operations of the fleet, which are aimed at the great oceanic tournament to test the strategic efficiency of the new distribution of the fleets, which is regarded as an essential part of the recent reorganization scheme."

"A state of war as wide in its area as the whole of the stations of the British fleet will be developed after a preparatory period of strained relations, and it will rest with the battle fleets and their affiliated cruiser squadrons to demonstrate how far they can maintain the dominion of the sea in the face of an elusive enemy."

"The strategic proposition laid down by the admiralty clearly recognizes the principle that any naval war, to be successful, must be one of prompt aggression of Great Britain. Valuable as British naval manoeuvres of recent years have been for the training of men, up till now they have never been carried out with so close a representation of an actual situation on the ere of a foreseen sea, but in such a struggle it is conceivable that a portion of the enemy's sea force would seek out British mercantile ships on trade routes and possibly attempt an attack upon one or more of the British colonies, as given in the Chinese some time ago, as given in the Chinese some time ago, as given in the Chinese some time ago."

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There may be other reasons, which will be easily conjectured. The withdrawal of the warships from Esquimalt, which has frequently pointed out, is not an unmixed blessing. It has its compensations, and one of these is that it will throw open to commercial purposes the finest harbor on this coast and the original objective of the C. P. R. Many recall the days when the rails for the C. P. R. were actually laid down at Esquimalt. That is many years ago, and the fates which that temporarily that port was to be abandoned. But events since then have demonstrated many things, and one of them is that the transcontinental railway which can secure good advantage and terminal facilities on the West Coast of this island or further north, so as to obviate pilotage, insurance, etc., on the trip from this port to Vancouver or Seattle, will give an immense advantage in time and expense in operating trans-Pacific trade. It is no wonder, therefore, that covetous eyes are once more turned to Esquimalt, nor fixed it surprise any one if in the near future she should be the home port of an Oriental fleet at whose wharves should be discharged the freight destined for Eastern Canada, the States and Britain.

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C. P. RAILWAY TO ENTER VICTORIA

The Big Canadian Corporation About to Acquire the Esquimalt & Nanaimo System.

Object Believed to Be Forestalling of the Grand Trunk Pacific and Transferring of Oriental Traffic of the Company to Esquimalt Harbor.

Never in the history of Victoria has an event of greater significance to the city taken place than that which is forecast in this issue, of the negotiations on the part of the C. P. R. for the purchase of the E. & N. railway.

While both principals are reticent, there seems little doubt that it will be but a matter of a few days before the Dunsmuir system, extending from Victoria to Wellington, will pass into the hands of and become a part of the C. P. R. system of Canada.

The governing motives of the C. P. R. in its latest move in that transportation game which has the northern half of the American continent for its checker board are not disclosed, but they are not difficult to surmise. The city of Victoria has fought its battles with the railway company for many long years, and against grim odds. But the honors have been fairly divided, and if Victoria has had to suffer sometimes from the hostility of the company, she has in turn inflicted blows which no transportation organization could disregard.

With the advent to the management of Sir Thomas Shaughnessy an attitude of conciliation and of good feeling was adopted to this city, which has met with generous response. Victoria no longer lay without the sphere of the company's plans, but tangible evidences were quickly forthcoming that the commercial importance of the place was taken cognizance of by the present management, and that they did not propose to allow rivals to steal the trade of the Queen City.

The principal evidences referred to are the Tourist hotel, the new wharves, the Princess Victoria and the Princess Beatrice.

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of a discussion Premier McBride was having with Mr. Dunsmuir, in which the question of taxes came up. Mr. Dunsmuir then suggested that if the government thought there was so much in it that it had better purchase the railway and the land and gave that figure.

There remains little doubt that the C. P. R. has in contemplation the question of purchasing the line at the figure at which Mr. Dunsmuir offers it. It is understood that the C. P. R. is not anxious to take the land, but is seeking the railway only.

It is estimated that there are now about 1,500,000 acres of land remaining in the hands of Mr. Dunsmuir. It is undoubtedly worth at least \$1 an acre, leaving the valuation of the railway according to the offer made to the province at anything over \$1,500,000.

The reason ascribed for the purchase of the E. & N. by the C. P. R. is that the big corporation has in view the acquiring of terminal facilities at Esquimalt. It is reported that the intention of the company is to make Esquimalt the port for the loading and receiving of all its freight from and to the Orient.

This will be in carrying out the original intentions with respect to the C. P. R. when Esquimalt was to have been the terminus. Business men of Victoria have been assured by the officials of the C. P. R. that the delivery of "carload lots in this city would never be out of the door." It is reported that the company is to make Esquimalt a fuller capacity and the expense saved the company of having the Empress and the Australian liners pass all the way to Vancouver. There would, by having the terminal facilities at Esquimalt, be a vast saving in time and expense which the company is ready to make.

A contract has not yet been entered into between the C. P. R. and James Dunsmuir, but it is believed that one will be consummated within a very short time.

This move on the part of the C. P. R. explains in a satisfactory way the large expenditures made by the company in Victoria within the past year. Should the headquarters on this coast for the trans-Pacific liners of the company be transferred to Esquimalt there would be an immense increase in the company's business in this city. The passenger trade by way of the Princess Victoria and the trade for the new hotel would be increased.

Within the past year an indication of some such move as this has been the purchase of property in the direction of Esquimalt by C. P. R. officials.

Another reason given for this purchase by the C. P. R. is that it effectively forestalls the purchase of the E. & N. by the Grand Trunk Pacific. The rumor that that latter company contemplates entering the province by the Yellow Head Pass and coming to the Coast by way of Bute Inlet, as given in the Chinese some weeks ago, would indicate that the intention of the new transcontinental line is to come to Victoria for terminal facilities.

It is pointed out that if the line came to Bute Inlet it would necessarily cross to Vancouver Island. A ferry occupying less than one hour would connect the Mainland with the island, a terminal would be built, like the one in the vicinity of Quatsino Sound, and connection made by rail with Victoria, where other terminal facilities would be provided.

It is quite evident that the C. P. R. may have reliable information to the effect that the Yellow Head Pass route is to be decided upon by the Grand Trunk Pacific, and in view of this the negotiations for the purchase of the E. & N. have been hurried to completion more quickly than they would otherwise have done.

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Should the Grand Trunk Pacific come to Vancouver Island that company will have to build a new line in order to reach Victoria. This, of course, is not a difficult undertaking, but the C. P. R. apparently prefer a line already built to the task of equipping a new one.

NEW RECORD. E. R. Thomas in Automobile Travelled Ten Miles in 6 Minutes 31 4-5 Seconds.

Ormond, Fla., Jan. 28.—In the ten-mile race for Mercedes cars to-day E. R. Thomas in his 90 horse-power machine broke the world's record, held by W. Vanderbilt, Jr. Mr. Thomas covered the ten miles in 6.31 4-5. Mr. Vanderbilt's time last year over the same course was 6.50.

KILLED BY EXPLOSION. Hagerstown, Md., Jan. 28.—One man was killed and six others seriously injured by the premature explosion of dynamite on the Western Maryland railroad extension on Tonoloway hill, ten miles west of Hancock. The dead man's name is Braum.

BRITISH VICE-CONSUL SERIOUSLY INJURED

Was Wounded During Charge by Troops in Warsaw—Ambassador Calls for Explanation.

London, Jan. 30.—The correspondent at Warsaw, of the Daily Mail, telegraphs as follows: "A group of Hussars ran down British Vice-Consul Murray on Saturday night in Marsa street. Two Hussars rushed at him with their swords, inflicting severe cuts across his face and lower lip. Dripping with blood Muncan was conveyed to the hospital, where he is now doing well. British Consul-General Murray had a narrow escape from being similarly run down in Wierzbowa street. It appears that the incidents were due to a company of Hussars getting drunk and running amuck."

The same correspondent describes anarchically. "Many have been killed or wounded in charges by the troops and the reckless use of swabbluching Hussars," he says. "The only consequences moving at Warsaw have been military supply cars, ambulances wagons for the wounded and dead. The great demonstration timed for to-day has been postponed."

Describing the pillaging of the stores, he writes: "The pillaging of the stores, the church and the houses of the soldiers fired on looting mobs. Hundreds of shops were wrecked and several stores were burned. Probably a few score were killed. The ambulances were busy all day. There were starving rumors from the country districts. It is rumored that the town of Brestlitz is burning."

The Daily Mail's St. Petersburg correspondent reports that Sir Charles Hardinge, the British ambassador, has asked the Russian government to make immediate inquiries into the outrages on the British consular-general and vice-consul-general at Warsaw.

The Daily Telegraph's St. Petersburg dispatches give an unconfirmed rumor that roughs attacked the British consular at Warsaw. No other dispatches have referred to the Daily Mail's story.

Complications Feared. St. Petersburg, Jan. 30.—2.30 p. m.—New complication between Britain and Russia are feared on account of the attack on the British consul and vice-consul at Warsaw on Saturday night. Coming on the heels of the placards posted by Assistant Police Chief Roundoff at Moscow, charging Great Britain with inciting the revolution in Russia, the Warsaw incident is likely to arouse an outbreak in Great Britain which may again strain relations between the two countries. Beyond the fact of the attack at Warsaw, resulting in the wounding of the British vice-consul, who is now in a hospital, the British embassy here has no details of the affair.

But Sir Charles Hardinge, the British ambassador, has already delivered a note to Foreign Minister Lansdowne asking for an immediate investigation and explanation, reserving any claims which may be hereafter made, and at the same time asking for the protection of British consuls throughout the Empire. By the first train he also dispatched Major Napier, the British military attaché, to Warsaw, to secure a full report of the circumstances.

Count Lansdowne replied to Ambassador Hardinge's second note on the subject of the Moscow placards by saying that instructions had been sent to remove all traces of the placards from the streets. It was learned that similar notices had been posted at Libau and Revel, which led to a renewal of representations on this score.

In this connection the appearance of the proclamation of the Holy Synod, instructing the Orthodox priests to inform their parishioners that the strike and revolutionary movements were promoted by the externs as well as internal enemies of Russia, with the object of embarrassing the military and naval plans, has created something of a flurry among foreigners here, especially the British, who believe them to be objects to incite hostility, so further action, however, has been taken by either Ambassador Hardinge or the other foreign representatives.

Private advice from Warsaw say the authorities there already have taken over charge of the waterworks, electric light and gas plants, and that serious trouble is anticipated.

Report From Warsaw. London, Jan. 30.—The foreign office has received a telegram from Consul-General Murray at Warsaw reporting that himself and Vice-Consul Muncan were charged by Russian cavalrymen engaged in clearing the streets at Warsaw. It appears that Mr. Murray is partly deaf and probably did not hear the approach of the troops, and when he subsequently endeavored to make known his personality it was without avail. The foreign office has telegraphed to Ambassador Hardinge to make urgent representations at St. Petersburg upon the subject.

INJURED BY CAR. Niagara Falls, N. Y., Jan. 28.—Thos. Williams, of Lewiston, and W. H. Bellinger, a well-known farmer residing near Tonawanda, were struck by a Buffalo trolley car at Lewiston early to-day, and so badly injured that they are not expected to live.

CONSERVATIVE. Sir Mackenzie B. Senate in the debate in reply to a speech advocating generous Dominion of the provinces and the formation of a ministry of the financial provinces and the the provinces about their means. "He demands of the province to meet their exigence would even in a position be placed." It is Conservative advocacy this province, that not faithfully reflect the leader of the Borden has expressed an investigation an results of the investigation. "Well, we are certain that in which have dragged into her present position to the leader of increased allowance the records were facts disclosed the Canada as a whole gality and extravaholome effect a wise prudence in the bers of Parliament point to the case which for a number heedlessly and reck of financial excessing appeals to the assistance, was ev impose heavy tax credit by its own credit. In this matter we means certain that Mackenzie Bowell contempt. Possibl Conservative party sends more faithful than Mr. R. L. tivo government's positions put before creation of the financial provinces and leader in the House himself to the traditions of the party himself as in favor den was on the study. If the political favored the Conserv had become the he government, a Con would have been ap and report, and suc sarily have been b We must therefore, consideration, assum Sir Mackenzie Bow faithful expression. Conservative party. A member of the cl relationship wit prominent member publicly expresses t time has come for relationship with a more generous ter. The only represent tive party who has to express an opinion cially thus far opp vehemently and ad ministrations of extravagant." The cepted as an indic Conservative party will be in accorda with Conservative the traditions of which have no high attainment of pow eral party in this p federal campaign question out of the subjects altogether would not have it and such members were not sporting centres of Americ stump and strove make the question chief issue. Now at Ottawa adop marching in an op It is time ano should be taken in ously reasoned wit

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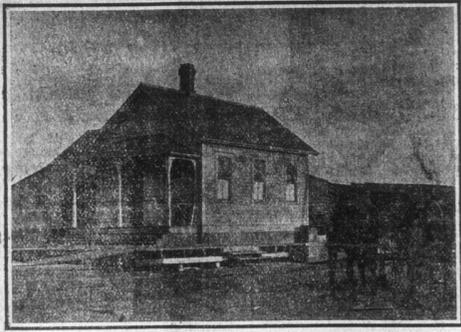
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OFFICE OF GRANT & KER, SAWMILLERS, LADNER.

increase the price.

In the way of good stores, Ladner is most excellent provided. Marshal Smith, recently of Mossomin, Alta., who purchased the very extensive business of the late Mr. McNeely, has a very fine

tance from Boundary Bay, and near the railway station for Mud Bay, both of which are simply alive with ducks of every description, brant and geese. Some splendid bags were obtained during December, and were the fact better



METHODIST PARSONAGE, LADNER.

establishment, a good view of the exterior of which is given. Mr. Smith conducts a general departmental store business, including gent's furnishings, hardware, dry goods, groceries and a full line of farming supplies. He also has a very extensive grain warehouse, and takes charge of all the handling of the C. P. R. freight. The store itself has 20,000 square feet of floor downstairs and 25,000-square feet upstairs. All departments are under the direction of practical men, and a really first rate business is the result. The office is the "Central" for the B. C. Telephone Company's branch, receiving office for the C. P. R. telegraph and office of the Dominion Express Company.

Messrs. McKee Bros., butchers, a view of whose store is also given, carry a very choice stock of all meats, and have in addition a very extensive warehouse and wharf, from which a very large amount of produce is handled. A great deal of the produce is grown on their own farms, but not this alone is handled. McKee Bros. do a very good and profitable business, and their meat is noted for its quality, and their business methods are above reproach.

Ladner is also well provided with hotels, there being two, a view of one, viz., the Hicks hotel, owned and operated by Mr. Pat Shirley, being given. This hotel is really a most excellent

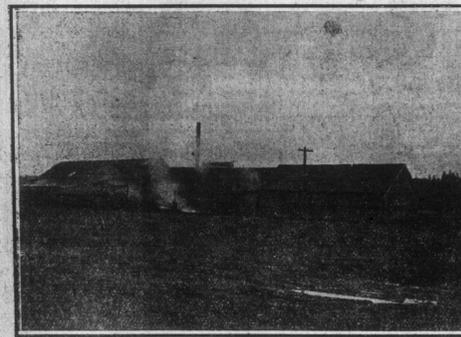
known the district would be more extensively patronized by hunters than it is. Pheasants are very plentiful, the season for these closing somewhat earlier than on the Island. The pheasant season closes on December 15th.

With churches Ladner is overstocked.



MR. LAKING'S RESIDENCE, CLOVERDALE.

There is All Saints' (Anglican), Methodist, Presbyterian and Baptist, while the Roman Catholics have a church a mile away at Port Guichen. Should the proposed amalgamation of the Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregational



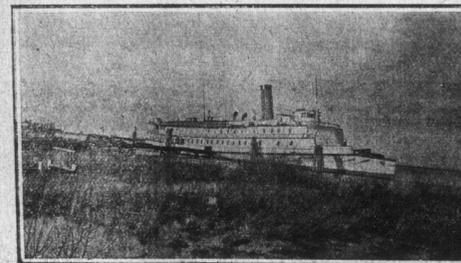
D. & J. HADDEN'S SAWMILL, CLOVERDALE.

home and has the extra inducement of most reasonable rates. The rooms are beautifully furnished, the fare good, wholesome and plentiful, while upstairs the whole of the long corridor is warmed so that visitors who do not care to sit in the "long room" may stay upstairs for a quiet smoke and read and be very comfortable. The writer stayed there for over three weeks, and can confidently recommend the house. A great many sportsmen make the hotel their headquarters, as it is within reasonable dis-

churches be consummated, it would be a blessing to more than one place, Ladner among the number. There are not enough adherents of each to fill all the churches, and the result is that the Non-conformist churches are poorly attended, and are very difficult fields for their respective pastors.

All Saints' (Anglican), Ladner. Two views are given, exterior and interior of All Saints' church, Anglican, Ladner.

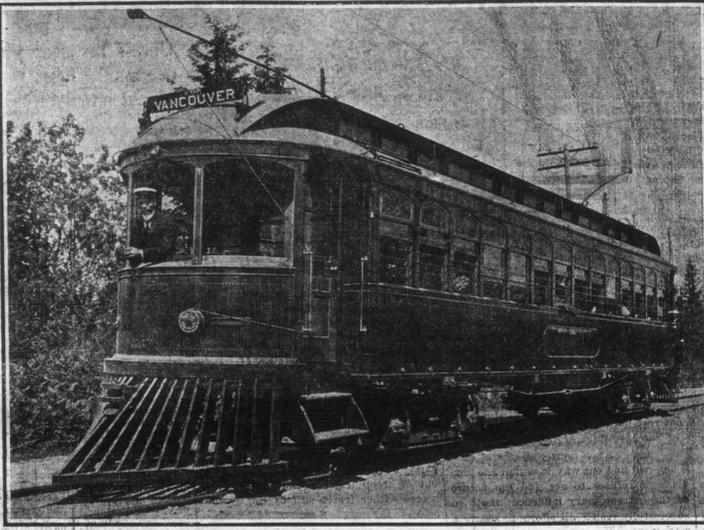
The present vicar is Rev. Canon Hill-



VICTORIAN IN WINTER QUARTERS.

ton, who has been in charge of the parish a little over a year. Since his incumbency a vested choir of men and boys has been introduced, and the vestry enlarged to twice its original size for a vesting room for the choir. A very handsome and substantial vicarage has been built

water tanks and heavy millwright work. During the December holidays the machinery, which is under the direction of James Grant, received a thorough overhauling. The cylinder of the main engine was reboiled, quite an interesting mechanical process, without removing it.



FINE PARLOR CAR LANGLEY, RUNNING BETWEEN VANCOUVER AND NEW WESTMINSTER—BUILT AT B. C. RAILWAY CO.'S SHOPS, NEW WESTMINSTER.

and is now occupied by the canon and his family. The new building is situated conveniently to the church, the whole church property comprising some two acres of land.

The parish is now well organized, and services are held regularly on Sundays, festivals, saints' days and Fridays.

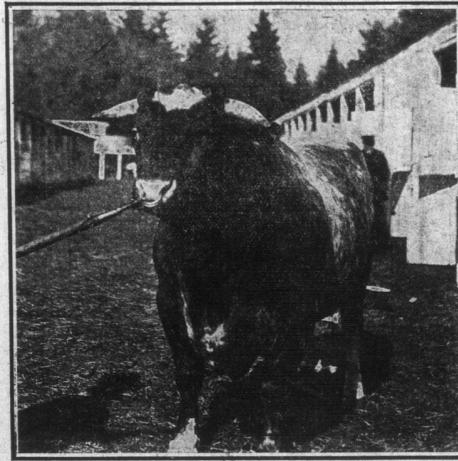
The Sunday school boasts of a well-

and done most successfully, and everything put in A1 shape for the spring run. A view of the office of the company is given.

Cloverdale is situated on the main line of the Great Northern railway, about nine miles from New Westminster. Here the Victoria Terminal & Ferry

Creamery Association already referred to. Like most small country villages in British Columbia, the store is the gathering place for the local soles, and many a good yarn is told at the Cloverdale emporium.

Summed up, the whole country is a most prosperous section. Schools are plenty, provided with good teachers, around. At Ladner the school building is a splendid structure, and four teachers are employed in teaching. To very many the Times representa-



SQUIRE WIMPLE, NO. 33006, VOL. 17—ONE OF MR. LADNER'S FINE HERD.

selected library and an efficient staff of teachers.

Ladner possesses a weekly paper, the Delta Times, a view of the office of which is produced. Mr. Manley, the owner, is the local agent for the Times, and has copies of this edition on sale. He is also authorized to accept subscriptions for the daily and semi-weekly Times.

The I. O. O. F. have recently built a very fine block (see view) the upstairs of which makes a very cosy concert hall. The Royal Bank of Canada has opened a branch in the building, under the management of Mr. Wright. It is a great boon to the district, and has met with good support.

Port Guichen.

Port Guichen, already alluded to quite frequently, is in reality a portion of the town of Ladner, i. e., it is impossible to tell where the one ends and the other begins. It has one hotel and store, owned and operated by W. L. McBride, a brother of the Hon. Richard McBride, the Premier. Mr. McBride has turned his oil cannery, a view of which is given, into a most extensive and commodious warehouse, where tons of hay, grain and roots are stored for export. Mr. McBride carries a good stock of general purpose goods, and does a large business with the residents of his district. He purposes erecting a very fine new hotel building in the spring.

Between Port Guichen and Ladner,



METHODIST CHURCH, LADNER.

the sawmill owned and operated by Messrs. Grant & Ker is situated. This concern does a very large business, and is the only sawmill in the vicinity. Full lines of all rough and dressed lumber are manufactured, and a specially made of

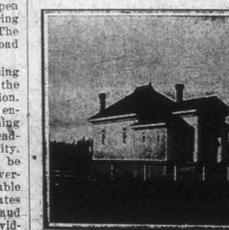
time coming in and prospects improving. The town has a saw and shingle mill. The latter, an excellent view of which is given, is owned and worked by D. & A. Haddon. This concern represents a great deal to the locality, as they ship out immense quantities of first quality shingles, cut from the magnificent cedars of the district. The industry is a most important one, and means much to the town. The proprietors of the mill are exceedingly good citizens, and are open to correspond with parties requiring large or small quantities of shingles. The product of the mill is shipped in carload lots over the Great Northern.

McEvoy Bros., another enterprising firm, own the Cloverdale hotel and the livery and feed stables in connection. The proprietors intend considerably enlarging the hotel during the coming spring, and propose making it the headquarters for the sporting community. There is no better duck shooting to be obtained in the province, and the Cloverdale hotel affords a most comfortable home to devotees of the gun. The rates are most moderate, only \$1 per day, and the very best of food and rooms provided for the money.

The store is owned by Messrs. Smith &

one of these cars is from a photo kindly lent by Mr. Glover, the New Westminster local manager, for the occasion.

The Lord Mayor of Sheffield is smitten with bazars and sales of work. During the first month of his year of office he opened some two dozen. He has now dutifully declined to consider any more invitations of the sort.



I. O. O. F. HALL, CLOVERDALE.



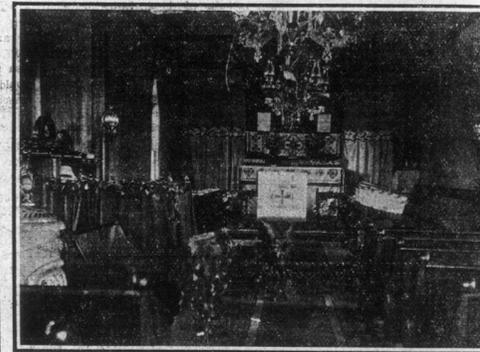
BOUNDARY BAY CAMP.

BALFOUR AND GOSCHEN.

Premier's Speech at Manchester—Former Chancellor of Exchequer Commends Attitude of Colonies.

London, Jan. 27.—Premier Balfour again addressed his constituents at Manchester to-day, congratulating the workers for their Imperial sentiments. He said: "If we begin to think of

he said that any scheme decided upon will have to be referred not only to the electorate itself of the sovereign classes, but the customs of Great Britain, because unless there were some such appeal he doubted whether the people of the colonies of Great Britain would leave their representatives in the conference entirely unprotected. He hoped that the decision of the Empire, when it came, would be a decision from which no signal part would ever be tempted to with-

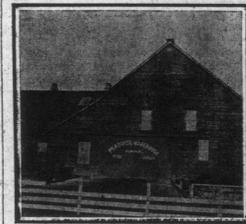


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special and particular interests to the exclusion of those wider objects, these greater responsibilities which our position as citizens of the Empire thrust on us, then there will be a beginning of decay in the great fabric, and those daughter communities who share our freedom of culture and civilization will feel they can no further look on this island as the centre of the Empire—as the true origin and fount of those Imperial ideas which

draw, which would remain for all time to mark a step in the further consolidation of the King's dominions, without which it was quite impossible that the vast collection of different communities should bear a full share in carrying forward the civilization and freedom of humanity.

Lord Goschen, speaking at Cambridge, said he understood Mr. Balfour's fiscal policy, but didn't understand the methods by which he would carry it out; that would require a quire of paper rather than half a sheet. It was necessary that the colonies and the Mother Country should stand together. He considered that the attitude of the colonies at the present juncture was most commendable. They showed no temper or impatience, no signs that the threat which ought never to have been made that unless we made certain concessions the bonds between them and the Mother Country would become loosened. He asked his audience not to allow their judgment to be coerced by a threat of that kind. (Cheers.)



PRODUCE WAREHOUSE.

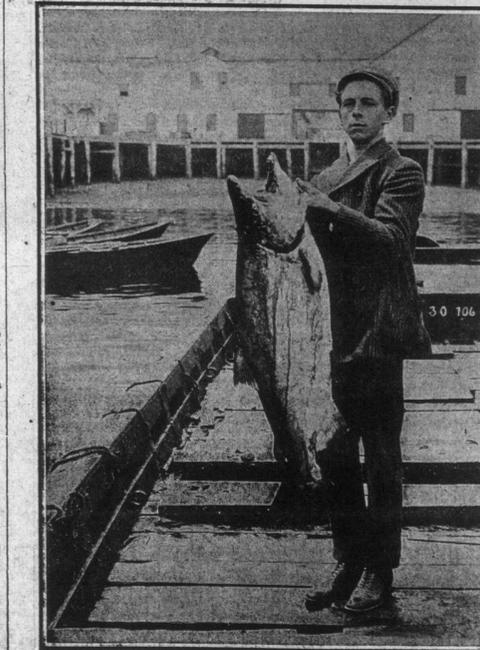
Property of W. L. McBride, Ladner.

ought to animate the whole. They, in their turn, will consider their separate and particular interests rather than the good of the whole of which they are a part. We cannot doubt that if once particularism enters an empire, so loosely constituted as ours, the moment of dissolution is not far removed."

Referring to the colonial conference,

A Berlin doctor has been fined for causing nervous shock to a lawyer by recklessly driving past the latter's carriage at a high rate of speed.

STOP THE PAIN BUT DESTROY THE STOMACH—This is sadly too often the case. So many noxious nostrums purporting to cure, in the end do the patient immensely more harm than good. Dr. Von Senn's Pileopain Tablets are a purely vegetable preparation, as laxatives as milk. One after eating prevents any disorder of the digestive organs. 60 in a box, 35 cents.—40.



A 50-POUND SALMON.

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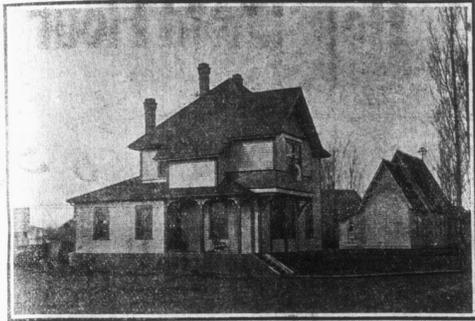
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The Rich Valley of the Lower Fraser

One of the very richest sections of British Columbia, from a purely agricultural standpoint, is that portion of the province lying north of the Fraser river and more particularly that part from the mouth of the river.

The illustrations accompanying this issue of the Times were taken by a special correspondent on the ground, and are intended to more particularly show

Westminster merchants' hands, which has for the past year and a half been done by the business men of this city. The train leaves Port Guichon every morning, except Sunday, at 7.45, arriving, when on time, at New Westminster at 9.30 and at Vancouver at 9.45. Returning, the train leaves Vancouver at 3.40 p.m., or on arrival of the Great Northern train from Seattle, New West-



VICARAGE OF ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, LADNER, CHURCH TO RIGHT.

That part of this vast farming paradise lying between Cloverdale on the east and Ladner on the west is well known to very many readers of the Times, this stretch of country is practically level, and with the exception of a small portion, viz., what is known as the bog land, is in a high state of cultivation.

Up to within a few weeks ago this



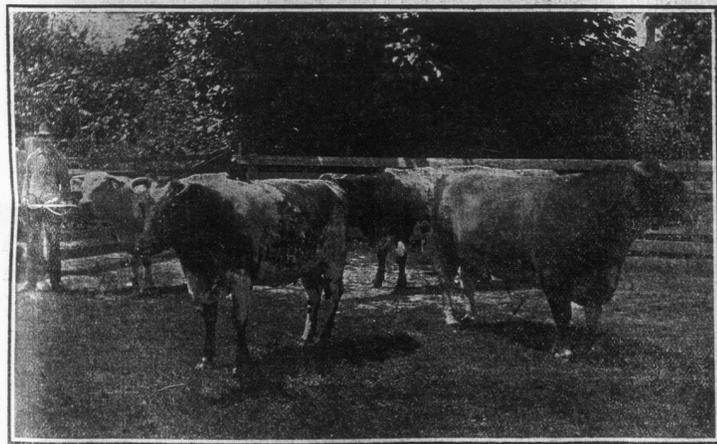
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, LADNER.

magnificent country was within a few hours' run from Victoria, and was a very important factor in Victoria's business; unfortunately the Victoria & Sidney Railway Company have, owing to difficulties with the civic authorities, which



DR. KENDALL'S RESIDENCE, CLOVERDALE.

are well known to most readers, discontinued the regular passenger service. The present service between the terminals at Port Guichon and Vancouver will undoubtedly throw a lot of business into the Terminal City and New



W. LADNER'S HERD—NO. 1—SQUIRE WIMPLE, NO. 33066, VOL. 17. NO. 2—MAMIE G., NO. 30127, VOL. 14. NO. 3—ANGELINA, NO. 3, VOL. 13. NO. 4—COMMANDER, NO. 33011, VOL. 13.



THE HOPE OF THE DELTA—THE NOON HOUR AT LADNER PUBLIC SCHOOL.

Ker Milling Company's oat preparations are due to the quality of the grain grown on the Delta. A great deal of attention has of recent years been paid by the farmers to this important cereal, with the result stated. That wheat can be grown, and very successfully too, was amply exemplified by Mr. Wm. H. Ladner, after whom the principal town of the Delta municipality is named, who secured at the World's Fair at Chicago a diploma for first quality wheat grown

near to Ladner, the famous Delta creamery, an illustration of which is given, and the product of which is so well known to many Victoria houses, and the other at Cloverdale, which was only started last summer, but which bids fair to do a first class business with Vancouver consumers. The Delta creamery is under the direction of Mr. Abbott, whose excellent butter proves him a past master in the science of butter making. At the Cloverdale creamery Mr. Curry, at one time in charge of the Cowichan creamery, is manager and butter maker. He reports that, allowing for the short time that the plant has been in opera-

tion, the season has been very successful; he expects that next year will be much more profitable.

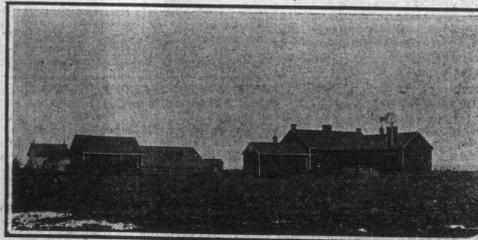
The output of the Delta creamery for the year 1904 exceeded 1,050,000 lbs., which enormous quantity proves the popularity of the brand, and is the largest amount of manufactured and sold by the association since the plant was first installed. The dropping of the Sidney-Port Guichon direct steamer route has made it impossible for the as-



BAPTIST CHURCH, LADNER.

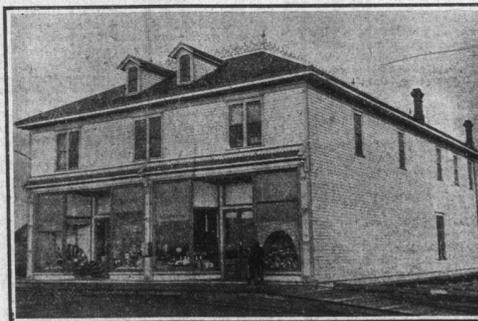
come an exporter of high grade cattle, horses, sheep and hogs. This is, in fact, the case at present, as Messrs. Shannon Bros., of Cloverdale, export largely pure bred sheep and hogs to both Washington and Oregon.

Mr. Vasey is another successful stock breeder, as is Mr. Alex. Peterson, who farms T. W. Paterson's, M. P. P., splendid farm, about three miles from Ladner;



THE PATERSON RANCH, LADNER.

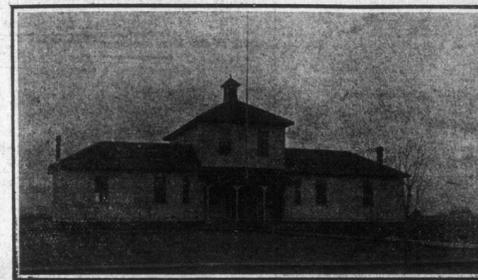
association to ship to Victoria as quickly as heretofore, but every care is taken so that the shipments are made to arrive here as direct and as soon as possible. Mr. H. N. Rich, Brackman & Ker's resident agent, and one of Ladner's most prominent citizens, is the secretary of the association, and to his courtesy the



MARSHALL SMITH'S STORE, LADNER.

a view of the farm buildings of the latter place is given. Mr. Paterson has perhaps the very highest grade of stock in the country, and is constantly improving his herds.

Mr. Ladner is a vice-president of the Shorthorn Breeders' Association, and has in his possession every copy of the



THE LADNER SCHOOL.

year book of the association, together with plenty of registration forms. He assured the writer that he would be most happy to provide any of the latter and give any information contained in the former to any person who cared to send to him. He has a considerable number of young pure bred shorthorn bulls for sale, ranging from ten months

Limited, leaving Ladner at 4 p.m. On the other days of the week the Steveston train leaves too early to make the connection.

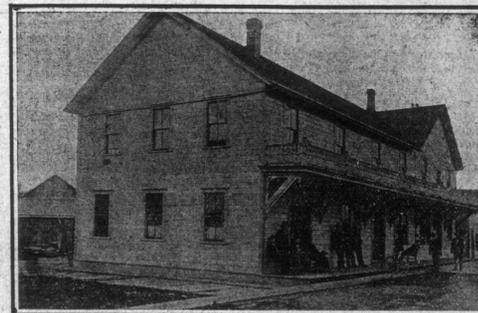
It is freely reported that the C. P. R. intend running the Lulu Island branch by electricity during the coming summer. Should such be the case there is little

doubt that the time schedule will be so arranged that passengers can leave Ladner twice a day via the C. P. R. In the morning at 8 via New Westminster and in the afternoon at 4 via Steveston. If this could be arranged it would be a great boon to the residents, who are, at present, practically barred from seeing or hearing anything good that comes to



MCKEE BROS' MEAT MARKET, LADNER.

the settlement, is no old-timer in his methods, and as many successes at the various fairs and exhibitions with his stock prove that he moves with the times. Mr. Ladner predicts that it will not be long before British Columbia will have as high grade stock as any of the Canadian provinces, and instead of being, as heretofore, an importer, will be-



LADNER'S HOTEL.

old and up. Any farmer wishing to purchase will receive courteous treatment and the right kind of animal by consulting Mr. Ladner.

Vancouver on account of poor connections.

As evidences of the unrivalled prosperity of the Delta farmers, it is stated that there is scarcely a foot of land for sale, and that nearly every farmer in the district owns and operates his own threshing machine.

The amount of hay shipped each year is enormous, and baling is still in full



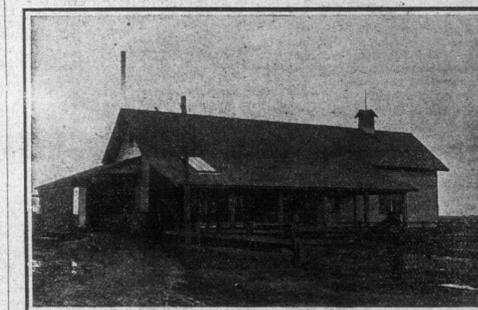
THE CLOVERDALE HOTEL.



OFFICE OF DELTA TIMES.

In addition to the railway to Vancouver, Ladner, the principal town, has direct daily communication with New Westminster by the C. P. R. steamer Transfer, which leaves Westminster daily, except Sunday, at 2 p.m., and on

Monday morning at 5. Returning the steamer leaves Ladner at 8 a.m., and on Saturdays at 6 p.m. Passengers for Vancouver on Saturdays can, in addition, go via Steveston and the Sockeye



THE DELTA CREAMERY.

refused to provide any more cars for the shippers for Victoria, it is feared that this trade will also cease. However, it will make the Island hay more in demand, and probably have a tendency to

1,000 Dozen Xmas Ties at 25c, 50c, 75c and \$1.00 Just To Hand

Raincoats, Overcoats and Suits; 1-5 off For Cash

B. WILLIAMS & CO.

Clothiers and Hatters. 68-70 Yates Street

Local News.

The death occurred Thursday of Miss A. Dwyer...

The German flag flew at the mast here on the occasion of Carl Lovenberg...

The Daughters of St. George will hold a social dance after the regular meeting...

The British ship Eurasia, Captain Hughes, arrived from London on Saturday...

The Craigflower Dramatic Society gave their third successful concert of the season...

Six new cars are being rushed to completion at New Westminster for the Victoria service of the B. C. Electric Railway Company...

The George Carter Company, of this city, have just received the direct and exclusive appointments...

A race of ocean giants was the recent struggle between the British steamship Denoncel and the American steamer Trenton...

A return hockey match was played Sunday between the Ladysmith and Nanaimo teams...

Steamer Wheaton damaged Turner, Beaton & Company's wharf, at which she has been berthing since...

In the recent annual report of the Royal Academy of Music, London, England, appear the names of two Victoria girls who successfully passed an exciting musical test...

The Canadian Book Review says: "Our thanks are due Messrs. T. N. Gibben & Co., of Victoria, B. C., the publishers, for an extremely handsome and artistic publication entitled 'Picturesque Victoria'..."

The property owners of Oak Bay decided some time ago to withdraw their names from the proposed municipality...

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All those suffering with Boils, Scrofula, Eczema will find

Weaver's Syrup and Cerate

invaluable to cleanse the blood. Davis & Lawrence Co., Ltd., Montreal.

Rogers, 14; McGregor, 14; Reid, 14. There will be an examination for corporals at the High school on Tuesday.

Chicken thieves have been operating during the last few nights. Two hens were visited Sunday night, but only in one instance were any birds stolen.

A large party is being organized to enter the Bulkley valley and take up homes in that country...

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CRACKSMEN TRY TO BLOW SAFE OPEN

FRIGHTENED BEFORE WORK WAS FINISHED

Store of Johns Bros., Douglas Street, the Scene of Their Activity— Plenty of Tools.

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GRAND DUKE RESPONSIBLE

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LET US HAVE LIGHT

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THREE NEW TRAPS.

The B. C. Packers' Association Have Plant Here to Commence Building Operation.

R. Lee, of the B. C. Packers' Association, was in the city last week with a number of commissioners from Bellingham. The party was here arranging for the construction of salmon traps. They have sent a pile driver and other paraphernalia over here, and while in Victoria attended to the entry of this.

The expedition has been made in the interests of the B. C. Packers' Association, which contemplate the construction of three traps on the southern shores of Vancouver Island in close proximity if not adjoining the trap now located at Otter Point. These traps are to be built as soon as the weather is favorable.

The construction of these traps, together with others which have been mentioned in this paper, will present a scene of great activity on the northern shores of this island.

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AT PUBLIC MEETING IN WEST

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One of the best measures of the Victoria Voters' Association to-day at Temple's hall. In the two hours and a quarter...

The following petition was presented to the council of the association, it having been able to canvas the residents of West for signatures to the Mayor and Council.

Gentlemen:—We, the undersigned, of the Victoria Voters' Association, call your attention to the closure of the Point Ellice bridge, the Dominion government not to grant any lease agreements without the consent of the voters of the city. It is justly our recreation and beauty, and it is a great numerous visitors who come to the city to enjoy its recreation. It is justly our recreation and beauty, and it is a great numerous visitors who come to the city to enjoy its recreation.

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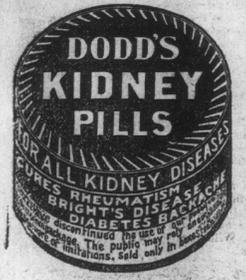
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COMMISSION HAS CLOSED ITS WORK THE FINAL SITTING WAS HELD THURSDAY Joint Delegation From Property Owners of Victoria and Vancouver Make Protests.

The assessment commission has completed its work. On Thursday afternoon there was a delegation from the Property Owners' Associations in Victoria and Vancouver before the commission. It comprised Chas. E. Hope and Mr. Holgate, of Vancouver, and J. Forman, Fred Pemberton and C. A. Holland, of this city.

Chas. E. Hope, Vancouver, first addressed the commission. He said that under the present system at sales for arrears of taxation an injustice was often worked. Property often brought little more than half its value or even less. Persons having claims against the property suffered as a result. The procedure was to notify those having a claim against the property that the property was sold and might be redeemed. In many cases the notice was not very explicit, and did not correspond with the registered description of the property. There was no guarantee that the notice reached those interested. He advocated the ratification of these sales by a judge or by some other process, which would safeguard the interests of all.

Several points were taken up in the act which was urged should be amended. This was done with Attorney-General Wilson present. One point touched upon by Mr. Hope was that a future owner or tenant was held liable for arrears of taxes. He contended that it was unreasonable to expect that a tenant should be held liable. It might work an injustice upon a tenant who took the property.

Mr. Fisher, assessor of New Westminster, called attention to the fact that there were now annual tax sales, and there could not be any great accumulation of taxes against the property. The Attorney-General said that all this did was to impose an obligation upon a tenant to see that there was no arrears of taxes, just the same as a purchaser had to satisfy himself in this respect.

Mr. Hope thought that the land and the personal security of the owner should be sufficient. The Attorney-General did not think that it would be wise to alter this. Another point raised by Mr. Hope was that the act apparently made a purchaser of property liable not only for arrears of taxes on that particular property, but also the arrears of the former owner for other taxes, even income and personal property.

The Attorney-General could not see that the act permitted this. Mr. Pemberton said he had within two weeks an example of this when the collector refused to accept the arrears of taxes on a property he bought until all the taxes of the former owner were paid. The Attorney-General said this was a mistake by the collector, and could be righted.

Reverting to the question of tax sales, Mr. Hope contended that it was in the interests of the province that taxes should be paid in advance. On account of tax sales being regarded as a gamble, property seldom brought anything over the amount of taxes due against it, and in most of cases less than the taxes.

Mortgages and judgment creditors and those having claims against the property should be personally served with a notice of the sale for taxes or otherwise as ordered by a judge or by some similar process.

The Attorney-General said that he would go fully into this subject, and see that justice was done to all parties. The question of having to pay taxes for the year in which a transfer of property takes place before a title could be given, was brought up. This worked to the disadvantage of those who early in the year purchased a property and wished to transfer title.

Hon. R. G. Tatlow agreed that this should be looked into. The commission then adjourned, the chairman stating that this would practically close the public sittings.

GOT EIGHTEEN MONTHS. King Sentenced for Theft and Obtaining Money Under False Pretences. Richard M. King must serve eighteen months in the provincial jail for obtaining money under false pretences and the theft of a watch from one Josephine Lee. He pleaded guilty to the two counts against him under the first head, but denied that he stole the watch. He was convicted and sentenced to six months' imprisonment on each count.

Lawrence Mooney's familiar face beamed in the prisoners' dock Friday morning. He was taken into custody Thursday in consequence of a complaint that he had been making himself troublesome on Pandora avenue. He was charged with vagrancy and sentenced to four months' imprisonment. Lawrence's sojourn at the provincial jail will cost the city sixty dollars, there being an arrangement with the government in regard to the cost of keeping prisoners sent out for offences of this kind.

STITCHING MUSCLES AND SLEEPLESSNESS.—The hopeless heart sickness that settles on a man or woman whose nerves are shattered by disease can best be pictured in contrast with a patient who has been in the "depths" and has been dragged from them by South American medicine. George Webster, of Forest, Ont., says: "I owe my life to it. Everything else has failed to cure."—44.

Speaking at the prize-giving at Colchester school, the headmaster said he had no South, Brown, Jones or Robinson among his hundred scholars, nor was there a red-headed boy in the school.

GAZETTE NOTICES. Official Announcements Contained in Last Week's Publication.

The last Provincial Gazette contains notice of the following appointments: Benjamin E. Drew, of Camborne, to be a justice of the peace within and for the province of British Columbia.

Joseph Edworthy, of Kelowna, to be a court of revision and appeal for the Vernon assessment district, in the place of Henry C. Shaw, resigned.

Henry J. Palmer, of Vancouver, to be a clerk in the office of the assessor and collector for the Vancouver assessment district, from the first instant.

James Kilvington Worsfold, assessor collector for the Victoria assessment district, to be assessor and collector for the Omineca assessment district and collector of revenue tax therein, in the place of Frederick W. Vallentyne, resigned.

Charles Cumfley Fisher, New Westminster, to be acting government agent, acting assistant commissioner of lands and works for the Westminster, New Westminster city and Vancouver city electorates, acting collector of revenue for the New Westminster assessment district, acting mining recorder for the New Westminster mining division, and acting recording officer for the Delta, Chilliwack, Dewdney and Richmond districts, during the absence through illness of David Robson.

The following companies have been incorporated: The B. Wire & Nail Company, Limited, with a capital of \$5,000, divided into 5,000 shares of \$10 each; the Mainland News, Limited, with a capital of \$10,000, divided into 1,000 shares of \$10 each, to acquire and take over the printing and newspaper publishing business now carried on by W. MacAdams, under the name of "The Universal Printing Trust," at the city of Vancouver; and the Port Nelson Canning & Salting Company, Limited, with a capital of \$30,000, divided into 300 shares of \$100 each.

The International Telephone Company has been registered as an extra-provincial company; the head office of the company is at Bellingham, Washington; the amount of the capital of the company is \$50,000, divided into 500 shares of \$100 each; the head office of the company in this province is situate in Vancouver, and William Karrell, whose address is the same, is the attorney for the company.

Notice is given that application will be made to the legislative assembly at its next session by the Pacific Northern & Omineca Railway Company for an act extending the time for the commencement of the construction of the company's line of railway and for the expenditure thereon of ten per cent. of the amount of the capital and permitting the company to construct the railway in sections.

WANTS HIGH SCHOOL. Duncans Desires One—Will Lay Matter Before Government. A meeting of representatives from all parts of the district assembled at the school house, Duncans, on Saturday last to discuss the establishment of a High school for Duncans, and an experimental farm for the Island. W. C. Duncan presided, and Mr. Smith acted as secretary.

Mr. Duncan explained the object of the meeting, and after several gentlemen present had expressed their views, the chairman called upon A. Robinson, superintendent of education, who was kind enough to attend. He stated that there was one High school in the province outside of the cities, and that was at Chilliwack. He explained what was required before the district could hope to approach the government on the subject. A committee was appointed to lay the matter before the government.

The experimental farm project was then taken up and discussed, also the ways and means of circulating the petition. It was finally decided to forward copies for signatures to all Farmers' Institutes and post offices on the Island.

NORTH SEA COMMISSION. Question of Hearing Evidence Regarding Russian Agents is Being Considered. Paris, Jan. 27.—At to-day's session of the international commission inquiring into the North Sea incident, counsel for Great Britain said he desired to secure the testimony of a witness named Fletcher, concerning the action of the Russian agents in seeking information among the fishermen at Hull.

Hugh O'Beirne, first secretary of the British embassy at Paris and agent of Great Britain before the commission, said: "We consider the action of the agents to be blame-worthy, but we have not heard that these agents acted under orders from the Russian government."

The latter then continued their testimony, which was practically the same as that of the preceding witness.

BY-ELECTION. Liberal Successful in the Contest in North Dorset. London, Jan. 27.—The Free Traders captured another parliamentary seat in the by-election held in North Dorset yesterday.

A Liberal, A. W. Willis, defeated the Conservative candidate, Sir Randolph Baker, by a majority of 608. The vacancy was caused by the death of John Willoughby Digby.

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DEPUTATIONS MET THE CITY COUNCIL ASSISTANCE ASKED FOR A SANITORIUM Strong Prolongation of Case by Delegation—Tourist Business Also Discussed With Committee.

The city council met on Thursday. Before taking up the regular business a deputation representing the Tourist Association waited on the council urging that the work of the association should be taken over by the city council. The deputation consisted of W. T. Oliver, vice-president of board of trade; J. A. Thompson, manager of Hudson's Bay Co.; H. B. Thompson, manager Turner, Beeton & Co.; A. B. Fraser, sr.; E. A. Vincent and Beckwith, B. S. Heisterman, A. Henderson and H. Cuthbert.

W. T. Oliver made a very clear presentation of the case from the standpoint of the Tourist Association, showing the advantages to be derived by bringing the work more directly under the city. At the present time the cost of supporting the work was borne by a few. It was a public work benefitting the whole city, and as such he thought should be supported more equitably by the ratepayers.

Secretary Cuthbert presented various features of the position, also giving some advantages which would be derived by making the city a city one.

His Worship asked Mr. Cuthbert if he knew anything of other corporations taking this work up.

Mr. Cuthbert referred to a publication issued from Blackpool, in England, where \$125,000 was spent annually by the corporation. The Mayor of Vancouver favored the city taking the tourist work up. In California there was a regular summer of advertising San Francisco, California. Members of the board of trade went around to the hotels and endeavored to interest likely tourists in investing in the state. In England the tourist business was altogether in the hands of the corporations.

His Worship asked what were the prospects for the coming year if the city council did not take this over.

Mr. Cuthbert said that those who collected fares were reluctant to continue it this year. He did not doubt that the work would be carried on even if the council did not take it up.

B. Heisterman said that it was a thankless job for a business man to solicit subscriptions.

Mr. Cuthbert said that in spite of the fact that the business men had been called upon repeatedly to subscribe to various funds yet they gave \$4,000 each for the three years past to the Tourist Association. It spoke well for the city.

J. L. Beckwith regarded the association as one of the most beneficial to the city that existed. If the work of the association was taken over by the city, there was no doubt that Victoria would have the business. He did not think it was fair to expect the business men in the centre of the city to keep this work up.

His Worship said that he had been informed that a few years ago there was a society for doing care for him. Something had been introduced came from the outside, and had spread with rapidity.

Rev. J. P. Westman also made a strong plea for furnishing a sanatorium. All that was needed was to start the work.

His Worship acknowledged that a strong plea had been made. There were many demands upon the council. The council would have to consider the matter.

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MORE BUOYS FOR BRITISH COLUMBIA MOST MODERN KIND WILL BE INTRODUCED W. W. Stumbles, of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, Is Visiting the Coast.

W. W. Stumbles, of the marine and fisheries department, Ottawa, was in Victoria Thursday, and will remain on the coast for some time on business connected with the department. His principal business will be to arrange for the placing of aids to navigation in the shape of various kinds of buoys, and in addition will examine the books of the pilotage authorities and harbor masters at various places on the British Columbia coast.

Mr. Stumbles has been suffering from rheumatism, but after a stay of a few weeks at Harrison Hot Springs he feels much improved. Yesterday he spent part of the day with Capt. Gaudin, the local agent of marine and fisheries, discussing various departmental questions. From Victoria he will proceed to Nanaimo, and thence to Vancouver and New Westminster, probably staying over again at Harrison Hot Springs en route home.

It has been decided to place a whistling automatic buoy on Milbank Sound, near Vancouver rock; another on Barkley Sound, off Amplitrite Point, and a third in the Straits at the entrance to Port San Juan. A bell buoy of the American pattern will be placed at Point Grey, and a second off Cape Mudge. It is proposed to introduce gas buoys on this coast. These will be the first ever placed in service on the Pacific, although in the Eastern department has a number of them in use.

Speaking on the subject of gas buoys, Mr. Stumbles said: "Heretofore the department could only place a limited number owing to the fact that specially constructed apparatus had to be provided for crude petroleum. The department has now adopted acetylene. This is generated at present at stations established by the department, and is taken in tanks to the buoy. But in the near future it is expected that the carbide will be placed in the buoys, the usual method of liberating the gas by water being adopted. There are several on Georgian Bay, Lake Erie, and large number being on the St. Lawrence, between Kingston and Quebec, also below Quebec, and a few are used in the maritime provinces. The gas burns day and night, and buoys of this kind require no further attendance than the keeping of them in position, and the lighting of the gas if it should by accident go out. They are charged only once in three months, but the department is experimenting with buoys that will burn a longer period, and it is the intention of the department to introduce them on the Pacific Coast."

The N. Thompson Company, of Vancouver, have about completed three whistling buoys, two American pattern bell buoys, three conical buoys and three can buoys. Those of the whistling and bell variety are called warning buoys, as in foggy weather they are heard. The whistling buoys have long tubes through them with a rudder on the end to keep them from revolving during the running of the tide. The whistling is caused by the action of the water forcing the air contained in the tube through the whistles. These buoys are conical in shape, and will be painted red, as are all conical buoys. The bell buoys are made of a different shape, with a cage on the top of the deck and balls running backwards and forwards in tubes. The buoy oscillates. In foggy weather it will give a smooth water it may not sound as well as when there is a swell or sea.

A number of these buoys being made will be placed in the locations named, while the others will be kept in reserve to replace some now in service.

Mr. Stumbles says while at Harrison Hot Springs he inspected the new hatchery there being built, which will be one of the largest of the kind in the world. This structure will have a running capacity for 35,000,000 eggs. The building will be 220 feet long by 40 feet wide. It was started on the 1st of August last, and will be completed in about one month. It is situated near Trout Lake, opposite the Harrison hotel. It is provided with a good supply of water, and altogether its location is an admirable one. Already about six and a half million eggs were placed in the fishbed troughs, and of these one-third of the number have been hatched out, the fish being sockeyes and cohoes.

ARIZONA TRAGEDY. Gambler Took Three Lives and Then Committed Suicide. Tucson, Arizona, Jan. 27.—A tragedy in which four men lost their lives occurred in Nogales to-day.

Ferdinand Walters, a gambler, entered the Palazzo Salton, owned by M. M. Conn, walked to a poker table and without warning opened fire on the dealer, known as "Cowboy" Simpson, firing two shots through his head. Walters then turned to Conn, the proprietor, who was making his way toward the door, shooting him through the head and heart. The murderer then turned his weapon toward Modesto Olivas, the monte dealer, shooting him through the back of the head. He fired a shot at Geo. Bendie, a cattleman, which grazed the latter's face, and then turned the revolver on himself and fired a bullet into his own brain.

All of the victims died before being able to make statements.

Five young men of Dawson are completing an invention they think will revolutionize the carrying of northern freight. They are building a remarkable steam auto-sled which will be run by means of an endless chain with cogs attached. An engine will be used for the supply of the power necessary, and it is estimated that the sled can be driven from five to ten miles an hour.

VICTORIA CREAMERY. Annual Meeting of Association Was Held on Wednesday. The annual meeting of shareholders of the Victoria Creamery Association was held at the creamery on Wednesday, and in spite of the inclement weather there was a very good attendance. The president explained the cause of the holding of the meeting, and gave an interesting address on the work of the creamery, showing how the work was being done, and a half dozen or more of representatives of the city council and also some from the citizens.

Ald. Fell wanted to know how those who were not real estate owners could be made to bear their share of the amount required. He wanted to know how this \$7,000 additional money was to be raised.

Ex-Ald. Vincent said that there was now \$3,000 appropriated for advertising by the council, so that \$7,000 was not really to be raised for this work.

Mr. Oliver said that it was felt necessary to divide the cost of maintenance so that a few business men were not to be made to bear it all.

Ex-Ald. Vincent said that in future the trade of Victoria was to be passenger traffic more than freight. The Princess Beatrice paid from the start on the Sound run, so that there was traffic between the Sound and Victoria.

Mr. Cuthbert said that the people did come over, as the Princess Victoria brought 500 people a day during the summer. The city might become a convention town as Detroit was.

The representatives of the Tourist Association then withdrew, and the regular business was proceeded with.

A petition was read complaining of the blocking up of the Arm by logs, etc. This was referred to the streets, bridges and sewers committee.

A ballot was then taken to decide upon a library for the Carnegie library. There were 47 names registered as follows: William Baines, Paul Beggan, J. H. Bonstow, Chas. Bienemann, Mabel R. Clarke, Sydney Child, A. Gordon Duncan, Geo. Irouside Dinn, Charles Flick, W. B. Fisher, John Frank, Annie E. Francis, G. H. Hays, Frank A. Harlow, D. C. Hills, H. Russell Hopkins, F. R. Kitto, W. Macro, H. Geo. Mason, Thos. G. Mason, Chas. F. Moore, Samuel Moore, Mrs. A. H. Morgan, John M. Murdoch, Henry H. Newell, W. P. McCulloch, A. J. Penzley, A. Mary W. Ranome, A. W. Reynolds, C. H. Richardson, W. G. M. Roiston, Samuel R. Roe, Henry F. Seston, C. Ensor Sharp, W. H. S. Seston, M. P. Seston, W. H. Seston, Wm. H. Stokes, J. H. S. Sweet, Albert Toller, C. D. Warden, Harry M. Wilson, William Wilson, P. T. Johnson, C. Young and T. Koenigke.

The first two ballots showed a very scattered vote. When the fourth ballot was reached Dr. Hands, C. G. Duncan and S. Child alone remained. The fifth ballot was between Dr. Hands and Mr. Duncan. The qualifications of the two were very dissimilar. Dr. Hands is 20 years of age and Mr. Duncan is 20 years of age. Both had splendid recom-

mendations as to character and scholastic attainments. The latter had been sergeant-major in Stratheona's Horse in South Africa, while the former had devoted his time to educational work.

Dr. Hands was selected on this ballot, and will enter upon his duties at once. The new librarian has lived 11 years in British Columbia, four of them having been spent in Victoria. He is a graduate of Toronto University, and has been connected with some of the best high schools and collegiate institutes in Ontario.

A deputation next waited upon the council to urge upon it the granting of aid towards equipping a sanatorium for the treatment of cases of incipient consumption.

Dr. Fagan addressing the council said that there was an apathy throughout the country with respect to tuberculosis. This was due to ignorance, which was excusable in the case of the mass training with respect to it by the medical profession for such a long time. In British Columbia there was nothing done to combat this plague. If the person attacked by consumption was not given proper attention he would pass this disease on to others. It was felt that the authorities should do something in the matter to prevent its spread. Large sums were spent to combat tuberculosis in cattle, and authorities and harbor masters at various places on the British Columbia coast.

Mr. Stumbles has been suffering from rheumatism, but after a stay of a few weeks at Harrison Hot Springs he feels much improved. Yesterday he spent part of the day with Capt. Gaudin, the local agent of marine and fisheries, discussing various departmental questions. From Victoria he will proceed to Nanaimo, and thence to Vancouver and New Westminster, probably staying over again at Harrison Hot Springs en route home.

It has been decided to place a whistling automatic buoy on Milbank Sound, near Vancouver rock; another on Barkley Sound, off Amplitrite Point, and a third in the Straits at the entrance to Port San Juan. A bell buoy of the American pattern will be placed at Point Grey, and a second off Cape Mudge. It is proposed to introduce gas buoys on this coast. These will be the first ever placed in service on the Pacific, although in the Eastern department has a number of them in use.

Speaking on the subject of gas buoys, Mr. Stumbles said: "Heretofore the department could only place a limited number owing to the fact that specially constructed apparatus had to be provided for crude petroleum. The department has now adopted acetylene. This is generated at present at stations established by the department, and is taken in tanks to the buoy. But in the near future it is expected that the carbide will be placed in the buoys, the usual method of liberating the gas by water being adopted. There are several on Georgian Bay, Lake Erie, and large number being on the St. Lawrence, between Kingston and Quebec, also below Quebec, and a few are used in the maritime provinces. The gas burns day and night, and buoys of this kind require no further attendance than the keeping of them in position, and the lighting of the gas if it should by accident go out. They are charged only once in three months, but the department is experimenting with buoys that will burn a longer period, and it is the intention of the department to introduce them on the Pacific Coast."

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JOHN C. NEWBURY TO BE APPOINTED CUSTOMS COLLECTOR FOR PORT OF VICTORIA.

An Order in Council Will Be Passed To-morrow or Monday, Filling the Position.

(From Friday's Daily.) It is understood that an order in council will be passed to-morrow or Monday appointing J. C. Newbury collector of customs. No official notification has been received to this effect, but information giving the news comes in a press dispatch to the Times from Ottawa to-day.

Mr. Newbury has been acting collector since the death of A. R. Milne about a year ago and has shown splendid executive ability in conducting the business of the department. He has a good knowledge of the technical affairs of the service and is thoroughly familiar with the coasting and other shipping laws of the Dominion, which well qualify him for the important position.

Mr. Newbury has been long connected with the customs of this city. He joined the staff of the department on the 1st of September, 1883, and on the 4th of November, 1894, his appointment as chief clerk was officially confirmed. Mr. Newbury in the last year has given ample evidence that he is well fitted to fill the post. He has shown a determined disposition to protect the Canadian shipping interests, and has been prompt to punish any flagrant infringement of the coasting regulations.

Courteous and painstaking, of good judgment and an intimate understanding of every phase of the work which will come under his supervision, Mr. Newbury's appointment will be regarded as a commendable one.

Mr. Newbury is an unmarried man. He came to this province when very young, and was educated in Victoria. As a student in the High school, he established an enviable record, having twice won the distinction of being head of the institution, receiving the medal specially awarded by the Governor-General.

ENTERTAINED THE CHOIR. Singers of First Presbyterian Church Guests of Alderman and Mrs. Lewis Hall.

The First Presbyterian church choir were the guests of Alderman and Mrs. Hall at their residence, Frederick street, Victoria West, Friday, between 3 and 4 o'clock. About 10.30 the guests sat down to an enjoyable repast, after which speeches were made by the choir-master, J. G. Brown; the secretary, Ruther Wilson; W. D. Kinnaird, Mr. Halliday and others.

Mr. Redman, a valued member of the choir, was presented with a handsome scarf pin by the members. Mr. Redman was completely surprised, but was able to return thanks in a suitable manner in an incredulous degree.

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The address was read by Mr. Brown and the presentation made by Mrs. Hall. At the close a vote of thanks was tendered to the host and hostess for their splendid and genial hospitality, and when the question was put those present with lusty voices almost raised the roof with their "yes" and applause. Dr. Hall gracefully and neatly responded for himself and Mrs. Hall, after which the guests took leave somewhere in the neighborhood of the "wee sma' boors" everyone delighted with the happy and pleasant evening's amusement.

—Mr. Findlay, one of the men who had been injured in the recent explosion of a boiler on a small