

Equitable Litigation

Move Made to Block the Proposed Mutualization of Company.

Eighty Million Surplus the Bone of Contention in the Court.

Huge Excess Over the Legal Requirements Pointed Out by Counsel.

NEW YORK, April 11.—Today's proceedings before Justice Maddox in the trial of the Equitable Life Assurance Society's mutualization plan were enlivened by an attack made by Edward M. Shepard, counsel for Lord, on Francis Hendricks, state superintendent of insurance.

Mr. Shepard declared that his plan was under consideration at the same time he was in conference with the attorneys for the society's officers.

Mr. Shepard declared that Mr. Hendricks had forced Mr. Lord to remain in utter darkness while he had reached through the mutualization plan with the representatives of the directors.

Another feature of the hearing was the announcement by Geo. Seabriske, as counsel for Chas. W. Morse, that his client wished to intervene in the suit for Mr. Lord.

Mr. Seabriske informed the court that his client was the owner of fifteen shares of Equitable stock.

Mr. Undermeyer gave formal notice that he would intervene in behalf of James H. Hornblower, who said he represented the Equitable Society and its 600,000 policy holders.

There was considerable argument also between Mr. Undermeyer and Mr. Hornblower as to whether the Equitable Society's surplus above reserve requirements of the \$80,000,000 carried as surplus.

Mr. Undermeyer questioned the placing of the reserve to meet obligations at \$10,000,000, and stated that the court had not decided \$40,000,000 to be a sufficient reserve fund to meet this.

Mr. Hornblower did not reply. At the close of the hearing, Justice Maddox gave the lawyers until Friday to file briefs.

IN DEATH NOT DIVIDED. Strange Tragedy of the Gulf of Georgia—Survivor Is Rescued.

Drifting about on the Gulf of Georgia Saturday was an overturned fishing boat. There would be no story in the incident were it not that a man was clinging to the bottom of the craft.

This man was an Indian and was delivered from his perilous situation by the steamer Otter, which came across the castaway about fifteen miles from Plumper Pass.

It is understood that the Victoria H. C. V. was damaged recently by fire, but will be repaired at once and will in all probability be occupied by Mr. John Holmes, its former occupant.

His brother, who is working on Hardy mountain properties, is authority for the fact that the mine workings in the tunnel on the Sunset Fraction some six feet of solid ore was encountered.

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THEIR MAJESTIES STORMBOUND.

Port Mahon, Island of Minorca, April 11.—King Edward and Queen Alexandra, who sailed today on board the royal yacht Victoria and Albert for Palma, Majorca, were compelled to return owing to bad weather.

SPANISH VICTIMS' FUNERAL. Madrid, April 11.—The funeral today of the victims of the reservoir disaster of Saturday was attended by great numbers of workers, but no disturbances occurred owing to stringent precautions being taken, including the posting of military and police along the route to the cemetery.

TO PROTECT EXCURSIONISTS. Albany, N. Y., April 11.—The New York assembly today passed a bill requiring the New York city fire commission to detail uniformed firemen to all excursion barges and steamboats carrying over 250 passengers and traveling a distance of 45 miles. The bill now goes to the governor to be signed.

RECALTRANT LAWYERS. Pan-Russian Congress of Attorneys Defy the Authorities. St. Petersburg, April 11.—Another meeting of the pan-Russian congress of attorneys was held here today, and was devoted to discussing the reform of the institution of a representative parliament on the basis of universal suffrage and on the basis of universal suffrage.

It is announced that the attorneys intend to conduct a propaganda through physical resistance to arbitrary action by the authorities. Two arrests have been made, and the police are reported to be on the alert.

At another meeting, held tonight, the delegates decided to send a delegation to the government to demand the abolition of the police and the election of a central bureau of thirteen, empowered to select legal representatives for a proposed central committee to draft plans for a new constitution.

The leaders of the movement declare that their plans contemplate the elimination of absolutism and the establishment of a republic. The government is in the direction of affairs and especially in certain matters, as the budget and taxation.

Disregard Police Orders. The delegates met in private houses, assembling before the arrival of the police and disregarding orders to cease their sessions. At yesterday's session, the delegates decided to send a word to the police that they would not obey these orders.

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LEADERS GETTING TOGETHER. Chamberlain Said to Be Getting in Line With Balfour's Ideas. London, April 13.—Yesterday's Liberal-Unionist meeting and Joseph Chamberlain's speech are considered to have done much to bring the Liberal Unionists closer in line with Balfour's fiscal ideas.

The House of Lords on Tuesday night rejected the Liberal Unionist proposal for a colonial conference to decide the preferential tariff question.

The fact that Mr. Chamberlain endorsed Lord Lansdowne's policy while the meeting subsequently adopted a resolution affirming adherence to Mr. Balfour's preferential tariff proposal, which excludes the duties applied for purely protective purposes, is held to indicate that Mr. Chamberlain is in line with the Liberal Unionist policy.

Mr. Chamberlain's unselfishness and devotion to his party as shown by this offer to provide a basis of compromise between the divergent sections of the Unionists.

NAN PATTERSON'S CASE. Affecting Scene Between Two Sisters at the Tomb. New York, April 12.—Morgan Smith and Julia Smith, his wife, who have been indicted together with Nan Patterson and her sister when they obtained money from Caesar Young, the bookmaker, in connection with those who were charged with the murder of Edward J. Kelly.

The thirty-four indictments were made as to their prosecution on any other charge than that contained in the indictment of extradition.

Today both were prisoners. Miss Patterson had gained the consent of the warden to let her sister and son be left alone standing with their arms around each other's shoulders, weeping bitterly.

Later in the day Judge Foster reduced the bail for the Smiths to \$3,000 each.

A trunk, said to contain the correspondence, seized from the Smiths at Philadelphia, was received at the examination of the contents of the trunk was at once begun.

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Equitable Co. Under Fire

Directors' Investigating Committee Decided to Probe Reported Scandal.

Demands to Know Names and Particulars of All Those Employed.

Will See That no Person Suffers Through Giving Information.

NEW YORK, April 12.—A complete report of all the financial transactions of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, its relations to other corporations, a full list of the society's employees, including their salaries and other particulars, is demanded by the directors.

The directors, led by Henry C. Frick, chairman of the investigating committee, appointed Messrs. Harry Harbo, Ives, Ingalls and Frick were present.

In asking for the information, Mr. Frick writes that the committee does not intend to limit its investigation to the question of the society's officers, but to make separate and independent examinations of all those employed by the society.

In a request for a copy of the society's payroll, Mr. Alexander is asked to give the name of each person in receipt of salary, the amount of salary, and the name of the society and state the duties performed by each person so named.

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# The Day at the Capital

## Commons Discuss Details of Canada Atlantic Railway Transfer.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier announces the new Minister of the Interior.

Government Railway Policy in the Northwest—Military Changes.

From Our Own Correspondent.

OTTAWA, April 10.—Details of the Grand Trunk's acquisition of the Canada Atlantic were under discussion today in the Commons...

Sir Wilfrid Laurier announced Mr. Oliver's appointment to the interior portfolio...

Mr. Borden, who had intimated to the Northwest delegates that the government would not subsidize the railway...

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## JAPANESE CRUISERS SIGHTED.

Two Warships Seen in China Sea Headed for Singapore.

Manila, April 10.—The German steamer Strava, from Saigon, reports that on Sunday she sighted two Japanese cruisers on the China Sea...

## TREASON IN A HIGH SCHOOL.

Russian Pupils Destroy Czar's Portrait by Exploding Bomb.

St. Petersburg, April 10.—During morning prayers today at the High School of Emperor Nicholas was destroyed by an explosion which was set off behind the picture. Four pupils were injured.

## COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

Ladysmith Fire Chief Experiences No Difficulty in Getting Bail.

Ladysmith, April 10.—(Special)—The case of Fire Chief Smith, who was arrested recently and bound over for trial on a charge of criminally assaulting Mrs. Doole, has aroused considerable interest here.

## DIVERTING ST. MARY'S RIVER.

International Boundary Commission to Look Into Matter.

Washington, April 10.—United States Consul General Holloway at Halifax, N. S., has reported to the American department that the Canadian members of the International Boundary Commission...

## STEAM SHOVEL IN PLACERS.

Experiment in the Atlin Camp Which Will Be Watched With Interest.

An experiment which will be watched by mining men with considerable interest in the Atlin camp this season, is the use of the steam shovel for work in the placers.

## DEFECT IN ALASKAN CODE.

Supreme Court of U. S. Decides That Six Men Do Not Form a Jury.

Washington, April 10.—The Supreme court of the United States held the position of the Alaska code providing for a jury of six men to be unconstitutional. The opinion was by Justice Brandeis.

## THE INDIAN EARTHQUAKE.

Viceroy Telegraphs Correct List of Casualties at Hill Station.

London, April 10.—India Secretary Brodribb, received a telegram from Lord Curzon of Kedleston, Viceroy of India, giving a complete list of the European casualties resulting from the recent earthquake at Hill Station.

## CEREBRO-SPINAL MENINGITIS.

Mysterious Outbreak in New York is Now Dying Out.

New York, April 10.—Like the first plague of cerebro-spinal meningitis, which prevailed here in 1872, the present run of the mysterious disease is dying out. Physicians express the belief that it will have disappeared by May 1.

## SMITH WAIVES EXTRADITION.

Witness in Nan Patterson Case Decides to Return to New York.

Cincinnati, April 10.—When the habeas corpus hearing was held at St.oney Cogan, partner of Thomas P. Spaw, appeared before Judge Spiegel and announced that J. Morgan Smith and his wife would return to the extradition proceedings if proper assurances were given that their presence there had only to do with the indictment for conspiracy and that they would not while in New York be called in answer to, or appear in any other case.

## ALL MONEY LOOKS ALIKE.

American Baptists Take Common Sense View of Benefaction.

Boston, April 10.—A gift of \$200,000 from John D. Rockefeller to the American Baptist Mission Union was announced today by Treasurer C. W. Perkins at a meeting of the executive committee.

## LINEMEN ON STRIKE.

Electrical Workers Refuse to Stay With Non-Union Men.

The linemen employed in the city by the B. C. Telephone Co. yesterday quit work, the grievance being that, being members of the Electrical Workers' Union, they could not work with a non-union man. At a meeting held last evening the action was ratified.

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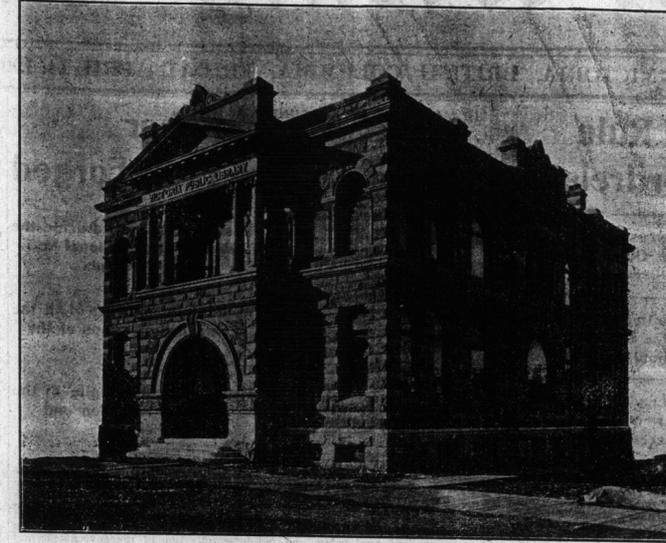
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# VICTORIA'S NEW CARNEGIE LIBRARY.



The accompanying cuts are excellent reproductions of photographs of the new Victoria public library, which the city was enabled to erect through the generosity of the millionaire, Andrew Carnegie. The photographs were taken by Savannah and have been much praised for their excellence. A number have been forwarded to Mr. Carnegie, at whose request they were taken.

## ENTRANCE HALL NEW CARNEGIE LIBRARY



The interior view was taken from a point just within the main entrance and looks toward the stack-room at the northeast end of the building. This picture conveys a comprehensive idea of the style of architecture followed in the interior arrangements.

## WORKMEN AND POLICE CLASH.

Collision Takes Place in Madrid and Some Are Injured.

Madrid, April 10.—A somewhat serious collision between workmen and police occurred today on the Calle San Bernardo. The police charged the workmen several times and numbers of the latter were injured.

## ORIENTALS ARE NOT WANTED.

Trouble Expected Over Importation of Coolies to Salmo.

Nelson, B. C., April 10.—The thirty-three Japanese and Chinese workmen brought from the coast by the Kootenay Shingle Company of Salmo, who were turned back by the Salmo people on Friday last, are still here, but it is said will be taken to Salmo tomorrow morning under the protection of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

## THE STRIKE IN CHICAGO.

Trouble With Teamsters' Union Continues and Likely to Spread.

Chicago, April 10.—There was nothing that would indicate today a near settlement of the sympathetic strike of the union teamsters against Montgomery Ward & Co. Wagons and vans manned by non-union men made several turbulent trips today, followed by noisy crowds and the police were forced to break several blockades.

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## YSAË TO STAY HERE.

World's Greatest Violinist Will Give Victoria Concert on June 2.

Negotiations which have been in progress during several weeks past between Mr. R. E. Johnston of New York, who is the greatest star in the violin world, and those in Victoria who do not want to see all the best artists pass this city by, have resulted in an agreement under which M. YsaË, admitted to be today the world's greatest violinist, will play in Victoria on the evening of June 2.

## PEACE AND FAREWELL.

Members of Opposition Celebrated End of the Session Becomingly.

The onerous labors of a loyal opposition in His Majesty's province of British Columbia evidently are not without good appetites, for, not content with the sumptuous feast provided by the government at the parliament house on Friday evening, Mr. Macdonald and his followers of the faith who sit at Mr. Speaker's left marked the breaking up of the session with a banquet of their own which took place at the New England Saturday night.

## APPEAL IN WILL CASE.

E. P. Davis, K. C. for Defendant, is Still Engaged in His Argument.

ing, E. P. Davis, K. C., on behalf of the defendant in the will case of Hopper vs. Dunsmuir, resumed his argument yesterday. He read copious extracts from the testimony of various witnesses, calculated to show that Alex. Dunsmuir was possessed of all his mental faculties at the time he made his final will.

## LABOR TROUBLES IN RUSSIA.

Manager of Mills Wounded and Two Men Stabbed to Death in Lodz.

Lodz, Russian Poland, April 10.—James Ratcliffe, a British subject and manager of Poznauski's cotton mill, was stabbed this morning while returning from a mass celebration of the first anniversary of the strike. His assailant escaped.

## U. S. AGRICULTURAL REPORT.

Washington, April 10.—The monthly report of the chief of the United States bureau of statistics on the progress of agriculture will show the average condition of winter wheat on April 1 to have been 91.8 per cent of the normal, 1904, 97.3 at the corresponding date in 1903, and 85.3, the mean of the April averages of the last ten years.

## ATTORNEYS FORBIDLY EJECTED.

Pan-Russian Conference Abruptly Terminated by Police.

St. Petersburg, April 10.—The first Pan-Russian congress of attorneys took place today in the Imperial Economic Society. There were 100 delegates present. The police, however, entered the meeting hall and forbade the delegates to assemble. Before the police actually entered the congress adopted resolutions providing for the dispersal of the delegates to foster social freedom and professional intercourse, and to strive for the political freedom of Russia, and also to combine with other associations on a democratic basis.

## TARIFF REFORMERS MEET.

Mr. Chamberlain Dwells on Urgency of Union of the Party.

London, April 11.—At a private dinner of tariff reformers last night Joseph Chamberlain dwelt on the urgency of effecting unity of the Unionist party, since disunity would be powerless to do anything, and he expressed the hope that an agreement would be arranged between the Balfour and Chamberlainite wings of the party. Mr. Chamberlain will inaugurate a meeting of his party for Thursday to discuss trade relations with the colonies and the possibility of reaching an agreement on the fiscal question.

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## MOROCCAN REBELS VICTORIOUS.

Pretender's Forces Inflict Great Punishment on Sultan's Troops.

Paris, April 10.—A despatch to the Temps from Algiers, Algeria, says it is reported that a bloody encounter took place Sunday between the troops of the Sultan of Morocco and the rebels supporting the pretender. The Sultan's forces, reinforced by frontier garrisons, met the rebel forces with a battery of artillery, checked the rebel advance and permitted the Sultan's forces to retreat in order.

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# Little News of Rojstvensky

The Russian Admiral Proves Ignorance of Commander's Movements.

Four Principal Battleships Not Mentioned in Report from Singapore.

Psychological Moment for Peace Overtures Now Said to Have Arrived.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 11.—(2:45 a. m.)—Russian information regarding Rojstvensky's fleet, its location, destination and intention is based solely upon foreign dispatches, which are all too meagre to prevent a quick-ripening crop of rumors.

The most interesting of the rumors is that the Russian fleet is to be sent to the Straits of Malacca, and that the Russian consul at Singapore, Mr. G. S. Sidorov, is to be sent to the Straits of Malacca.

There is reason to believe that Vice Admiral Rojstvensky's entrance into the China Sea has been followed by orders for the cruisers Gromobol, Roostia and Bogoyavlenskiy, which have been ready for some time at Vladivostok, to put to sea.

Which it is the intention to send them in the vicinity of Vladivostok is not known. Their appearance outside the roadstead at Vladivostok would constitute a potential threat against Admiral Togo's rear which will constitute a serious and dangerous situation.

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A NEW CURRENCY PROPOSED.

In a recent issue of the Arena is discussed at considerable length a proposed bill drawn up for presentation to the Canadian Government by J. J. Martin, of Victoria, B. C. It provides for the acquisition of all railroads, steamboats and telegraphs by the Dominion and in connection therewith "provides a currency whose volume, issuance and method of redemption can be scientifically adjusted." It is to be auxiliary only, and is not intended to do away with the present gold currency and paper money based thereon, but rather that they shall be based on the new currency. The idea is that the Government shall pay for labor and supplies, expenses of management, material for construction, etc., etc., in connection with public works or undertakings of any kind in such currency; and that all services in the way of transportation shall be paid in the same, according to a specified rate of distance or weight and measurement—something according to the present postal system, only that there is a relation to distance not observed in the latter. The provisions of the bill are printed in full, and are, to say the least, highly ingenious. The object of the measure is proposed is obviously to do away with private ownership in railways and discrimination in rates. Needless to say, there is not the slightest chance in the world of the Government considering it.

THE DEMANDS FOR SUBSIDIES.

Premier Gouin, successor to Mr. Parent in Quebec, is a good Liberal, but his sentiments on the question of increased subsidies to the Provinces might be mistaken for those of the Conservative Premier McBride. At a meeting in Montreal, just prior to his election after taking office, he discussed the financial position and needs of his Province, but while showing a small surplus he claimed it was absolutely necessary to increase the revenues in order to meet the urgent wants of the Province. Increased taxation was out of the question. After defining his policy in a general way, he came to the important question of Federal subsidies. He said this question was not a new one, yet it was one of justice and equity. It was one, he claimed, that had been agitating public opinion in the Province of Quebec for a quarter of a century which had been discussed in the senate provinces before the passage of 1867. "Up to the present time," Mr. Gouin said, "the Federal Government has not consented to amend the constitution on this subject. But has it not tacitly recognized the injustice of the financial division of 1867 in according to the new provinces, upon entering Confederation, more advantageous conditions than those given to the old ones?" Continuing, he said that the fathers of the Confederation had certainly erred touching the financial basis of the several provinces. He cited for instance the fact of \$70,000 having been considered as sufficient to meet the expense of government and legislation, when as a matter of fact \$215,000 was spent under these two heads, the first year of the new regime.

"Today," he added, "we spend more than half a million for government and legislation and our employees are crying out on all sides for increased salary." Premier Gouin added: "We have confidence that the Federal ministers will recognize the soundness of provincial claims and that they will take into account the very considerable sacrifices that we have imposed and are still imposing upon ourselves in order to improve agriculture to stimulate trade and to enlarge the agricultural domain of this Province. If the resolutions which were adopted at the last conference were accepted by the Government at Ottawa the subsidy to the Province of Quebec would be increased in round numbers by \$600,000. We do not claim this increase is Federal subsidy as an act of charity, but as a debt of justice, the payment of which will permit us to meet the wants of the Province."

ENGLISH POSTAGE.

For some time an effort has been made to induce the British Government to reduce the rate of postage on newspapers and magazines coming into Canada to a rate equivalent to that charged by the United States. At the present time the American newspapers and magazines come to Canada at one-third the cost of British magazines and newspapers thereby securing a preference which practically gives the former the control of the market.

Those who desire to see the relations between Canada and Great Britain strengthened apprehend some danger to the continued influence of American literature being so freely placed before the Canadian public. Recently a deputation of twenty members of Parliament on both sides of politics waited upon the Imperial Postmaster-General asking the serious consideration of the subject. There are some practical difficulties in the way which, at first sight, might not occur to those unfamiliar with the actual state of affairs. The Postmaster-General pointed out to the delegation that it was not possible to reduce the rates to Canada unless he reduced the rates of inland postage on magazines in the United Kingdom; in other words, he could

not give to the Colonies a rate cheaper than exists in the United Kingdom itself. His figures showed a possible loss of \$3,000,000 by the reduction of postage on magazines and newspapers. This sum was greater than the finances of the country could bear. Sir Gilbert Parker, in a letter to the London Times, deals with the Postmaster-General's reply, in which he states that the anomalies of inland postage are absurd. He points out that a magazine, like the Nineteenth Century and the Fortnightly, which weighs less than a pound, is charged letter postage, or 4d. each, and a paper like the quarterly double number of the Queen, Godeivimmer, etc., which sometimes weigh 2 1/2 pounds, goes through the post for 1/2d. In his opinion the loss referred to comes from the gross inequalities of the charges. To level up the rates would enable the Postmaster-General to take a more favorable view of the postage rate to Canada on newspapers alone. He, however, points out that the postage rate to Canada on newspapers alone is double that of newspapers in England, and the reduction of 1/2d. on an ordinary newspaper to Canada could be made without disturbing the present system.

THE TAX ON COMMERCIAL TRAVELERS.

The Canadian Grocer of recent date reflects in its editorial columns the hostility which has been aroused in Eastern Canada in wholesale centres against the action of the British Columbia Legislature in imposing a tax of \$100 per annum on commercial travelers doing business in this Province. The Grocer a few weeks ago condemned this action on the ground that British Columbia had no right to discriminate against Eastern Canadian houses, and that the national interests of Canada required a perfectly free intercourse of trade between the various provinces, and it reminds its readers again "that the successful working out of the scheme of Confederation postulates unrestricted and unhampered trade and intercourse between the people of the different provinces, and that anything that does not conserve this barrier in the way of our commercial development as a nation." It regards the tax as a short-sighted policy and contrary to the spirit of Confederation.

A CAUSE CELEBRE.

Attention is called to the New York despatch in another column in which is reported some details of the Equitable Life of that city, and one of the largest insurance companies in America, as brought into question in court. Something ago we published the fact that application had been made, in the interest of policy-holders, to place the affairs of the company in the hands of a receiver, not because it was in financial difficulties, but because it was alleged that there was wrongful mismanagement of the company's affairs. There are thousands of Equitable Life policy-holders in British Columbia, and many of them are in the city of Victoria, and they are watching with eager interest the progress of the case. The case has included fifty of the strongest and ablest financiers in America, and its total assets amount to the vast sum of \$40,000,000. The case has attracted the attention of the directors and members thereof. There are thousands of Equitable Life policy-holders in British Columbia, and many of them are in the city of Victoria, and they are watching with eager interest the progress of the case. The case has included fifty of the strongest and ablest financiers in America, and its total assets amount to the vast sum of \$40,000,000. The case has attracted the attention of the directors and members thereof. There are thousands of Equitable Life policy-holders in British Columbia, and many of them are in the city of Victoria, and they are watching with eager interest the progress of the case.

THE TURBINE SHIPS.

Our eastern friends of Halifax and St. John are rejoicing over the success of the new turbine ship, the Albatross, which has just crossed the Atlantic. She was built by the Allan, of Montreal, who received a message from the Admiralty in London upon her arrival at St. John. The Victoria is a large ship, having a capacity of 350 second-class and 250 first-class passengers. She is intended as a first-class Canadian mail service, and will be used for the coastwise trade within the large class of ocean steamers, although there are now ships at sea of the same class which are faster than about 18 knots, although on the out voyage she did not exceed 16 1/2 knots and was seven days and twenty hours from Victoria. Her longest day's run was 383 miles. It is thought, when in good running order and under favorable conditions, she will reduce the time from Liverpool to Montreal to six days, and if she does that she will bring great things for Canadian shipping. Most of our readers are by this time familiar with the turbine system, by which the steam is utilized in a direct motion, and the turbine propellers, instead of the old-fashioned screw propellers, which have been the cause of a complete absence of vibration. It is the Allan Steamship Company, which has been the pioneer in steamship development in Canada, should have been the first to utilize a turbine propeller. The Victoria has many possibilities in solving the fast Atlantic service.

IMMEDIATE RESULTS.

The Spratt-Shaw Business University, which is in the closest affiliation with the Central Business College of Toronto, is now giving the courses of the last named institution by mail. These are junior, intermediate, senior and advanced bookkeeping, with intermediate and charters, and the arithmetic and commercial law connected with these subjects. Pitman shorthand, Great Shorthand, Illustrations, draughting, modelling, plane and solid geometry, advertising, English, German, Greek, Latin, French, Italian and Spanish.

FOR WILLIAM THE TERMINUS.

The Grand Trunk Pacific is making hay while the sun shines. General Manager Morse, on his way East from British Columbia, negotiated a deal with Fort William, whereby the latter is to be the Lake Superior terminus of the road. The territory is being leased to the company in getting 1600 acres of land from the Government for terminal facilities. The territory is worth \$300,000, to be paid in three equal instalments. An additional bonus of \$50,000 is to be given upon the Grand Trunk Pacific building main line to the terminus.

DANGER SIGNALS.

No engineer would be mad enough to run by the flag which signals danger. It is different with the average man or woman. They attempt constantly to run by the danger signals of their own lives. They attempt to do things which are beyond their powers, and they are constantly incurring the risk of disaster. The danger signals are: 1. A constant feeling of dullness and languor. 2. A constant feeling of nervousness and irritability. 3. A constant feeling of weakness and exhaustion. 4. A constant feeling of depression and gloom. 5. A constant feeling of anxiety and worry. 6. A constant feeling of restlessness and impatience. 7. A constant feeling of forgetfulness and carelessness. 8. A constant feeling of irritability and anger. 9. A constant feeling of nervousness and tremor. 10. A constant feeling of weakness and collapse.

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THE FISHERIES REPORT.

It is to be reiterated that so useful and interesting a report as that of Fisheries for the Dominion should appear so late. That for the year 1903, which was published a few days ago, and although there are references to the year 1904, the main portion refers to the year 1903. The report of the Deputy Minister, which forms the prelude to the volume in question, contains a list of 100 names of the Prefecture's visit here last year, and his trips to certain fishing grounds are described. It is stated that the "different fishing and other interests" had the

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POULTRY AND LIVESTOCK.

FOR SALE—Farm horse, weighing about 1,300 lbs. can be seen at corner of Fourth Street and Topaz Avenue. Apply 94 Superior Street. \$125.

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POULTRY AND LIVESTOCK.

FOR SALE—Farm horse, weighing about 1,300 lbs. can be seen at corner of Fourth Street and Topaz Avenue. Apply 94 Superior Street. \$125.

FOR SALE—Gentle driving mare. Apply 94 Superior Street. \$125.

EGGS FOR SETTING—It is stated by all who have seen my Barred Rocks they are the finest flock they have ever seen in these parts—price 50c. per dozen. John C. Mollet, South Salt Spring, P. O. B. C.

WANTED—Young broilers at the Poodle Dog restaurant. \$1.00 per 100.

FOR SALE—Heavy draught horse for sale. Apply at B. C. Soap Works. \$100.

FOR SALE—Eggs from hens guaranteed to lay not less than 200 eggs each per year; White, Brown, Black Leghorns, crops. All dealers sell. Send Annual Report on request. D. M. FERRY & CO., WINDSOR, ONT.

ADARE POULTRY FARM—Wm. Baylis, Ross Bay, Fairfield Road, Victoria, B. C. Choice eggs for setting, from pure bred and vigorous stock. Barred Plymouth Rocks, from first prize birds; S. C. Black Minorcas; S. C. Brown Leghorns; Toulouse geese; Pekin ducks. All eggs tested before shipping and guaranteed. Choice matings. Orders taken at Brown & Cooper's, Government Street, or by post card to P. O. Box 550, Victoria, B. C.

MAYWOOD POULTRY YARDS—Light Brahma and B. P. Rocks, \$1.50 per pair. From prize-winners Victoria poultry show. Apply J. H. Hughes, Maywood, P. O., or Speed Bros. Victoria. \$1.50 per pair.

FOR SALE—An extra good family cow; milk; very quiet; part Jersey; fresh calving; young third calf. Apply 34 South Turner Street, James Bay, \$125.

EGGS FOR HATCHING—Plymouth Barred Rocks, \$1.20 set 15; \$3 per 100. "Goebel," P. O. Victoria. \$1.20 set 15; \$3 per 100.

FOR SALE—White, Black, and Buff Orpington, White Wyandotte, Brown Leghorn, Toulouse geese and Pekin ducks. Eggs for hatching, now ready; White Orpington cock-reels and pullets for sale. A. E. Richards, Adobro Bay Road, terminus Fort and Willows train line. \$1.20 set 15; \$3 per 100.

SILVER GREY DOBERMANS—Cocks, \$13; Spencers, \$12; 100 eggs, \$10—all prices Nansam, all Victoria, but third pullet. D. W. Maloney, Chemainus, B. C. \$13; \$12; 100 eggs, \$10—all prices Nansam, all Victoria, but third pullet. D. W. Maloney, Chemainus, B. C.

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Interdependency of Industries

How One Province of Dominion Assists Industrial Growth in Others.

Interesting Interview With President of Rhodes Curry & Co. of Amherst.

In the contemplation of industrial activity one is prone to be circumscribed. The ordinary observer sees no advantage in business development unless in local application is paramount.

Yet during a conversation with Mr. N. Curry, of Amherst, Nova Scotia, it was brought home to a Colonist representative that the peculiar interdependence of industrial activity in all parts of our broad Dominion is apt to be overlooked.

Mr. Curry is president of the firm of Rhodes, Curry & Co., of Amherst, one of the largest manufacturing establishments in the Maritime Provinces, whose business last year represented some \$1,400,000 and delivered \$367,000 in wages during that period.

The manufacture of all sorts of railway conveyances is an important branch of the Rhodes-Curry works. Their receipts from the sale of cars alone in 1904 amounted to \$1,400,000, and the establishment has in the present year ordered \$1,000,000 worth of orders for cars on hand.

Mr. Curry who is accompanied by his wife, is making a tour of the continent. He came over from Seattle on Monday, and will spend several days in Victoria before returning to the East.

Mr. Curry mentioned the building of twenty passenger coaches and a number of box cars for the Canadian Northern, to be delivered at Vancouver during the coming summer. Last year they manufactured 500 box cars and 25 refrigerators.

"Oh, yes. Nearly all our roofing and siding comes from this company. We also use a great deal of your clear fir and cedar for general work—that is, in connection with our planing mill, where we turn out all sorts of building materials, bank office furnishings, etc.

"Do you use any of our products in your own manufacturing?—Yes, we use about 3,000,000 feet of British Columbia lumber in our own manufacturing for about eighteen years."

"The most of our copper comes from your province and we require a great quantity of tin and lead also used."

Mr. Curry remarked upon the settlement of the Northwest and the enormous markets which are being opened up for British Columbia timber.

Speaking of trade conditions in Nova Scotia, he said that business has been improving generally for the past seven or eight years. There has been a very good development of the coal mines and very largely increased their output.

Then there are the works at Sydney. For the last three years they have been turning out splendid quality of iron and steel. All the Rhodes-Curry axes are made from their steel. There is no question about the quality of their output.

Loosing our Grip? Failing in Life Force?

This Process of Decay Must be Stopped! You Must Revitalize Your Wasted Energies and Get Strong!

Perhaps you don't understand why you are growing thinner and weaker, why you feel a constant feeling of drowsiness keeping dragging you down; why life is robbed of its old-time interest and happiness?

First, it will increase the appetite and give you a feeling of power to digest and assimilate food. Everything you eat will be instantly converted into nourishment.

ception it was exploited a good deal more for the stock market than for business. The company has been lately making wire rods. The bulk of this product is sold to the mill-makers.

TAMMANY CONDEMNED.

New York Democracy Pass Resolutions Against Administration.

New York, April 11.—The legislative committee of the New York Democracy tonight adopted resolutions condemning the Tammany administration and asking all Republicans and independents to unite this year to overthrow the organization.

A fusion ticket is favored and the belief is expressed that "if a Democrat should be selected to head such a movement and on a platform in opposition to gas extortion and favoring the ownership and operation of public utilities, there is no doubt that it would receive an overwhelming majority."

The Cowichan Farmers Institute

The annual meeting of the Cowichan Farmers' Institute was held at Duncan April 10, and was addressed by Mr. G. Gadd, president of the Dairy Cow and How to Keep Her, and Rev. W. E. Dunham, speaker on Poultry Houses and Poultry.

Mr. Gadd was first introduced, and began his address by a description of a dairy animal and a good working cow was seldom an attractive animal to look at.

Mr. Gadd addressed the audience on the subject of the dairy cow, and pointed out the advantages which accrued therefrom by the fowls riding the cow, with the exception of the milk, the cow's body will prevent this; but the milk will be overgrown with bacteria.

The speaker set in opposition to each other the colony house and the house raised by the Comox district for raising poultry. He pointed out the peculiar advantages of the colony house, and also the local conditions which would be satisfied by a demand for poultry and eggs in Cumberland fair in excess of the supply.

The speaker emphasized the necessity of having poultry houses built on high land, and pointed out the disadvantages of the low land, and the necessity of having a good drainage system.

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with the American class—i. e., the Leghorn type with the Rock or Wyandotte type. The speaker said this could be done, and he cautioned the questioner not to go beyond that—i. e., to breed the half-bred with some other breed, as the standard of quality could then be maintained.

Another important question asked was: "Supposing two grains were obtained as a staple food—i. e., oats and wheat—would you feed the poultry on these grains, as well as being much less palatable?"

Mr. Dunham endorsed wheat, pointing out that the hull of the oat made that grain much harder to digest than wheat. He also explained that oats had more of a fattening tendency, and for this reason were not suitable for a general food for chickens, as well as being much less palatable.

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Heating and ventilation can be provided in accordance with the desires of the guest, a hand-regulating governor for both being installed in each room in the building.

Ample provision has been made for rapidly emptying the house in case of fire. The floor space occupied by the building is 38 by 77 feet. It will be elaborately finished in mahogany and oak, with a ceiling of oak.

Mr. Marpole, with one of the engineering staff from Montreal, yesterday with E. M. Rattenbury, architect for the building, were in Victoria to discuss the specifications for the structure preparatory to a contract being placed with the contractor.

Some particulars are now available respecting certain special features which will be incorporated in the building, which have hitherto not been published in Victoria.

The main floor will be 14 feet above the level of the street. On it will be situated offices, public drawing room, smoking room, palm garden and a magnificent appointed dining room.

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John Houston's Sudden Return

Member for Nelson Arrived too Late to Attend the Prorogation.

Had Expected to Take Part in a Railway Discussion.

Mr. John Houston, M. P. P., was surprised when he arrived in Vancouver on Sunday to learn that the legislative session had prorogued. For Mr. Houston was on his way to the Capital, bent on taking his place in the chamber to assist the passage of certain legislation which he had been given to understand was to be brought down for the consideration of the House.

The member for Nelson informed a reporter that he was to the Capital upon summons. On Friday he received a despatch from an up country member to be here sure on Sunday.

Mr. Houston said it had been intimated to him that the railway legislation, which was approved in caucus, was to be submitted to the legislature. According to the policy thus introduced in the House I was prepared to get exemption from taxation for fifteen years for any mileage between Midway and the Fraser river. At least this was what the caucus was willing to concede.

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Victoria Branch's Excise Accomplishments of the Half Year.

Protection of the Right Valuable Dumb F.

At the last committee meeting also a half yearly report was a large attendance of the report of the secretary and a great deal of work was undertaken and that it is being.

Besides the routine work, entailing a large correspondence, a great deal of work was undertaken and that it is being.

During the last severe weather the unfortunate absence of a horse and some cattle to the farm, without shelter, was a great loss to the farmer within a few hours. This case of cruelty, but some circumstances decided the not to prosecute.

Nathan Rowden was prosecuting a case of cruelty against a farmer who had been found to have starved a horse to death. The case was brought before the court on Monday.

Thomas Mould, butcher, was prosecuted for cruelty against a horse and some cattle to the farm, without shelter, was a great loss to the farmer within a few hours.

Mr. Frank Higgins kindly prosecuted the case of the society. A number of members of the society were present at the trial.

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DETAIL WORK FOR C. P. R. HOTEL

Railway Officials Going Over the Specifications With the Architect.

R. Marpole, with one of the engineering staff from Montreal, yesterday with E. M. Rattenbury, architect for the building, were in Victoria to discuss the specifications for the structure preparatory to a contract being placed with the contractor.

Some particulars are now available respecting certain special features which will be incorporated in the building, which have hitherto not been published in Victoria.

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Victoria Branch's Excellent Accomplishments of the Past Half Year.

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At the last committee meeting, which was also a half yearly meeting, there was a large attendance of members. The report of the secretary shows that a great deal of work has been undertaken and that it is ever increasing.

Besides the routine work of the office, entailing large correspondence, and attending to the work of the office, the following more serious cases of cruelty have also been dealt with: During the last severe winter a horse was found at Cedar Hill, turned out to starve without shelter. It was taken into a stable by a farmer, but died within a few hours. This was a gross case of cruelty, but some extenuating circumstances led the committee not to prosecute.

Nathan Rowden was prosecuted for singling a horse to a beam in the stable and leaving it there in an uncared for and starving condition. He was fined by the society. As the defendant had had considerable domestic trouble, the instance of the society, through their counsel, Mr. McHugh, the man was remanded on deferred sentence and the horse ordered to be destroyed.

Thomas Mould, butcher, was summoned by the society for allowing a horse and some cattle to be in a starving condition on property belonging to Mr. McHugh at South Stanich. The S. P. C. A. were feeding these cattle for a considerable time. The defendant was fined \$20 and costs. Through the unavoidable illness of the defendant, Mr. Frank Higgins kindly undertook the prosecution in the case on behalf of the society.

There were a number of cattle belonging to Mr. McHugh in the same place, and in much the same condition, and in possession of the sheriff. Action was taken in this case, and the defendant was also fined by the society, which had under its care and were feeding in these two cases fifteen head of cattle or more, at a cost of over \$30.

Another case of starving similar to the above, with the consent and co-operation of Mr. Ego, P. C., has been dealt with on Mayne Island. An action was instituted by this society against the owner of a boat on Spring Island for burning a cat by placing it in an oven. Mr. Ego, P. C., secured a conviction and a fine of \$15 was inflicted.

The society is pleased to acknowledge the assistance rendered the committee on the islands, on all occasions, by the police. It is to be regretted that the society considered a sufficient number of the Indians to reserve.

The family of Mr. Harrison of the Driard hotel, driving out on Sunday the 19th ult., took a pet fox terrier with them. The dog was cruelly struck across the eye with the hatchet or hammer, stunned and left for dead. Under treatment recovered. The consideration of the wife and family of Mr. Harrison desire a prosecution of the offender.

A horse belonging to Mr. Goodacre was taken out of his stable on a Sunday without his knowledge, and had been tied up for hours on the street when the man was drinking. The horse was taken charge of by the society. It will be seen that while many cases deserve to be prosecuted the committee forbore to take any except under extreme circumstances.

The committee have to thank the city council for carrying out the suggestions made with regard to the seal in the park, which it is hoped is now safely protected. The society has to record with much regret a great number of instances of dog poisoning, some evidently not the cause of accident, but of malicious intent. These cases are occurring principally in the vicinity of Cook and Vancouver streets. It is hoped that any one having any clue or suspicion as to the perpetrators of this work, or any cowardly outrages will communicate with the society.

Another Schooner For Sealing

Victorian Reported to Be Negotiating for the Nellie G. Thurston.

For Behring Sea Fleet—Steamer Centennial Was Floated Yesterday.

It is reported that negotiations are now going on for the purchase of the schooner Nellie G. Thurston, now lying at Nanaimo. This schooner was formerly operated by the Nanaimo Fishing Co. The price at which she is offered is \$8,000, but it is said that \$6,000 was asked for her some months ago. It is probable that the former fishing schooner will be replaced by a new vessel which will be a schooner of the type of the "Nellie G. Thurston".

A very handy summary of the laws of the Dominion have distributed poison contrary to the Act. A handsome reward will be paid to any person who gives sufficient evidence as to the name of the person in any case of dog poisoning.

The society is pleased to be able to announce that for a second year it has received a donation of \$10 from Messrs. Hiram Walker & Co., of Toronto. The report of the secretary shows that a great deal of work has been undertaken and that it is ever increasing.

It is quite evident that the whole work of the society would have to stop were not the officers who belong to it, giving freely a large amount of time daily to this work, and this is surely a position in which they should not be placed. Little can be done, however, where the little support is rendered by the public.

The committee fully believe that in outside districts of the city many subscribers would be found if they could be reached. Two ladies are already undertaking voluntary collecting work. If there are any other ladies who would like to help in this or in any other way, the committee will be much obliged if they will communicate with the secretary, Mr. McHugh, at the office of the society, 1111 Broadway.

It is not thought the vessel was seriously injured. After her first class passenger was taken on board, she remained on board. They could not get their baggage off, and refused to move without it. In reference to the vessel yesterday it was stated she was grounded in Barkley sound. This was an error, the vessel being confused with the Cleveland.

The Colonist this morning makes an announcement of especial interest to those who would like to visit the great Lewis and Clark Exposition at Portland, but who from reasons of economy or lack of means have made up their minds that this pleasure will have to be foregone. It is to such that the Colonist's announcement is particularly directed.

The energetic persons starting first in the field will have the best show of winning one of the prizes and no time should be lost in getting work. Any further information will be supplied on application at the business office of The Colonist.

URGENT WIRELESS MESSAGE FROM FRENCH WARSHIP MISUNDERSTOOD. Small advices from the Orient get striking details in connection with the ground of the French cruiser Sully, now being sailed. She cost \$5,000,000. An officer on board the cruiser, Sully, D'Assas, and the Sully proceeded some distance up the coast for torpedo practice.

DEADLOCK IN CHICAGO STRIKE. Employers Unable to Come to Terms With Union Representatives. Chicago, April 11.—Offering to arbitrate everything in connection with the Montgomery Ward strike, with the exception of the garment workers' grievance, a committee of the commercial exchange, an organization of Chicago employers, today deadlocked with representatives of the Chicago federation of labor and the joint teamsters' unions. The meeting adjourned with no peace in sight. The union labor committee, led from the conference with Maxon Dunne, set forth emphatically that the teamsters were out in sympathy with the garment workers only, and that if the grievance of the garment workers were not considered there was nothing to arbitrate.

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Lords Discuss The Conference. Scope of Colonial Meeting Subject of Debate in Upper House. Under Secretary for Colonies Outlines Government's Programme.

LONDON, April 11.—In the House of Lords today the proposition to hold a colonial fiscal conference in 1906 was longly discussed. The motion of Lord Balfour of Burleigh (Conservative) asking the government to consider the conditions under which the conference would be held, and how far the decisions would be binding upon the government of the United Kingdom.

Lord Balfour of Burleigh said the whole question was vital. He accused the premier Balfour of lack of candor and the constituencies before they were appealed to for the sanction to hold the conference, should have the fullest consideration. He added that the whole fiscal controversy has been completely manoeuvred by those favoring the preferential taxation of food. Before beginning to negotiate with the colonies, the approval of the country should be first secured.

The Duke of Marlborough (under secretary for the colonies) in behalf of the government opposed the motion. He said the premier had already outlined the policy of the government in this matter, and if the government remained in office or was replaced by a general election prior to 1906, a colonial conference would be called, and it would be attended by the representatives of self-governing colonies and India. He said that if the crown colonies would be represented, no decision of the conference would be binding until approved by a general election and by the parliaments of the governments represented. The discussion continued through the night session. The motion was finally negatived without division.

Lord Lansdowne, who would up the debate for the government, said the conference would serve the useful purpose of discussion of plans of mutual benefit for both sides. He knew perfectly well there were certain limitations beyond which a conference could not go. The colonies never would agree to change their fiscal systems, which would wipe out industries upon which they had expended their energy, while the United Kingdom would not be likely to listen to any changes which proposed increasing the price of food or raw material. The delegates to the convention would be informed that they were not authorized to discuss any proposals involving protection.

Mr. Goschen said the explanation was satisfactory. He said that the conference was urgent, and apparently the conference could decide nothing and the country would really be free for years to come from discussing the fiscal question.

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Large advertisement for Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills, describing symptoms like biliousness, pains in the back, and muddled complexion, and stating the pills ensure the purifying of the blood and prevent disease.

